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A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear people of God,

At this point in the 2016 version of our American tradition of presidential elections, it may seem redundant that I would add my voice of concern to the chorus of voices alarmed by the unique bitterness and ugliness of the campaign as it unfolds. But I do believe most Americans are alarmed by the tenor of the conversation and very properly so. What a contrast to the voice of Pope Francis who in a Jubilee Year of Mercy continues to witness to the world a call for peace and understand and respect.

Likely readers are quick to insert a name in my article and assume that I speak to call out one particular candidate. But there is plenty of responsibility to go around for the vile and uncharitable character of this year's presidential election. This tone did not appear out of nowhere. In fact cynics might suggest it is a product of democratic government where ideas and ideologies compete for support. Any student of United States history has to know that political campaigns have almost always evoked rancorous rhetoric and at times violence. After all, our nation endured a bloody civil war to resolve questions about our nation's character and future.

Even in recent history it would be unfair to call out those men and women who put themselves forth as presidential candidates this year. Certainly both major political parties bear some responsibility over recent decades as it often appears that as institutions they have invested far more in their parties' advancement than in the common good of our nation. Contemporary media, it seems to me, is all too eager to fan the flames of outrage, but nonetheless not at all hesitant to sensationalize the most minute



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BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● APRIL 2016

- APR 2** 9:00 a.m. ● Mass, Hispanic Youth – Holy Family Parish, Louisville, KY
- APR 2-4** Seminarian Visits – Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, and St. Meinrad Major Seminary
- APR 5** 9:00 a.m. ● McRaith Catholic Center Staff Mass and Meeting
- APR 10** 11:00 a.m. ● Confirmation – St. Charles Parish, Bardwell
- APR 12** 10:00 a.m. ● Conversations with the Ursuline Sisters – Mt. St. Joseph, Maple Mount
- APR 13** 6:30 p.m. ● Child Abuse Prevention Month Prayer Service – St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
- APR 14** 11:00 a.m. ● Maximilian Montessori Academy School Mass
6:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. William/St. Lawrence at St. William, Knottsville
- APR 16** 4:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City
- APR 17** 10:30 a.m. ● Confirmation – St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm
- APR 18** 9:45 a.m. ● Priests' Personnel Board Meeting – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● Priests' Council Meeting – MCC
- APR 19** 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Oak Grove
- APR 20** 8:30 a.m. ● Diocesan Finance Council Meeting – MCC
- APR 21** 9:00 a.m. ● School Mass – St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg
6:00 p.m. ● Pre-VOCARE Reception – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
- APR 23** 9:00 a.m. ● Mass, Divorce Ministry Workshop – St. Stephen Cathedral
5:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – Sacred Heart, Russellville
- APR 24** 10:30 a.m. ● Confirmation – St. Columba/Immaculate Conception at Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
3:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
- APR 25** 6:00 p.m. ● Theology on Tap – Fetta Pizza
- APR 26** 9:00 a.m. ● School Mass – St. Mary High School, Paducah
10:00 a.m. ● Senior Conversations – St. Mary High School
1-3:00 p.m. ● Paducah Office Hours – Lourdes Hospital
6:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
- APR 27** 6:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Alphonsus, Owensboro
- APR 28** 8:00 a.m. ● School Mass – Christ the King, Madisonville
- APR 30** 12:00 p.m. ● Black Catholics Spring Gathering – Christ the King, Madisonville
4:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – Christ the King, Scottsville

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of matters.

It seems we have reached an impasse where every citizen seems to have no choice but to find an extreme partisan corner and from that corner demonize anyone who does not stand with us. Yes, all of us may have political convictions, but history will show that more often than not peace and the advancement of the dignity of the human person come with civil discourse and a great measure of compromise. Yet the very word, 'compromise,' has become an accusatory word implying a lack of principle or integrity. Certainly every person must have some ideals and values that cannot be compromised. But in most matters there can be a middle ground where perhaps no one gets everything they would wish, but the harmony achieved through some concessions far outweighs what we may forfeit.

We can disagree without being disagreeable. This is a cliché but it carries a lot of wisdom. When we hear our leaders spit out the words Democrat or Republican as if they have uttered a vulgarity, what has been accomplished? Could we imagine a discourse where being labeled (if we must label) a conservative or a liberal is an acknowledgement of respect and not disdain. In this it seems many of us have been drawn into cesspool. Yet in our private lives we know and love and respect people with whom we can disagree. We can look beyond the classifications to see a conscientious and good person.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy has set the stage for all people of good will to consider our relationships with others – others in our households and families, in our larger communities, including the world community. In our Catholic tradition we have a teaching that

only one person may speak infallibly, that is, without error. But the Church and the popes who enjoy that distinction use such most sparingly.

