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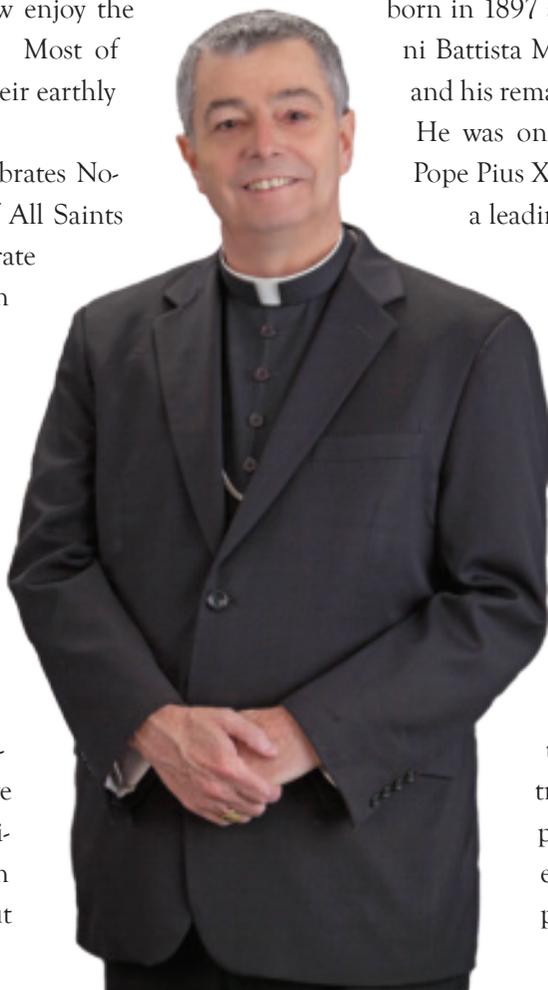
*Correction: In the October 2018 issue on page 7, it should have stated that the diocese has held 84,600 abuse prevention trainings for children/youth, instead of saying 84,600 children/youth were trained.*

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# A Word from Bishop Medley

The Roman Catholic Church, along with many other Christian denominations, honors all those who “have gone before us marked with the sign of faith” as saints. Our tradition celebrates particular saints with special feast days. There are multiple days that honor Mary, the Mother of God, under special titles. Each of the 12 Apostles is so honored. There are within our Catholic calendar dozens of particular feast days. In our faith and confidence, we assume that there are literally tens of millions of good men, women and children who lived noble and faithful lives and now enjoy the everlasting reward of heaven. Most of their names go unrecorded, their earthly resting places unmarked.

Each year the Church celebrates November 1 as the Solemnity of All Saints and reminds us to celebrate God's blessings showered upon those now in heaven. It provides a good opportunity for us to reflect upon the people in our lives who have gone before us and for whom we have confidence that they rest with God. This does not require that we believe these good souls lived without sin, but rather that their good works combined with God's mercy have led to everlasting joy and happiness. Among the greater known saints, they were not without



sin and human frailty, save for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On October 14 this year, Pope Francis presided over the canonization of several new saints. Two of these were figures of great historic importance in the 20th century: St. Pope Paul VI and St. Oscar Romero.

St. Paul VI succeeded St. John XXIII as pope in 1963. It fell to him to continue the Second Vatican Council, which Pope John had convened in 1962, to a successful conclusion in 1965. Paul was born in 1897 and given the name Giovanni Battista Montini. He became a priest, and his remarkable gifts were recognized. He was one of the closest advisors to Pope Pius XII and many considered him a leading candidate to succeed Pius

though he was himself not a cardinal at that time, but the cardinals chose the older Angelo Roncalli, who became John XXIII.

St. Paul VI chose to discontinue some of the trappings of the papacy that suggested the splendor of early monarchs. At the end of the council, he gave away the traditional tiara (crown) that popes had worn and donated the monies to care for the poor. He saw this as a renun-

ciation of human glory and power.

Paul walked a thin line among forces in the Church which sought to influence Vatican II. As he had in his priesthood and in his years as the Archbishop of Milan, he demonstrated a great pastoral spirit. He wrote the encyclical “Humane Vitae” in which he extolled the beauty of marriage and the multiple purposes of married love. In this encyclical, he reaffirmed the Church's teaching that artificial contraception is not morally acceptable.

Paul is closely identified with the reforms of the liturgy identified with Vatican II. He initiated ecumenical dialogues with Eastern Churches and with Protestant Churches. He was the first pope in modern history to travel extensively around the world, and in 1964 was the first pope to visit the United States (I remember this because Catholic school children got the day off from school so that we could watch this on television - there being no television in our school.)

St. Paul VI died on August 6, 1978, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. He was buried in the lower level of St. Peter's Basilica near the tomb of St. Peter.

St. Oscar Romero was born in 1917 in El Salvador and ordained to the priesthood in 1942. He was named a bishop in 1970 and was appointed as the Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. There was some discontent in some quarters about his appointment as he was viewed as very conservative and not expected to speak up for the poor before a repressive government. When a priest friend of his was assassinated for working with the poor, St. Oscar was profoundly impacted and he came to read and

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## BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2018

<b>NOV 1</b>	<b>9 a.m.   Mass</b> – OCES 4-6 Campus, Owensboro
<b>NOV 6</b>	<b>10 a.m.   Presbyteral Day</b> – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC), Owensboro
<b>NOV 7</b>	<b>8 a.m.   Mass</b> – Trinity High School, Whitesville <b>6 p.m.   Confirmation</b> – St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
<b>NOV 8</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.   Listening Session</b> – St. Thomas More, Paducah
<b>NOV 9-16</b>	<b>U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting</b> – Baltimore
<b>NOV 18</b>	<b>8 a.m.   Rite of Admission to Candidacy</b> – St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro
<b>NOV 19</b>	<b>10 a.m.   Priest Personnel Meeting</b> – MCC <b>1:30 p.m.   Priests' Council Meeting</b> – MCC
<b>NOV 20</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.   Diocesan Finance Council Meeting</b> <b>10:30 a.m.   Mass</b> – Owensboro Catholic High School
<b>NOV 24</b>	<b>5 p.m.   Mass &amp; Blessing of Parish Hall</b> – Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro
<b>NOV 25</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.   Mass in Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Parish</b> – Christ the King Parish, Madisonville
<b>NOV 26-28</b>	<b>Provincial Priests' Council Meeting</b> – Covington, KY

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understand the Gospel in more radical ways of supporting the poor.

The Catholic Church of El Salvador faced tremendous persecution during Romero's leadership and he was repeatedly cautioned to not criticize the government or advocate for the poor. On March 23, 1980, Romero delivered a sermon in which he called on Salvadoran soldiers, as Christians, to obey God's higher order and to stop carrying out the government's repression and violations of basic human rights. The next day, March 24, 1980, a gunman entered the chapel where he was celebrating Mass and shot him through the heart as he stood at the altar.

More than 250,000 people gathered for his funeral. There were immediate calls for his canonization and Pope Francis initiated that process as one of his earliest acts as the new pope in 2013. His feast day will be observed as that of a martyr. ■



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



### Across the Diocese

Did you know Bishop Medley hosts a monthly video series called Across the Diocese? In his October 2018 video, Bishop Medley visits Brescia University and interviews president Fr. Larry Hostetter. Watch the video at <https://vimeo.com/295248883>.

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# ‘For a beautiful child of God’

*St. Leo’s quilting ministry provides newly-baptized babies with gift to cherish*

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

There is something about a quilt that is comforting and welcoming.

“And usable,” added Rose Cullen, who is part of a group that makes baby quilts for newly-baptized infants at St. Leo Parish in Murray.

“We’re avid sewers; it just seemed natural to do this,” said fellow parishioner Linda Breck.

The group began sometime between late 2012 and early 2013, following parishioner Ann Landini’s retirement – and her desire to do something for the babies of St. Leo’s.

Landini had been attending a retreat with the Quilt Lovers of Murray – a local quilting guild – and “the thought popped into my mind, why not baby quilts for St. Leo’s?” said Landini.

Landini approached Cullen and another parishioner-quilter, Jane Blankenship, about starting a quilting ministry for the littlest parishioners. The idea grew into a reality, and a ministry.

In the beginning, the women were not sure how many quilts to make and set aside in anticipation of upcoming baptisms.

“We had to rely on (parish baptism) records from the previous year because we were not sure how many babies there might be,” said Landini of the rough approximation.

Over time, however, the quilting group has built up a solid supply of quilts for whenever the baby of a



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
Lynn Fromm (foreground) and Ann Landini (background) work on baby quilt projects the morning of Oct. 3 at St. Leo’s parish hall.

registered parishioner is baptized.

They make sure they always have a variety of both boys’ and girls’ quilts, and “everything is washable!” said Breck.

Each quilt also has a fabric label on the back with the embroidered message: “For a beautiful child of God, from St. Leo Parish.”

Cullen explained that the parents of the baby to be baptized are taken to the sacristy, where the quilts

are stored in a basket. The parents then select their favorite quilt.

Landini said that St. Leo’s current pastor, Fr. Brandon Williams, has begun a tradition of blessing the quilt in church after the baptism, and presenting it to the baby.

“Baptism is such an important part of our Catholic faith,” said Breck.

Landini, who refers to herself as “not a Catholic

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ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
A variety of the baby quilts are displayed on Oct. 3.



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
Rose Cullen works on a pieced quilt during the St. Leo Parish quilt ministry gathering on Oct. 3.

by birth; I'm a Catholic by choice," said she has always believed in contributing time and talent to the church, even if "treasure" is not always feasible.

The number of the group's members has ebbed and flowed over the years. Currently they have about five regulars, but they always welcome more people.