So let us proceed to strengthen our nation and our democracy by bellowing less and listening more. Let us not reward the most vile among our leaders or the least honorable of our media.

In conclusion I offer the prayer for our nation at its beginnings from Bishop John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop of Baltimore; the first Catholic bishop of the United States of America:

We pray, Thee O Almighty and Eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of Thy Name.

We pray Thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, Pope Francis, the Vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, William, all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of na-

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Join Bishop Medley
for Evening Prayer

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
6:30 PM

Pray for PROTECTION and HEALING
for all impacted by child abuse.

St. Francis de Sales Church
116 South 6th Street, Paducah, KY

tional happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to Thy unbounded mercy,

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Diocese of Owensboro 2016-2018 Pastoral Plan

Mission

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. **Matthew 28:19-20**

Vision Statement 1:

Go!

All parishes and diocesan ministries shall represent a Church known for being merciful, open and welcoming to all.

Goal: Develop and implement a plan to meet the needs of immigrants.

Strategies:

- Assess the needs of immigrants in various parish communities.
- Develop locally-based plans to meet the needs of immigrants.
- Provide ongoing education for priests to advance a greater understanding of cultural diversity and integration.
- Diocesan offices will provide translated materials for programs and resources offered by the office.
- The Diocese of Owensboro will host an annual multicultural celebration including liturgy and fellowship.

Goal: Develop and implement ministries for those who are separated and divorced.

Strategies:

- Provide support groups for those who are separated or divorced.
- Provide educational resources to parishes on the Church's teaching related to divorce, remarriage and reception of the sacraments.
- Provide educational resources to parishes on the Church's declaration of invalidity (annulment) process.

Goal: Enhance the atmosphere of welcome at the Sunday Eucharist.

Strategies:

- Develop a self-study for parishes to evaluate and invigorate their level of welcome and openness at the Sunday Eucharist.
- Develop a welcoming handbook that provides a basic understanding of hospitality along with the best practices that parishes have found effective.

Goal: Deepen Ecumenical involvement.

Strategies:

- Sponsor joint services of prayer and devotion and supply resources to parishes for local events.
- Promote relationships with other faith traditions.

Vision Statement 2:

Make Disciples

Foster a sense of discipleship among Catholics of all ages, helping all to explore their vocation and to renew their role as stewards of the many blessings we have received from God.

Goal: Foster a sense of discipleship among Catholics of all ages.

Strategies:

- Establish an Office of New Evangelization through the reorganization of diocesan staff responsibilities.
- Formulate catechetical materials on the theme of discipleship with concentration on evangelization for all ages.
- Provide training for discipleship.
- Parish teams and parish pastoral councils will dedicate prayer and reflection days on “the parish as an evangelizing community.”
- Provide preaching tools on discipleship.

Goal: Empower Catholics of all ages to discern their vocation.

Strategies:

- Strengthen marriage preparation programs to help couples explore their call to the vocation of marriage.
- Provide information to parishes and families on how to discern and support vocations.
- Provide catechetical materials and programs that aid in the understanding and discernment of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Goal: Implement a full diocesan initiative on stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

Strategies:

- Implement a curriculum to teach the spirituality of stewardship in harmony with the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter, “Stewardship, a Disciple’s Response” at all levels of parish life.
- Develop a program for a stewardship process throughout the Diocese.
- Develop a curriculum to teach stewardship of the environment based on Pope Francis’ recent Encyclical Letter “Laudato Si” at all levels of parish life.

Vision Statement 3:

Teach

The Church shall provide a comprehensive range of ministry promoting the dignity of the human person and the importance of the family and celebrating the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Goal: Provide resources for deanery/parish formation on the sacredness of human life.

Strategies:

- Provide resources for deanery/parish formation on the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death.
- Collect data to determine the marginalized in our midst and the outreach ministries already functioning in the diocese.
- Raise the awareness of Catholics of the needs of the poor and marginalized.
- Develop leadership programs to train ministers to work with the poor and marginalized.
- Offer education programs for the poor and marginalized to address the challenges they face.
- Offer Catholic Social Teaching training programs on a broad scale.

Goal: Foster the importance of family.

Strategies:

- Offer programs to strengthen family life.
- Develop or identify programs that help families learn how to budget and deal responsibly with their finances.
- Study and implement results of the Synod on the Family when they are received.

Grace goes ‘both ways’ for inmates, volunteers



Fr. Ray Clark unpacks his guitar in front of a mural in Daviess County Detention Center's non-denominational chapel. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, The Western Kentucky Catholic.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Every December, Brett Mills and Fr. Ray Clark head to Barret Fischer Co. Inc. on J.R. Miller Boulevard in Owensboro to pick up several bulk cases of bathroom tissue, totaling more than 900 rolls.