Lynn Fromm is one of the newest members, and was warmly welcomed by the friendly, laid-back group. She is perfecting her quilting skills through the group.

"Linda taught me all I know," said Fromm.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the parish hall, and

"we don't just talk about quilting. We talk about all kinds of things," said Breck.

They take a break at noon for lunch, and in cold weather have been known to have soup simmering in a slow cooker.

The quilter's group sees their ministry as providing a gift from the parish community that the children can treasure forever.

"The most heartwarming thing is in the winter when you see a mom has brought her baby to church in one of our quilts," said Landini. ■

# Carmel Home pioneer looks back on 70 years of religious life



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
Sr. M. Bernadette Niehaus, DCJ, looks through a scrapbook of the history of the Carmel Home on Oct. 5.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When Sr. M. Bernadette Niehaus, DCJ, and three other Carmelite sisters came to Owensboro from Wisconsin in 1952, it was a culture shock to say the least.

The sisters had come to Kentucky to staff a new nursing home facility called the Carmel Home, built under the guidance of Bishop Francis R. Cotton.

At that time, “it was country all around,” said Sr. Niehaus of the local landscape. Accents also provided a learning curve for the sisters.

“We went out grocery shopping to get rye bread, and the people couldn’t understand (our) dialect,”

said Sr. Niehaus. Fortunately, after carefully pronouncing the words “rye bread” a few more times, the store employees determined what the sisters needed.

Sr. Niehaus celebrated her 70th jubilee of religious life at a special Mass and reception at the Carmel Home on Oct. 13, 2018, along with fellow jubilarians and Carmel Home residents Fr. Aloysius

Powers, 70 years a priest; Fr. Joseph Mills, 65 years a priest; and Sr. Mary Therese Esselman, DCJ, 75 years as a professed religious.

Speaking with The Western Kentucky Catholic on Oct. 5, Sr. Niehaus recalled the early days of the Carmel Home.

When “four of us left Milwaukee and came by train to Evansville” on Aug. 16, 1952, the Carmel Home’s building was still being completed, said Sr. Niehaus.

And in the beginning, the Carmel Home had no elevator.

“(Even) if you had a tray, you had to climb the stairs,” said Sr. Niehaus.

She explained that the Carmel Home has always been on the same property; but has expanded considerably since 1952. Today, this includes separate apartments for retired priests on Carmel’s campus, named the Cotton Apartments as a nod to the former bishop.

Sr. Niehaus, who celebrated her 90th birthday in May, grew up in Cincinnati with an awareness of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as “the Little Flower.” St. Thérèse is one of the Carmelite order’s most famous members.

In fact, Sr. Niehaus’ family attended a local parish named after St. Thérèse.

“My mother would take me to the (St. Thérèse) novena every year,” said Sr. Niehaus. “I grew to know the Carmelites.”

Sr. Niehaus said her mother was devoted to St. Thérèse, especially because she lived through the Great Depression. Sr. Niehaus’ mother even credited the saint’s prayers for preventing them from having to sell their home during the Depression.

Over time, Sr. Niehaus felt a call to religious life. She found her calling with the Carmelite Sisters of Divine Heart of Jesus, who have a particular apostolate of caring for the elderly.

She entered the Carmelite community in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin on Sept. 7, 1946, and made her perpetual vows on July 2, 1953.

Sr. Niehaus attended nursing school and for many years took care of the elderly at Carmelite facilities around the country.

Looking back on the years, Sr. Niehaus believes it was partly because of her mother’s devotion that she entered the Carmelites.

“My mother was so devoted to the Little Flower,” said Sr. Niehaus. ■

# ‘A little bit of everything’

## Diocese’s V National Encuentro delegates reflect on gathering of Hispanic and Latino Catholics



COURTESY OF DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ

The Diocese of Owensboro’s delegates to the September 2018 V National Encuentro in Texas (left to right): Miguelina Young, Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas, Mayra Tirado, Bishop William F. Medley, Baltazar Rafael, Deacon Chris Gutiérrez and Claudia Valladares.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Sept. 20-23, 2018 V National Encuentro conference in Grapevine, Texas, was “emotional” but also “fun,” said Claudia Valladares, one of the Diocese of Owensboro’s delegates to the gathering.

The purpose? To discuss and explore how best to serve and accompany the growing Hispanic and Latino populations around the U.S. The theme of the Encuentro was “Discípulos Misioneros: Testigos del amor de Dios” (“Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of the Love of God”).

Valladares, who is a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green, told The Western Kentucky

Catholic that the V National Encuentro (“Fifth Encounter”) drew several thousand Hispanic and Latino Catholics from dioceses across the United States – approximately 2,700.

Out of that number, Valladares said there were about 700 young adults between the ages of 18-30, and 125 bishops were reported to have attended, including Bishop William F. Medley of Owensboro.

The V National Encuentro included workshops, small groups, and the opportunity to share about good and bad experiences within Hispanic and Latino ministry in the U.S. Participants also attended Mass and Liturgy of the Hours every day.

Besides Valladares and Bishop Medley, other

delegates from the diocese were Miguelina Young of St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah, Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas and Baltazar Rafael of St. Michael Parish in Sebree, Mayra Tirado of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville, and Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, the diocese’s director of Hispanic/Latino Ministry.

This September event was a culmination of four years of planning, following smaller “encuentros” at parish, diocesan, and regional levels to take the pulse of Hispanic/Latino needs around the country.

Tirado told the WKC that over the four years of preparation, she realized that these “needs and situations” are something that “we, as Catholics and missionary disciples, should try to solve and minimize.”

After attending the V National Encuentro, she said she felt not only encouraged, but also hopeful, “that the results of the Encuentro can be put into practice, that it is not just another process to see how we are doing” but the means to help Hispanic/Latino ministry grow in the U.S.

Fr. Salinas said it was insightful to see what dioceses were ahead of the Diocese of Owensboro and who were behind, in terms of advances in Hispanic/Latino ministry.

“But everyone is looking to do their best for the Hispanic people,” he said.

Valladares commented on the large number of young adults at the V National Encuentro, contrast-

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### Did you know?

“Hispanic” means a person is of Spanish-speaking heritage.

“Latino” means a person’s ancestry is based in Latin America. They do not necessarily speak Spanish.

# An ‘extension’ of the healing ministry of Jesus

## *Healthcare workers gather for first diocesan ‘White Mass’*



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
Bishop William F. Medley receives the gifts from a family at the Oct. 21, 2018 White Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE  
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

At the Oct. 21 White Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, Bishop William F. Medley referred to the vocation of healthcare workers as “an extension of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.”

The liturgy – called a “White Mass” in reference to the white garb traditionally worn by medical professionals – recognized the ministry of people across the Diocese of Owensboro who care for the ill and

the dying, such as physicians, nurses, compassionate care ministers, ministers of consolation, chaplains, mental health workers, and all in the healthcare profession.

While White Masses had been held at diocesan parishes in the past, this was the first-ever White Mass hosted by the diocese at the cathedral.

In his homily, Bishop Medley reflected on the day’s Gospel – that Jesus had come “not to be served, but to serve,” and that Jesus’ “path of servan-

thood” modeled the path for all Christians, including healthcare workers.

“This White Mass gives us a chance to recognize those men and women asked to share in Jesus’ ministry of healing,” said the bishop.

Laurie Hicks, a parishioner of St. Stephen Cathedral, came straight from work to attend the Mass and also to assist as an Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion.

Hicks told *The Western Kentucky Catholic* that she has worked in the healthcare field for 34 years, “and I can see how the Gospel today really fits with the message” of this Mass.

“I am glad to serve the Church, and Owensboro,” said Hicks, who is a house supervisor at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital and wore her scrubs to the Mass. “I appreciated that the diocese offered this.”

Gayle Rhodes, a local physician and parishioner of SS. Joseph and Paul in Owensboro, said it was “wonderful that the diocese recognized people in the healing profession.”

“Those in the healthcare profession appreciate that God has given us the talents to give back to him,” he said.

Ben Rhodes, a physician’s assistant in cardiology and parishioner of St. Stephen Cathedral, said the White Mass was a “good opportunity to receive a special blessing for our vocation in healthcare.”

“We are honored to be here and to grow in our faith with God who is the Great Physician, who heals us,” he said. ■

## NOVEMBER 2018 BULLETIN BOARD

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### Hope after abortion

Come join us for a weekend of emotional healing and spiritual renewal. Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women & men who are suffering from the lingering effects after abortion. Next retreat is November 9-11, 2018, Owensboro area.

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 Wendy: Cell: (707) 287-5911  
[wendyc@hopeafterabortionky.com](mailto:wendyc@hopeafterabortionky.com)  
<http://hopeafterabortionky.com>

### A Scout is Reverent

The beginning of a new school year is a good time to begin working on Religious Emblems for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and others. These include for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei and for Boy Scouts: Ad altare Dei and Pope Pius XII and Light is Life (Eastern Catholic) and for Girl Scouts and others: God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive, and Missio. After earning these emblems, Bishop Medley will award them at a Scout Mass on March 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral For an introduction to these and a presentation by the Catholic Committee on Scouting at your next meeting, please visit [owensborodiocese.org/scouting](http://owensborodiocese.org/scouting). The deadline for submitting emblem applications and for requesting a board of review is January 7, 2019. The boards of review are coordinated by Ken Keller at [ken.keller@ohio.kyschools.us](mailto:ken.keller@ohio.kyschools.us).

### The Holy Land: 10 Days

Jan. 29-Feb. 7, 2019. Hosted by Fr. Tony Stevenson. Featuring: Round-trip airfare from Nashville; first class/selective hotels; breakfast and dinner daily; comprehensive sightseeing with a professional English speaking tour guide to: Haifa, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, ride on the Sea of

Galilee, and more. For a brochure with complete details contact: Fr. Tony Stevenson - St. Anthony Church - 1654 South Highway 79 - Hardinsburg, Ky. 40143. Phone: 270-257-2132. Leave a message and phone number.

### Scotland, Ireland golf tour with Fr. Hostetter

June 14-25, 2019. You are invited to join Brescia University president, Fr. Larry Hostetter, for a tour of Scotland and Ireland. The 11-day trip features a flexible schedule for golfers and non-golfers alike. The itinerary includes play on some of the world's most storied courses OR the opportunity to visit historic sites as well as tour metropolitan cities. You decide. Regardless of which package you choose, your trip will be memorable. The trip includes 10 nights with five-star accommodations, breakfast each morning, four-course dinners, and luxury on-ground transportation. For more information, please contact Lauren McCrary at [lauren.mccrary@brescia.edu](mailto:lauren.mccrary@brescia.edu) or 270-686-4236.

### SCN/OCHS Memorial Project

Alumni of Owensboro Catholic High School have begun an effort to establish a permanent memorial honoring the service of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth at OC. The Sisters were the first educators and administrators when OC opened in 1951. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, founded in 1812 in Bardstown, KY, were among the first orders of American Sisters. They came to the Owensboro area in 1820, and to Owensboro in 1849. Our proximate goal of \$9K is moving along with donations of \$1500 at present. Steering Committee: Elizabeth Field (Corr), Chair, Sisters Marie Becker, Mary Margaret Cooper, and Mary Eula Johnson, Mrs. Nola Mullen Courtney, Mrs. Mary Lee Pruden Fitzsimmons, and Joan Perry, OSU Associate. If questions, contact Elizabeth Field (1963) Steering Committee chair, [jimliz@oh.rr.com](mailto:jimliz@oh.rr.com) /440-510-8690. Please send your tax deductible donation to Owensboro Catholic, Attn: Tracy Miller, 1524 W. Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY, 42301.

### Dr. Diane Earle Piano Concert Nov. 3

Dr. Diane Earle is a professor of music and Artist in Residence at Kentucky Wesleyan College in

Owensboro. She will be giving a free concert in the Madonna Room at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. Dr. Earle has multiple degrees in piano performance and has performed nationwide and abroad. She has been a Kentucky Arts Council featured artist and principal pianist for the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra. Her favorite book is the Bible. The public is invited. To reserve a seat, contact Lisa Sills: 270-229-0206 or [lisa.sills@maplemount.org](mailto:lisa.sills@maplemount.org)

### Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae Memorial Mass Nov. 4

This year's Alumnae Memorial Mass will take place on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, Maple Mount. This Mass is celebrated in remembrance of all deceased classmates and faculty of Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Junior College. The names of those who passed away the previous year will be read during Mass. Attendees are invited to stay for lunch in the dining room. Please RSVP to Marian Bennett at 270-229-2006 or [alumnae.msaj@maplemount.org](mailto:alumnae.msaj@maplemount.org)

### "The Touch of Beauty, The Touch of God" Nov. 6

Sister Ruth Gehres will talk about how and where we experience beauty with her presentation, "The Touch of Beauty, The Touch of God" on Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The \$20 fee includes dinner. To register, contact Lisa Sills: 270-229-0206 or [lisa.sills@maplemount.org](mailto:lisa.sills@maplemount.org) or register online at [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org).

### Eucharistic Adoration Nov. 11

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph invite the public to join them for Eucharistic Adoration on the second Sunday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Motherhouse Chapel (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Adoration concludes with evening prayer. Upcoming dates are Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. The Ursuline Sisters also have Adoration that is open to the public on Fridays from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

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COURTESY OF DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ  
Miguelina Young, Mayra Tirado and Claudia Valladares smile for a picture during the V National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry, held in Grapevine, Texas from Sept. 20-23, 2018.

ing that with the nationwide struggle of connecting young people with their Catholic faith.

“Our kids are the future of the Church – they are our Church,” she said, hoping that developments following the national gathering will help them discern how to better reach young people.

She was also personally impressed at all of the bishops who attended, and who expressed their sorrow for the scandals affecting the Church from the ongoing clergy sexual abuse crisis.

Rafael said he appreciated the bishops’ words of encouragement to the Hispanic and Latino communities.

“They said the immigrants are very important to the Church and the Church will stand with the immigrants,” he said. ■

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### Preaching for the Sake of God’s People Nov. 29

“Preaching for the Sake of God’s People” is primarily for priests and deacons. It can be a rather daunting task to take on the responsibility of opening the Word of God to those God sets before us. And it should be! Father Ray Goetz of the Diocese of Owensboro will be sharing how to break open the Word through narrative preaching. Father Alex Zenthoefler of the Diocese of Evansville will share his experience gained through his doctoral work of preaching to highlight the tools available today. What questions should we be asking as preachers of God’s Word? What do we expect our people to hear and are they hearing it? This workshop will take place on Thursday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The \$25 fee includes lunch. To register, contact Lisa Sills: 270-229-0206 or [lisa.sills@maplemount.org](mailto:lisa.sills@maplemount.org) or register online at [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org).

### Living with Alzheimer’s: For Family Care Partners Only- Early Stage

Registration required; please call 1.800.272.3900

or go [communityresourcefinder.org](http://communityresourcefinder.org) to register. Join us and hear practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Donations welcome. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Paducah Lourdes Hospital Marshall Nemer Pavilion, Borders Community Room

### Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior

Registration required; please call 1.800.272.3900 or go [communityresourcefinder.org](http://communityresourcefinder.org) to register. Join us to learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges. Donations welcome. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Owensboro Health Park

### Black Catholic Conference

Save the Date: Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky, & Ohio [TIKO] African American Catholic Conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 12-14, 2019. The theme of the Conference is “My God Is Awesome!”

## Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

### NOVEMBER

#### 2-4 Yarn Spinners Weekend

3 Making Music with Mike Bogdan

3 Diane Earle Piano Concert (Free)

4 MSJ Academy Alumnae Memorial Mass

8 Focus on Faith Revelation Book Study

9-11 Perm. Deacon Candidates’ Formation

14 Veterans Day Program

16-18 Pope Francis and Prayer Retreat

29 Preaching for God’s People workshop

### DECEMBER

1 Advent Day of Prayer w/Msgr. Powers

4 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: The O Antiphons

7-8 Knights of Columbus Retreat

13 Advent with Bishop William Medley

14-15 Shame and the Addictive Trap

25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### JANUARY 2019

4-6 Yarn Spinners Weekend

7-11 Spiritual Direction Training Program (Week 2)

9 Twilight dinner/presentation by Father Ray Goetz (6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)

10 Focus on Faith (new book study)

11-12 Retrouvaille Weekend

12 Perm. Deacon Candidates’ Formation

19-25 St. Meinrad Retreat Week

26 Crossing the Threshold of a New Year (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Center-sponsored programs are BOLD. Please call to register. Also call to schedule an event. 270-229-0206  
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# Sexual assault: Listening and responding

## What to do when a friend or loved one discloses they've been sexually assaulted

BY MIKE FLAHERTY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I have a love / hate relationship with statistics. On the one hand, statistics provide a summary view of information that allows us to describe the “big picture.” However, on the other hand, these impersonal numbers do not do justice to the human experience that the numbers represent. As a clinical psychologist, I search for understanding and use statistics to help with that endeavor. But mostly, the understanding comes from closely working with people in a very personal way. It requires developing a therapeutic relationship of empathy and trust. Over my 30 + years of practice, I have met with victims / survivors of sexual assault, as young as 6 and as old as 70. We need to talk about sexual assault.

- Nearly 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old.
- One in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives.
- In the U.S., one in three women and one in six men experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime.
- Rape is the most under-reported crime; 63% of sexual assaults are not reported to police.
- Only 12 % of child sexual abuse is reported.
- Despite misconceptions, the prevalence of false reporting for sexual assault crimes is low – between 2 % and 10 %.
- In eight out of 10 cases of rape, the victim knew the perpetrator.

The statistics tell us a thing or two about sexual

assault. The sheer number of persons assaulted is staggering. It happens to a lot of people. The majority of abuse is carried out by someone the victim knew and probably trusted. Only a small percentage of sexual assault is reported. And finally, false reports are very rare. So what can you do when a friend or loved one discloses to you that he or she has been sexually assaulted?

First, remain calm and believe them unconditionally.

After that, it is a matter of non-judgmental listening and support. Say little. He / she chose you to tell their most painful, shameful and heart breaking story. Respect and protect the trust they have placed in you. Reinforce that it is not their fault. Allow them to talk as much or little as necessary. By your unwavering presence, let them know you are there for them. Be patient. Do not push for detailed information. Do not share platitudes or assume you know how they are feeling. If possible, guide them to seek professional help, but leave control of that to them. Present options and resources for them, but don't force them to make a decision (see note below). Respect their need for privacy or to be alone. Be willing, loving, compassionate, and continue to reach out to them with an open heart for as long as they need you.

**Note:** If a minor or vulnerable adult (due to physical or mental disability) discloses sexual assault, a report must be made to the Department of Child/Adult Protective Services or the legal authorities (police and/or district attorney). ■

*Mike Flaherty is a husband, father, grandfather and psychologist. He has worked in outpatient and school settings for most of his career and is currently in private practice. Mike is past chair of the diocesan review board and member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.*

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## Four Carmel Home residents celebrate jubilees on Oct. 13

BY CARMEL HOME STAFF

On Oct. 13, 2018, the Carmel Home Chapel on Old Hartford Rd., Owensboro, of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, was filled to the brim. Smiling faces, preparatory music, and elegant bouquets of flowers anticipated the upcoming celebratory Mass. The Carmelite sisters were celebrating the jubilees of two of their sisters and two retired resident priests.

Sr. Mary Therese Esselman, DCJ, was celebrating 75 years of religious profession; Sr. M. Bernadette Niehaus, DCJ, 70 years; and Fr. Joseph Mills and Fr. Aloysius Powers, 65 years and 70 years of priestly ordination, respectively.

Carmelite Sisters DCJ from all over the United States and Canada joined in for the celebration, a gathering of 25 of their sisters. The Diocese of Owensboro's own Bishop William F. Medley celebrated the Mass.

In the bishop's own words, the jubilarians have together "given over 280 years of service to the Church."

What a blessing and reminder to the world that Jesus Christ is present in His Church, ministering through His servants! Following the Mass, the sisters gathered in the Activity Hall of Carmel Home for a reception. Carmel Home staff, residents, family, and friends all joined together in gratitude for the years these devoted servants of Christ have given. Several of the sisters put a little skit with music together, celebrating notable stories in the sisters' lives and honoring our devoted spiritual fathers, with a poem of thankfulness. ■

## Married couples join Bishop Medley for anniversary Mass at the cathedral



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANNY MAY  
Fred and Claudia Behnke (far right and second-from-right) with Bishop Medley, and grandson William Behnke, his wife Jennifer and their son Fritz.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANNY MAY  
John and Mildred Boorman, parishioners of St. Mary of the Woods in Whitesville, were the longest-married couple at the marriage celebration this year.

BY WKC STAFF

On Sunday, Sept. 30, St. Stephen Cathedral hosted the Diocese of Owensboro's annual Marriage celebration Mass with Bishop William F. Medley.

This year, the longest-married couple in attendance were John and Mildred Boorman of St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville. Married on Dec. 27, 1944, they will celebrate 74 years this winter.

The gifts at Mass were brought up by Fred and Claudia Behnke of St. Augustine Parish in Reed. The Behnkens celebrated their 40th anniversary on the day of the marriage celebration.

Each year, couples who are celebrating five, 10, 15, 40, 50 and more than 50 years of marriage receive an invitation from the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life to attend the celebration. However, all married couples throughout the diocese are welcome to attend, and all couples who have RSVPed prior receive a certificate in honor of their anniversary that year.

Seventy-one couples RSVPed this year, and the total combined years of marriage of the couples in attendance was 3,542 years. ■

# Two Ursuline Sisters honored for their service

BY MOUNT ST. JOSEPH STAFF

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph (Maple Mount, Ky.) Martha Keller and Lorraine Lauter were each honored with unique awards for their ministries this year.

Sr. Keller became the first woman ever to receive the community service award from the Knights of Columbus chapter in Fancy Farm. During the Aug. 13, meeting of Council 1418, Sr. Keller was honored with a plaque for “Dedicated Catholic Service to St. Jerome Parish and the Fancy Farm community.”

“I was surprised and humbled,” Sr. Keller said.

Sr. Keller has served as pastoral associate at St. Jerome Parish since 2012. She has reinvigorated the Social Concerns committee at the parish, including leading members on a mission trip to Mandeville, Jamaica.

Sr. Lauter was honored with two awards for her work as a co-founder of Water With Blessings, which provides filters and training so impoverished countries can have clean drinking water.

She received the Muhammad Ali Kentucky Humanitarian Award at a ceremony on Sept. 20, at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville. The awards were created in 2013 as a way to publicly recognize and celebrate the greatness of people from around the world. This annual fundraising gala honors “seasoned humanitarians” who are making significant contributions toward securing peace, social justice, human rights, and/or social capital in their communities and on a global basis.

Sr. Lauter said she accepted the award on behalf of the 74,000 Water Women and the entire commu-



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Sr. Martha Keller, OSU



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Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU

nity of Water With Blessings.

“It was a uniquely uplifting and powerful event, thanks to the hard work of the Muhammad Ali Center staff and board,” Sr. Lauter said. “Our award was presented by Captain Niloofar Rahmani, a great honor in itself.” Capt. Niloofar is the first female fixed-wing Air Force aviator in Afghanistan’s history and the first female pilot in the Afghan military since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

Sr. Lauter also received an “Art of Social Innovation” Pyramid Award on behalf of Water With Blessings on Oct. 9, presented by Louisville’s Center for

Nonprofit Excellence (CNPE). The Pyramid Awards are designed to recognize the essential value of the region’s nonprofit sector. CNPE recognizes and celebrates commanding contributions by nonprofits in six areas: Collaboration, Governance, Inclusion, Leadership, Social Innovation and Vision.

Sr. Lauter has been executive director of Water With Blessings, headquartered in Louisville, since 2012. ■

### St. Thomas More Parish hosts The 177 Project



PHOTO COURTESY OF J. PATRICK KERR  
Fr. Brad Whistle leads benediction during The 177 Project at St. Thomas More Parish on Oct. 4.

St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah hosted The 177 Project on Oct. 4. The 177 Project is an initiative from Adoration Artists designed to help spark a renewal in parishes across the country.

Over the course of three months, more than a dozen of the most talented artists in Catholic music have split up into teams of two and are visiting all 177 different dioceses within the U.S.

The evening was centered around a Holy Hour and Adoration. After the Holy Hour, participants enjoyed a concert put on by the musicians traveling as part of The 177 Project. During the event, attendees also were offered opportunities for confession, to pray for others, to hear about the importance of (and even respond to) vocations, to say the rosary, to engage with local and national ministries, and to interact in a variety of other ways. St. Thomas More was pleased to be able to participate in this nationwide event. - J. Patrick Kerr, St. Thomas More Parish

### Special collection raises more than \$30,000 for victims of historic Kerala flooding

BY WKC STAFF

During the weekends of Aug. 25-26 and Sept. 1-2, 2018, Bishop William F. Medley invited parishes to hold a special collection to support relief efforts for the people suffering from the historic flooding in Kerala, India.

As of Oct. 12, 2018, a total of \$33,074.43 had been collected and counted from the diocese to go toward the relief efforts. The monies will be sent to Catholic Relief Services representatives providing assistance in the Wayanad District - one of the worst-hit regions.

In an Aug. 21 letter sent to the priests of the diocese, Bishop Medley explained that most of the

Heralds of Good News priests serving in western Kentucky had come from the Kerala area.

The Heralds of Good News is a religious community of men, based out of India, which often sends missionary priests to dioceses experiencing a local vocations shortage. Currently, six "Heralds" priests are serving at parishes around the diocese.

The bishop also wrote that homes have been swept away by the flooding, food and clean water are scarce, and "more than a million individuals displaced and living in camps."

"The loss of life and property is extensive and the human suffering profound," he said. ■



**VETERANS: Please join us for a tribute day of prayer**

**Wednesday, Nov. 14  
10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

*There is no cost. The program and meal is our appreciation for you.*

Veterans, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center would love to invite you to a "Welcome Home" program and lunch.

The program director will be **Rev. Pat Dolan**, chaplain and veteran of Louisville.

To register, contact Lisa Sills  
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## Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

La Iglesia Católica Romana, junto con otras denominaciones cristianas, honra como santos a todos los que “nos han precedido, marcados con el signo de la fe”. Nuestra tradición celebra a santos particulares con días festivos especiales. Tenemos numerosos días en que honramos a María, la Madre de Dios, bajo advocaciones especiales. Se honra cada uno de los doce Apóstoles. Dentro de nuestro calendario católico hay decenas de días festivos particulares. Con la fe y la confianza que poseemos, creemos que existen literalmente millones de hombres, mujeres y niños buenos quienes han vivido vidas nobles y fieles y que ahora disfrutan de su premio eterno en el cielo. Para la mayoría, sus nombres no han sido registrados, ni han sido marcados sus lugares de entierro en esta tierra.

Cada año la Iglesia celebra la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos el primero de noviembre y nos recuerda conmemorar las bendiciones derramadas sobre aquellos que ahora se encuentran en el cielo. Nos provee una buena oportunidad para reflexionar sobre las personas en nuestras vidas quienes nos han precedido y tenemos la confianza de que ahora descansan con Dios.

Esto no requiere que creamos que estas buenas almas hayan vivido sin pecado, sino que sus buenas obras, en conjunto con la misericordia de Dios los haya llevado a la alegría y felicidad eternas. Incluso los santos más conocidos

no vivieron sin pecado, ni debilidad humana, con la excepción de la Santísima Virgen María.

El 14 de octubre de este año, el Papa Francisco presidió sobre la canonización de varios santos nuevos. Dos de estas figuras son de gran importancia histórica del siglo 20: el Papa San Pablo VI y San Oscar Romero.

San Pablo VI le siguió a San Juan XXIII como el papa en el 1963. Le tocó llevar a cabo al Concilio Vaticano Segundo, lo cual el Papa Juan había convocado en el 1962, a una conclusión exitosa en el 1965. Pablo nació en el 1897 y le dieron el nombre de Giovanni Battista Montini. Se hizo sacerdote, y eran reconocidos sus dones excepcionales. Era uno de los asesores más cercanos del Papa Pío XII y muchos lo consideraron ser uno de los mejores candidatos para heredar el puesto de Pío, aunque en ese momento ni siquiera era cardenal, pero los cardenales escogieron a un hombre mayor, Angelo Roncalli, quien llegó a ser Juan XXIII.

San Pablo VI escogió no seguir con algunos de los lujos del pontificado que sugirieron el esplendor de los monarcas antiguos. Al final del concilio, se deshizo de la corona tradicional que los papas anteriores se habían puesto y donó el dinero para el cuidado de los pobres. Para él era como un renuncio de la gloria y el poder humano.

Pablo estuvo al borde del precipicio entre las fuerzas de la Iglesia que buscaban influenciar al Vaticano II. Como ya había hecho durante su sacerdocio y durante sus años como Arzobispo de Milán, demostró un gran espíritu pastoral. Escribió la encíclica “Humane Vitae”, dentro de la cual, ensalzó la belleza

### EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA NOVIEMBRE 2018:

<b>NOV. 1</b>	9 a.m.   Misa – OCES 4-6 Campus, Owensboro
<b>NOV. 6</b>	10 a.m.   Día del Presbiterio – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC), Owensboro
<b>NOV. 7</b>	8 a.m.   Misa – Escuela Preparatoria de la Trinidad, Whitesville 6 p.m.   Confirmación – Parroquia San Romualdo, Hardinsburg
<b>NOV. 8</b>	6:30 p.m.   Sesión de Escucha – Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah
<b>NOV. 9-16</b>	Reunión de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los EE.UU., Baltimore
<b>NOV. 18</b>	8 a.m.   Rito de Admisión de los Candidatos – Parroquia San Pío X, Owensboro
<b>NOV. 19</b>	10 a.m.   Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC 1:30 p.m.   Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
<b>NOV. 20</b>	8:30 a.m.   Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas 10:30 a.m.   Misa – Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro
<b>NOV. 24</b>	5 p.m.   Misa & Bendición del Salón Parroquial – Parroquia Preciosa Sangre, Owensboro
<b>NOV. 25</b>	10:30 a.m.   Misa en Celebración del 50 Aniversario de la Parroquia – Parroquia Cristo Rey, Madisonville
<b>NOV. 26-28</b>	Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal Provincial – Covington, KY

del matrimonio y los propósitos múltiples del amor conyugal. En esta encíclica, reafirmó las enseñanzas de la Iglesia que los anticonceptivos artificiales no son aceptables moralmente.

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Pablo se identifica muy de cerca con las reformas de la liturgia identificadas con el Vaticano II. Inició diálogos ecuménicos con las Iglesias del Oriente y con Iglesias Protestantes. Era el primer papa dentro de la historia moderna que viajó extensivamente por todo el mundo, el primero que visitó a los Estados Unidos en el 1964. (Me acuerdo porque los niños de las escuelas católicas no asistieron a clases ese día para poder verlo por televisión – como no había televisores en nuestras escuelas.)

San Pablo VI se murió el 6 de agosto del 1978, en la Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor. Lo enteraron en el piso bajo de la Basílica de San Pedro cerca de la tumba de San Pedro.

San Oscar Romero nació en el 1917 en El Salvador y fue ordenado al sacerdocio en el 1942. Lo nombraron obispo en el 1970 y lo asignaron como el Arzobispo de San Salvador en el 1977. En algunas áreas la gente no estaba muy contenta que lo habían asignado porque lo vieron muy conservador y no pensaron que iba a defender a los pobres ante un gobierno represivo, pero cuando asesinaron a un sacerdote amigo suyo por trabajar con los pobres, lo impactó profundamente a San Oscar. Empezó a leer y entender al Evangelio para adoptar maneras más

radicales de apoyar a los pobres.

La Iglesia Católica de El Salvador enfrentaba persecución tremenda durante el liderazgo de Romero, repetidamente lo advirtieron no criticar al gobierno ni abogar por los pobres. El 23 de marzo del 1980, Romero predicó un sermón donde les pidió a los soldados salvadoreños, como cristianos, obedecer los mandatos de Dios y dejar de llevar a cabo la represión del gobierno y las violaciones contra los derechos básicos de los seres humanos. El día siguiente, el 24 de marzo del 1980, una persona armada entró a la capilla donde estaba celebrando la Misa y lo disparó en el corazón mientras estaba parado en el altar. Más de 250,000 se reunieron para su funeral. Hubo solicitudes inmediatas para su canonización y el Papa Francisco inició el proceso en uno de sus primeros actos como el nuevo papa en 2013. En su día festivo será conmemorado como mártir. ■



Obispo William F. Medley  
Diócesis de Owensboro

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Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 903-8070

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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 José, Central City**  
Cada Primer Domingo del Mes - 8:00 a.m.

113 South 3rd Street, Central City, KY 42330  
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**Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Elkton**  
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221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220  
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Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134  
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**Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson**  
Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.  
Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

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**Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville**  
Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431  
Contacto: Padre Carl McCarthy (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.

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Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

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Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.

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## Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo

POR JOE BLAND, OFICINA DE EVANGELIZACIÓN

El autor de Génesis nos dice que el hombre fue creado a IMAGEN y SEMEJANZA de Dios, hombre y mujer los ha creado. Es muy apropiado que Jesús nos enseñe a llamarle “padre” a Dios. Nos dice que estamos en una relación de familia con Él. Somos llamados a estar en relación con la Trinidad, lo cual es una comunión de personas; tres personas, un solo Dios, que son un intercambio eterno de amor. Con el pecado de nuestros primeros padres, escogieron dejar a la familia, pero a través de la vida, muerte, resurrección y ascensión de Jesús se nos ha dado el regalo de ser adoptados y formar parte de la familia nuevamente. Así que, acuérdate que cada persona que encuentras hoy día es un hermano o una hermana adoptada con la misma dignidad que tú tienes; se ven semejantes a tu “papá” – Dios Padre.

# Abrazando más y temiendo menos

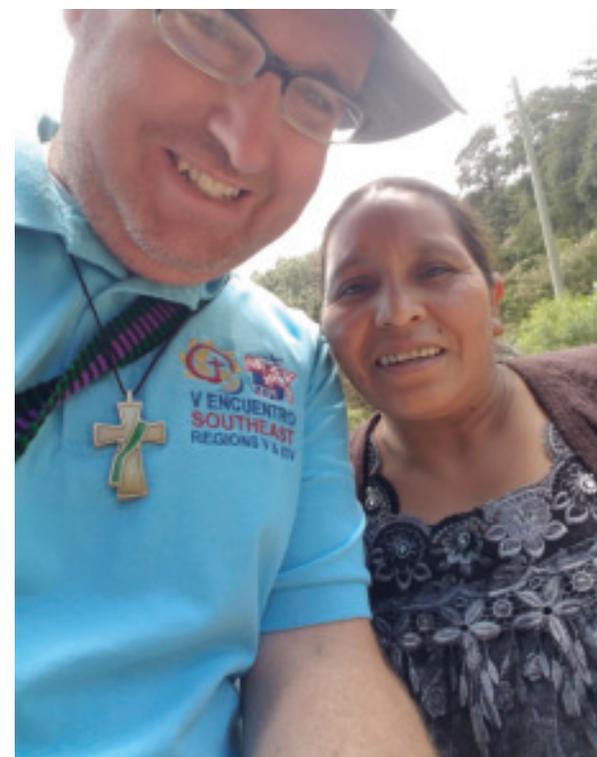
Uno de los sentimientos más emocionalmente fuertes y gratificantes que experimente fruto de un reciente viaje a Guatemala fue el de ser una extensión o puente entre miembros de familias quienes por años, algunos décadas no han podido abrazarse. Unas semanas atrás, el Padre Carmelo y un servidor nos embarcamos en un viaje de ocho días a Guatemala con dos metas muy específicos. Uno el de comenzar una relación con la diócesis local de Huehuetenango, territorio de donde son la gran mayoría de Católicos Maya residiendo en nuestra diócesis. Este esfuerzo continuo tiene sentido, ya que abre posibilidades de obtener recursos catequéticos, litúrgicos, bíblicos y lingüísticos específicamente de ayuda y urgentemente necesarios en el cuidado pastoral de Católicos Maya. Aparte del español, hay por lo menos otros cuatro idiomas hablados por católicos guatemaltecos y mexicanos en nuestra diócesis. La segunda meta de nuestro viaje fue el de visitar a familiares de las familias de nuestras parroquias residiendo en la diócesis de Owensboro. Y aunque hermanos guatemaltecos asisten a varias parroquias a través de la diócesis, existen dos parroquias específicas con mayor concentración. Esas son Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown y San Miguel en Sebree.

Una de las decisiones más difíciles y desgarradoras que un inmigrante con frecuencia es forzado a realizar, es el de dejar atrás a padres, hijos y hermanos. Esto con frecuencia se da sin la seguridad de saber si algún día, o incluso nunca se vuelvan a reconectar. Con frecuencia la misma supervivencia de la familia depende de esta angustiada decisión. Y mientras que las tecnologías modernas permiten a algunos el conectarse a través de una pantalla, obviamente

nunca es lo mismo. Yo mismo tengo tres niños pequeños y lo más que he estado separado de ellos son como dos agonizantes semanas. No puedo imaginarme lo que se siente al no poder abrazar y besar a tus pequeñines por años. Pero lo que sí puedo hacer, es escuchar sus historias y dolores. Puedo continuar acompañando a aquellos aquí, en un tiempo como nunca antes donde tantos se sienten y experimentan el ser blancos de descorazonadas separaciones.

*“El abrazo que usted me dio ahorita es como si fuera de mi hijo, el abrazo que ahora yo le doy a usted por favor déselo a él”* Esta fue una petición de varias madres de Guatemala. Ha sido un honor y una bendición el regresar y hacerlo. Le agradezco a Dios el privilegio de esta experiencia y por ser llamado y poder acompañar a todos aquellos que caminan en nuestra diócesis. Quizás si nos abrazáramos más unos con otros y nos tuviéramos menos miedo los unos de los otros, probablemente viviríamos en parroquias, comunidades y país más unidos. ■

- Dc. Cristóbal Gutiérrez



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# CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

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# Católicos Hispanos/Latinos se reúnen para el V Encuentro Nacional



POR CORTESÍA DEL DIÁCONO CRISTÓBAL GUTIÉRREZ

Los delegados de la Diócesis de Owensboro del V Encuentro en Texas en septiembre del 2018 (de izquierda a derecha): Miguelina Young, P. Carmelo Jiménez Salinas, Mayra Tirado, Obispo William F. Medley, Baltazar Rafael, Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez y Claudia Valladares.

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL  
CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Del 20-23 de septiembre del 2018, alrededor de 3,000 católicos hispanos y latinos se reunieron en Grapevine, Texas, para el V Encuentro Nacional.

Llegaron de diócesis por todo el país, incluyendo alrededor de 800 jóvenes de entre 18-30 años de edad.

Se reportó que asistieron doscientos sesenta y tres obispos, incluyendo al Obispo William F. Medley de Owensboro.

Era “emotivo” pero “divertido,” dijo Claudia Valladares, miembro de la Parroquia de San José en Bowling Green y una de los delegados de la Diócesis de Owensboro para el V Encuentro.

Los otros delegados de la diócesis eran Miguelina Young de la Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah, el P. Carmelo Jiménez Salinas y Baltazar Rafael de la Parroquia San Miguel en Sebree, Mayra Tirado de la Parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo en Hopkinsville, y el Diácono Chris Gutiérrez, el director diocesano del Ministerio Hispano/Latino.

El propósito del V Encuentro era hablar sobre cómo servir mejor y explorar el impacto de las crecientes poblaciones de hispanos y latinos por todo el país. El tema era Discípulos Misionaros: Testigos del Amor de Dios.

Durante el V Encuentro hubo talleres, grupos pequeños, y la oportunidad de compartir sobre las buenas y malas experiencias adentro del ministerio hispano y latino en los Estados Unidos. Los participantes también asistieron a la Santa Misa y participaron en la Liturgia de las Horas.

Baltazar Rafael dijo que agradeció las palabras de ánimo de los obispos hacia las comunidades hispanas y latinas.

“Dijeron que los inmigrantes son muy importantes para la Iglesia y que la Iglesia va a apoyar a los inmigrantes,” dijo Rafael. ■

# ¿Qué aprendiste en el V Encuentro?

POR MAYRA TIRADO, ESPECIAL AL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

- **¿Qué aprendiste en el V Encuentro?**

El V Encuentro fue un proceso de aprendizaje en todos sus niveles, desde la secciones en las comunidades, el Encuentro Parroquial, el Encuentro Diocesano, el Encuentro Regional y recientemente el Encuentro Nacional. Durante el proceso pude crear conciencia de las grandes necesidades existentes dentro de la comunidad hispana en estados unidos. Necesidades y situaciones que nosotros como católicos y discípulos misioneros debemos intentar solucionar o minimizar.

- **Describe la experiencia de estar rodeado de tantos líderes latinos como tú.**

La experiencia de estar con de tantos líderes fue algo muy gratificante. Es una demostración de que no todo está perdido, a pesar de los grandes escándalos por los que atraviesa nuestra iglesia. Es saber que no estamos solos en esta lucha por lograr nuestra misión como líderes, de Evangelizar, de llegar a los más necesitados y vulnerables y de lograr que cada uno de los hispanos que habitamos en esta nación nos sintamos parte de la iglesia, que tenemos responsabilidades, compromisos y derecho a ser escuchados y tomados en cuenta. El compartir con tantos obispos de todas las Diócesis de Estados Unidos, incluyendo a nuestro Obispo Medley, y de escuchar el mensaje enviado por nuestro Santo Padre el Papa Francisco,

me emociono mucho y me hace sentir muy orgullosa del paso que están dando nuestros líderes desde todos los niveles para lograr el objetivo del V Encuentro: “Discernir nuevas formas en que la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos pueda responder mejor a la presencia Hispana/Latina, y fortalecer las maneras en que los Hispanos/Latinos responden al llamado de la Nueva Evangelización”.

- **¿Qué temas discutieron en el V Encuentro?**

En el V Encuentro se habló del Llamado a todos los católicos en estados unidos a ser Misioneros, se habló sobre la importancia de ir a las periferias para encontrarnos con las personas que no conocen a Dios, con los que se sienten excluidos, con los necesitados, de la importancia de invitarlos a la Iglesia y de acompañarlos en sus situaciones. Un tema al que se le dio mucho énfasis es a la importancia de formar nuevos líderes hispanos, especialmente jóvenes para servir en los diferentes ministerios dentro de la Iglesia.

- **¿Te sentiste animado después de asistir al V Encuentro?**

Yo me siento no solo animada, sino también esperanzada, de que los resultados del V Encuentro puedan ponerse en práctica, de que no sea un proceso más para ver cómo estamos, sino el medio para lograr que la Pastoral Hispana en Estados Unidos



POR CORTESÍA DEL DIÁCONO CRISTÓBAL GUTIÉRREZ Miguelina Young, Mayra Tirado y Claudia Valladares sonríen para la foto durante el V Encuentro Nacional de Ministerio Hispano/Latino, en Grapevine, Texas del 20-23 de septiembre del 2018.

continúe creciendo en igualdad de oportunidades. Existe mucho talento dentro de los hispanos en Estados Unidos y tenemos que comenzar a darle oportunidades para que puedan ponerlos al servicio de Dios y de su Iglesia. También hay que comenzar a crear recursos para la formación y para trabajar con las situaciones que enfrentan muchos de los hispanos en estados unidos. ■



Stephen Van Lal Than  
Tercer año de Teología en el Seminario de San Meinrad



*¡Por favor reza por los seminaristas de la Diócesis de Owensboro y por todos los que están discerniendo su vocación!*



Corey Bruns  
Segundo año de Teología en el Seminario de San Meinrad



Christopher Kight  
Segundo año de Teología en el Seminario de San Meinrad



Martin Ma Na Ling  
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Segundo año de Universidad en el Seminario de Obispo Simón Bruté



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## Amamos porque él nos amó primero

La Conferencia de Adolescentes de la Diócesis de Owensboro (ODYC) se realizará del 9 al 10 de noviembre de 2018 en el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro. Para obtener más información, visita [owensborodiocese.org/ODYC](http://owensborodiocese.org/ODYC).

# November Wedding Anniversaries

## 5, 10, 25, 40, 50 and More Than 50 Years of Marriage

### **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

David & Jerri Rudd, 56  
Travis & Amanda Van Bussum, 5  
Gene & Linda Howard, 54  
Randall & Ruthie Payne, 51  
Carlton & Brenda Goodman, 50  
Henry E. & Bernadette Hayden, 54  
Alex & Whitney Haynes, 10  
Harry & Charlene Baumgarten, 62  
Richard & Nancy Blandford, 57  
Don & Bernice Christian, 57

### **Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro**

Philip & Joyce Moorman, 61

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

Richard & Ruth Dale, 54

### **Holy Cross, Providence**

Claude & Sherry Melton, 54

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

James & Betty Hardesty, 59  
Randy W. & Rhonda Dore, 40  
Joseph & Catherine Crews, 68  
Alvin & Loretta Heck, 67

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

Danny & Pam Alderson, 10  
John & Ruth Anderson, 25  
Steve & Pamela Austin, 52  
William & Pam Crawford, 52  
Larry & Jane Denton, 59  
Donald & Sharon Dossett, 63  
William & Sandra Haynes, 57  
Leland & Donna Leslie, 54  
Leo & Carole Mattingly, 40  
Robert & Jennifer Phillips, 25  
Charles & Faye Pippin, 61  
Jack & Janie Richards, 40  
Ernest & Mary Schreiner, 57  
Kevin & Mikella Shields, 10  
Quentin & Tayler Smith, 5

Ronald & Judy Wilkerson, 57

Jimmy & Dianne Willett, 51

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

Jim & Remy Sexton, 5  
Brad C. & Michelle Hogan, 25  
Kevin & Jayne Ferry, 25  
Michael & Vonda Davenport, 25  
Greg & Sandra Beoglin, 40  
Timothy & Martha Vogel, 50  
Don & Judy Dobernic, 53  
John & Linda Meyer, 54  
Randy & Jean Thompson, 57  
Bernard & Lois Schwitzgebel, 59

### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

J. Rodney & Loretta Wheatley, 53  
William & Phyllis Emmick, 55  
Mike & Sheila Ogle, 53

### **Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro**

Nathaniel & Amanda Hirtz, 5  
Brent & Kirstin Horsley, 25  
Hugh & Crystal Johnson, 10  
Donald R. & Janice Crask, 51  
Stephen & Patty Johnson, 54  
E. L. & Dianne Woodward, 55  
Gene & Shirley Zoglman, 58

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

Christopher & Laura Priest, 10  
Steven & Carla Terrell, 25  
Tim & Debra Wright, 25  
Robert M. & Patricia Whitaker, 40  
Ben & Mickey Brewer, 50  
Larry & Jean Sims, 50  
Haymen & Marie Ward, 57  
John & Patricia Mountain, 62  
William & Martha Mills, 57  
Stewart & Barbara Coomes, 64  
Tom & Rosella Whitsett, 68  
James & Joan Johnson, 57  
Joseph & JoAnne Mason, 51

Paul & Sarah Hayden, 52

Donald & Mary Blanford, Sr., 65

### **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Larry & Linda Jollay, 51  
Travis & Amanda VanBussum, 5  
Charles & Shirley Merimee, 62  
Sherman & Dolores Roberts, 55  
**Resurrection, Dawson Springs**  
Jimmie Ray & Patricia Solomon, 50

### **Sacred Heart, Hickman**

David & Sandra Lattus, 51

### **St. Agnes, Uniontown**

Ross & Jane Thomas, 59  
Gerald & Marilyn Greenwell, 57  
Fred & Mary Evelyn Eckman, 59

### **St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph**

Bill & Daisy Gibson, 61  
Johnny & Marilou Murphy, 25  
Robert & Mary Ann Mattingly, 61  
Doug & Jane Hayden, 54

### **St. Ann, Morganfield**

Gary & Kathy Hancock, 40  
Harold & Kathy Thomas, 59  
Eddie & Mary Jo Steward, 53  
Gary Wayne & Cathy Welden, 50  
Tommy & Amy Davis, 25  
Larry & Anne Hagan, 51

### **St. Anthony, Browns Valley**

Robert & Dorothy Marie Mattingly, 50

### **St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel**

Ken & Nori Baurle, 53

### **St. Augustine, Grayson Springs**

John & Sue Mudd, 55

### **St. Augustine, Reed**

Billy Joe & Philomena Bollinger, 57

### **St. Benedict, Wax**

Robert & Renee Defevers, 25

### **St. Charles, Bardwell**

Darryl & Angela Burgess, 50

Walter & Ethel O'Neill, 54

### **St. Charles, Livermore**

James & Margie Logsdon, 55

### **St. Columba, Lewisport**

Jerry & Mary Lee Buck, 50

### **St. Edward, Fulton**

Bill & Jean Fenwick, 66

### **St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Charles & Bonnie Kortz, 56

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

Thomas & Joyce Lyons, 51

### **St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**

Joe & Wanda Mathys, 56  
Jerry & Lyndia Elder, 55  
Bernard & Wilma Hobbs, 69  
Richard & Elaine Hayden, 52  
Charles & Mary Ann Thomas, 60

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

Kenny & Phyllis Walter, 40  
Francis & Dorothy Scheer, 64  
Tony & Karen Kent, 56  
Bennie & Doris Durbin, 68  
Marvin & Marie Willett, 50

### **St. Joseph, Bowling Green**

John & Sylvia Barrett, 40  
Stan & Cody Young, 56

### **St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

Jeff & Kelly Duvall, 5

### **St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Howard & Rita Darnell, 55  
Douglas & Hilda Webb, 70  
Tommy & Nancy Ballard, 50  
James & Wanda Warner, 58  
James & Wilma Potts, 40

### **St. Leo, Murray**

David & Margaret Perez, 52  
Kenneth & Carolyn Ramsey, 62

### **St. Martin, Rome**

Larry & Phyllis Henderson, 50  
Wayne & Betty Hamilton, 53

### **St. Mary, Franklin**

Dr. A. V. & Kay Wilwayco, 61  
Harry & Mae King, 54

### **St. Mary, LaCenter**

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Gary & Rhonda Quarles, 25

### **St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville**

Denzel & Loretta Bailey, 67

Arthur & Genevieve Boarman, 53

Gordon & Evelyn Millay, 64

J. W. & Mary Morris, 66

Lou & Martine Boarman, 70

### **St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

Jim & Martha Kamuf, 55

Scott & Chelsea Rice, 25

### **St. Michael, Sebree**

Jimmy Lane & Linda Frederick, 40

### **St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley**

Sonny & Rosie Clary, 57

Hugh & Betty Cecil, 66

Andrew & Ashley Spalding, 5

### **St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly**

George & Regina Vogel, 70

Jack & Rachel McDyer, 10

Darrell & Bernice Russelburg, 57

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

David & Vicki Spencer, 50

James & Shirley Poat, 52

Jerry & Gayle Seay, 65

### **St. Pius X, Owensboro**

Geraldine & George Keller, 54

Dennis & Charlotte Gatton, 59

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

George & Nancy Walz, 53

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

Joe & Janie Anderson, 53

Lonnie & Pam Wimsatt, 54

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

Chris & Sheryl Zoglmann, 10

Terry & Teresa Brown, 40

William & Jean Danhauer, 68

Gilbert & Theresa Moore, 61

### **St. Thomas More, Paducah**

Russell & Caron Carter, 25

Carl & Connie Johnson, 40

Mike & Darlene Mazzone, 40

Mike & Yvonne Bosch, 52

Jim & Sharon Godec, 56

Jack & Vonnie Howard, 56

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

James Allen & Karissa Morris, 5

Gregory L. & Liessell Hamilton, 25

Thomas & Stella Boehman, 54

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

Eric & Jessica Conder, 5

Javier & Liliana Guadarrama, 5

Jan & Bonny Howard, 10

Bill & Marilee Staples, 25

Donald & Martha Hare, 63

Paul & Anna Marie Haynes, 54

Charles & Florence Howard, 63

James & Joyce Logsdon, 52

Richard & Rita Stiff, 63

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

Charles & Judy Ann Folz, 57

Ronny & Darlene Fuller, 54

Hector & Ana Medina, 5



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# Responding to 'the call' takes courage

BY FR. JASON MCCLURE, OFFICE OF  
VOCATIONS

The annual observance of National Vocation Awareness Week will take place Nov. 4- 10, 2018. This is a time for pastors and laity to make an intentional effort to foster vocations in families, parishes, and schools, pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life, and pray for priests and religious, especially those serving in the Diocese of Owensboro and particularly in your parish or school.

The vocations office is always looking for ways to improve our efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and build a culture of vocations, in which young people are introduced to and encouraged to follow the particular call Christ has for each of us.

As we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, the vocations office has made a new program available to each of our parish religious education programs and Catholic schools.

Vocation Lessons is a new curriculum that inspires Catholic students to appreciate each vocation and become open to God's call. It is uniquely designed to move from education to formation and has as its goal to make vocation discernment a priority in Catholic schools and parishes. The program includes lessons for K-12. The school version is designed to be done within one week and can be mod-

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*Please pray for the  
Diocese of  
Owensboro's  
seminarians and for  
all people discerning  
their vocations!*

**Stephen Van Lal Than**  
 Third Year Theology, St. Meinrad

**Corey Bruns**  
 Second Year Theology, St. Meinrad

**Christopher Kight**  
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**Martin Ma Na Ling**  
 Second Year Theology, St. Meinrad

**Christopher Grief**  
 Second Year Philosophy, St. Meinrad

**Matthew Millay**  
 First Year Philosophy, St. Meinrad

**Doug Payne**  
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**Flynn Mudd**  
 Second Year College, Bishop Simon Brute'

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ified as necessary. The parish version can be done within one or two class periods. The goal is to make vocation formation a part of every child's faith formation beginning at kindergarten and continuing through high school.

Also as part of National Vocation Awareness Week, we ask pastors, parish leaders, Catholic high school principals and faculty, and faithful throughout the diocese to nominate a young man they think would be a good candidate for priesthood. A link to submit names electronically is available at [owensborovocations.com](http://owensborovocations.com).

Finally, I ask you to pray for our seminarians. The Diocese of Owensboro has eight young men currently in seminary formation, two at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, and six in formation at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad. It is a very difficult time

in the Church today and consequently it takes great courage to respond to the call to discern a vocation to priesthood or religious life. Pray also for those who are being called to join these eight young men in discerning their vocation in the seminary, that they may have the courage to respond courageously.

I'm reminded of the words of St. Paul, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Let's pray that we have the courage to do the will of God. Let's pray that those whom God is calling to priesthood will have to the courage to say yes. In the words of Pope Francis, "do not be afraid of responding generously to Christ, who invites you to follow him." Be courageous, go against the current, be proud to do it! ■

*Fr. Jason McClure is the vocations director and vicar for clergy in the Diocese of Owensboro. For more information, visit [owensborodiocese.org/vocations](http://owensborodiocese.org/vocations).*

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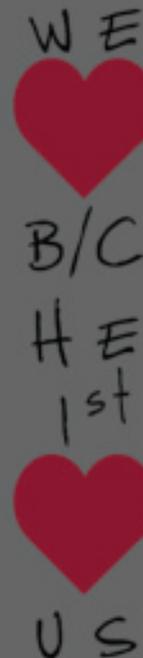
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# Our Father who art in heaven...

BY JOE BLAND, OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

Lately I have been prayerfully reflecting on the Lord's Prayer and what it means to call God "Father." In 2013 I had the privilege of leading 18 of my students from Trinity High School on a trip through England, France and Italy with one of the students being my daughter Hannah. When we were in Assisi for a day I wanted to go by a shop and see a shopkeeper that I had met two years before on a previous trip. When I went in the shop to my surprise she remembered me from two years ago. As I was shopping I introduced her to my daughter, "Signora, questo e' mio bambina" (in my broken Italian, "this is my daughter or little girl"). Her eyes lit up as she replied to Hannah while giving her the customary Italian hug and kiss, "Senbri tuo padre" ("You look like your father"). Now, this is not the first time Hannah had heard this. That event has stayed with me.

When someone says, "You look like your father" or in the South, "You are the spitting-image of your dad," they are saying that you are made in your father's image. I will take that a step further and I remember my wife once telling me that I acted just like my father (I don't know if that was good or bad), so one could say that I was in his likeness. The author of Genesis tells us that man was made in the IMAGE and LIKENESS of God, male and female He made them. For Jesus to teach us to call God father is very proper. It tells us that we are in a familial relationship with him. We are called to be in relation with the Trinity which is a communion of persons; three persons, one God that are an eternal exchange of love.

Later in the book of Genesis the author tells us that a man shall leave his mother and father and cling to his wife and the two shall become one flesh. God is calling man and woman to come together to form a communion of persons in the Sacrament of Marriage and from that union or exchange of love, with the help of God, a new life or another IMAGE of God comes into being, a person who never existed prior and will never be repeated again for all eternity. The ability to procreate more IMAGES of God is the only thing that survived the fall of man. The ability to create a family or a communion of persons still exists today. And how fitting it was that God in His plan to redeem man and all the earth chose to be born into a family and become man.

With Jesus taking on flesh he redeems the flesh, he gives us the ability to once again image the father but even more the Grace we receive gives us the ability to be in His likeness. To act like the Father, to participate in the divine nature of God - thus to be drawn into the eternal exchange of love in the Trinity. With the sin of our first parents they choose to leave the family, but through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus we have been given the gift of being adopted back into the family.

So, remember that everyone you meet today is an adopted brother or sister with the same dignity as you; they look like their "dad." ■

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# In November, National Black Catholic History Month commemorates numerous Catholic leaders

BY F. VERONICA WILHITE, OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

National Black Catholic History Month was established in 1990 by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC) of the United States at their annual convention. November was selected because a number of dates relevant to Black Catholics fall in this month.

Nov. 1, All Saints Day, is an opportunity to reflect on the lives of the hundreds of saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church. Nov. 2, All Souls Day is a time to remember all of the Africans lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, and those African Americans who died from torture and lynching. Nov. 3 is the feast day of St. Martin de Porres, the first black American/Hispanic saint who was canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 16, 1962. Throughout his life, St. Martin de Porres exemplified God's love for all people, regardless of their level in society. Nov. 13 is the birthdate of St. Augustine, (born in 354 A.D.), who is the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa. On Nov. 20 is the date of the death of Zumbi of Palmares in Brazil – the South American founder of a free state for Blacks.

Today, there are more than 270 million Roman Catholics of African descent throughout the world. This month acknowledges the little-known rich history and heritage of Black Catholics whose faith history dates back to Christian antiquity long before other nations heard the “Good News.” Christian

Africa was indeed a “leading light” in early Christendom, beginning with the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch by St. Philip the Evangelist.

Three popes were born in Africa: Saints Victor I, Melchiades, and Gelasius I shepherded the early Church through tough and tumultuous times in history. Black saints and martyrs like Saints Cyprian, Zeno, Anthony of Egypt, Moses the Black, Pachomius, Maurice, Athanasius, Pistentius, Mary of Egypt, Cyril of Alexandria, Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, Felicitas and Theda were some of the early examples of holiness and piety in our Church history.

Currently, let us pray for the causes of the first five African Americans to be considered for canonization:

Servant of God Julia Greeley, Denver's Angel of Charity was born into slavery at Hannibal, Missouri, between 1833 and 1848, was converted to Catholicism after her emancipation and was known for her intense devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and her work with the poor.

Venerable Henriette Delille, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family, was born a free woman in 1812 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Delille experienced a religious conversion, and proclaimed: “I believe in God. I hope in God. I love. I want to live and die for God.”

Others include Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, co-foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, born around 1794 in Santiago de Cuba; Ser-

vant of God Fr. Augustus Tolton who was born to slaves Peter Paul Tolton and his wife Martha Jane in 1854 and became the first African American priest in the U.S.; and Venerable Pierre Toussant who was born a slave in Haiti in 1766 and died a free man in New York in 1853. He is credited by many with being the father of Catholic Charities in New York as he was instrumental in raising funds for the first Catholic orphanage and began the city's first school for Black children. ■

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## Learn more

Further information on Black Catholics as well as history can be found on the diocesan website, ([owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-ministry](http://owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-ministry)); directly at [nbccongress.org](http://nbccongress.org), and these publications/books: “The History of Black Catholics in the United States” by Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis, who was known as the top chronicler of Black Catholic history; “Oblate Sisters of Providence: A Pictorial History” by Sharon C. Knecht; “Father Augustus Tolton: The First Recognized Black Catholic Priest in America” by Corinna Laughlin and Maria Laughlin; and “What We Have Seen and Heard: A Reflection and Dialogue on Peace,” a pastoral letter written by Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Illinois (UACCB).

# Embracing more and fearing less



COURTESY OF DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas and diaconate candidate Baltazar Rafael visit with a family connected with Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown, during their recent pastoral visit to Guatemala.

BY DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The most emotionally powerful and rewarding feelings I experienced on a recent trip to Guatemala was becoming an extension or a bridge between family members who for years – for some, decades – have not been able to see and embrace one another. A few weeks ago, Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas and I embarked on an eight-day journey to Guatemala with two very specific goals. One was to open and start a networking relationship with the local diocese of Huehuetenango, the territory from where the vast

majority of Mayan Catholics residing in our diocese come from. The continuous effort makes sense given that it can open new possibilities for acquiring catechetical, liturgical, and biblical and language resources specifically helpful and urgently needed in the pastoral care of Mayan Catholics. Besides Spanish there are at least four other languages spoken by Guatemalan and Mexican Catholics in our diocese. The second goal of our trip was to visit with family members of families of our parishes residing here in the Diocese of Owensboro. Although Guatemalan nationals attend various parishes across the diocese,



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A mother and baby who were met by Deacon Gutierrez and Fr. Salinas on their pastoral visit to Guatemala.

there are two specific parishes with the largest concentrations. Those are Holy Trinity in Morgantown and St. Michael's in Sebree.

One of the most difficult, gut-wrenching decisions an immigrant is often forced to make is leaving behind parents, children and siblings. This often happens not knowing for sure when or if ever they will reconnect. Very often the survival of the family unit depends on this heartbreaking decision. And while modern technologies allow for some people to connect through a screen, obviously it is never the same. I myself have three small children and the

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# CCHD aims to empower people, break cycle of poverty

BY DEACON RICHARD MURPHY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) was launched in 1969 by the bishops of the United States as a Catholic anti-poverty initiative. For more than 45 years, CCHD has addressed the problem of poverty by attacking its root causes and funding community projects that promote independence as a means of finding a permanent end to poverty. It might surprise you to know that 43 million Americans, including one in five children, live below the poverty line. Many of these are considered “working poor,” which means that they work but do not make enough money to cover essentials like housing, health care, child care, and food. However, CCHD projects are helping to lower that number. In our diocese we divided \$7,000 among six different organizations working to assist the poor

with food and housing; assistance with reentry from jails; aid to refugees seeking to learn to drive in our country and become self-sufficient; and counseling during crisis pregnancies.

Many people in our diocese, and thousands of people across the United States, could tell you how CCHD has changed their lives. That is because CCHD not only provides funding but also invests in the dignity of the poor and helps people to break the cycle of poverty by becoming self-reliant. Over the course of 45 years, CCHD has funded nearly 8,000 projects that empower the poor to come together and solve community problems. CCHD funds projects that produce real and lasting change. These projects are funded by Catholic parishioners just like you who graciously donate to the CCHD collection.

In parishes across the country, this collection gives us the opportunity to help make a difference and

end the cycle of poverty in our communities. Twenty-five percent of your donations are kept within this diocese to fund local projects, and the remaining 75 percent goes to the CCHD national office to support anti-poverty initiatives across the United States.

These days, it is hard for some of us to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. But for most Americans who are affected, these struggles stem from a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For the millions of Americans who live below the poverty line, these choices are only getting worse. CCHD needs your support during the special collection on the weekend of Nov. 17/18, 2018. Thank you for your generosity. ■

*Deacon Richard Murphy is the director of the Office of Social Concerns in the Diocese of Owensboro.*

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## Dear Cursillistas: You're never too busy to invest in eternity

BY KELLEY WHEATLEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Have you ever heard or made the statement, “I’m just too busy”? Well I have and I have used it as an excuse on more than one occasion, well, several occasions. I absolutely let a busy schedule overcome me and my ability to make time to write an article last month. Jesus Christ made and makes time for each and every one of us each and every second of each and every day. The Cursillo weekend lasts from Thursday evening until Sunday evening. It is very easy to allow work, family, friends, vacations or just a plain old busy schedule to deter us from spending a weekend with Christ. Would you take a vacation to go to the beach? Would you take a vacation to go visit family? Would you work overtime for a little extra money? Would you take a few minutes to have coffee with a friend? Well, think about taking a few days and investing in your eternity.

De Colores,  
Kelley Wheatley

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COURTESY OF DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ  
Deacon Chris Gutiérrez visits with some little children during his pastoral visit to Guatemala.

most I've ever been away and not seen them is about two agonizing weeks. I cannot imagine what it is like not being able to hug and kiss your little ones for years. But what I can do is to continue to listen to immigrants' stories and pains. I can continue to accompany those here at a time when like never before so many feel and experience being targets of more heartless separation.

"The hug you gave me now is like it came from my son, the hug that I now give you back, please return to him." This was a request from several of the mothers in Guatemala. It has been an honor and blessing coming back and doing it. I thank God for the privilege of this experience and for being called and able to accompany all of those the journey in our diocese.

Perhaps if we hugged one another more than we feared one another we would probably live in more united parishes, communities and Country. ■

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## \* Three Ways to Celebrate Advent \*

### \*Advent Day of Prayer—Saturday, Dec. 1

Monsignor Bernard Powers will lead this day of prayer from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The \$25 fee includes lunch.



### \*Advent and the O Antiphons—Tuesday, Dec. 4

Sister Ann McGrew will explain the O Antiphons, which refer to the coming Messiah. The \$20 fee includes supper at 5 p.m. followed by the presentation ending at 6:30 p.m.

### \*Advent with the Bishop—Thursday, Dec. 13

Bishop William Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro will lead us in Advent prayer. The \$20 fee includes a meal at 5 p.m. followed by prayer ending at 7 p.m.

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