“Fr. Ray and I count it as one of the more significant parts of our holiday season,” said Mills, who works in the Diocese of Owensboro’s archives office and is also studying to become a deacon.

Mills said that over the years Barret Fischer is kind enough to provide the bulk items at wholesale, rather than retail price.

On the second Saturday of December he and Fr. Clark take the rolls to Green River Correctional Complex in Central City for GRCC’s annual “Christmas carnival” where visitors and volunteers bring gifts to the inmates.

Hygiene products, like toilet paper, are greatly appreciated with the prison’s limited resources, said Mills.

But the Christmas carnival is only one instance

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Year of
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Living the Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy was established by Pope Francis to last from Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016. The Western Kentucky Catholic is celebrating this holy year by featuring a series highlighting individuals who live the works of mercy around the Diocese of Owensboro. This month’s article shares about our diocese’s ministry to the incarcerated, and how this ministry truly exemplifies “Visiting the Imprisoned.”



Fr. Ray Clark, center, plays his guitar while leading volunteers and inmates in “Amazing Grace” for March 9, 2016 Mass in the non-denominational chapel at Daviess County Detention Center. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, The Western Kentucky Catholic.

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— out of many — that Mills, Fr. Clark, and numerous other volunteers in the diocese's prison ministry connect with society's marginalized.

Bob and Sharrie Cinnamond, parishioners of St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville, have been involved in jail and prison ministry for a number of years.

Combined, their experiences include ministry at both men's and women's correctional facilities around Kentucky, with a lot of emphasis on REC — "Residents Encounter Christ" — which is based on the retreat-style format of Teens Encounter Christ, or TEC.

They have also volunteered with Owensboro's Dismas Charities helping formerly-incarcerated men and women successfully reenter society, and belong to the local Fresh Start Board, a committee helping men and women in jails and prisons leave and stay out "through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Bob Cinnamond said their time spent "really helps (the inmates and former inmates) grow in self-esteem and self-love."

Mills agrees: "It's one of those ways in which the New Evangelization synergizes with the corporal works of mercy" — in this case, the work of "visiting the imprisoned."

Every Wednesday, for instance, Bob Cinnamond teaches a basic Christianity class and a basic social concerns class at Daviess County Detention Center.

"We encourage people that when they get out (of the facility) to get involved," said Cinnamond. He also emphasizes the value of joining a faith community or participating in a Cursillo after release.

"They've gotten out, but they need Christian en-

couragement," said Bob Cinnamond.

Every Friday Mills teaches a catechism class at GRCC. And Fr. Clark frequently offers Mass there, welcoming both Catholic inmates and inmates who are merely curious about Catholicism.

Mills said that connecting with the residents on a personal level is "the best way to encourage hope inside the facility."

Sharrie Cinnamond said that Pope Francis has set an example for believers by his frequent visits to the incarcerated.

"Everywhere he goes he visits the prisons," she said. "To me, that's inspiring. I want to be like him."

Bob Cinnamond explained that without trivializing the poor choices inmates made in the past, it doesn't mean they lack human dignity.

"Some didn't have a father figure, or they had no guidance when they were young," he said. In some cases, volunteer visitors are "the only (outside) people that many see."

Sharrie Cinnamond, in her ministry at the women's facility, said that the biggest problem for female residents is "they always feel worthless."

"I tell them they have gifts and talents and can work harder to become better people," she said.

Furthermore, Mills pointed out that jail and prison ministry is a two-way street: "We're helping them as they help us become the best person God wants us to be. That's the grace of that opportunity and it goes both ways."

Mills remembered a particular time he was visiting GRCC, and a resident thanked him for coming, saying, "There are other things you could be doing with your life."

"I said, 'this is my life,'" said Mills. ♦



A volunteer lector at the March 9, 2016 Mass at Daviess County Correctional Center, celebrated by Fr. Ray Clark. Patsy Hartz, June Bell, Gene Lyon, Jacquie Miles and Ethel Watrous — jail ministry volunteers — attended the Mass that day too. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, The Western Kentucky Catholic.

Get Involved

To get involved or learn more about jail and prison ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro, contact Richard Murphy, director of the diocese Office of Social Concerns, at (270) 683-1545 or email richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

St. Gerard Life Home

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If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis or unplanned pregnancy, call us at 270-852-8328 or toll-free at 1-877-803-5064.

'The weather was cold but the heart was warm'

Fr. Carmelo attends Mass, sends letter to Pope Francis

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Sebree, had to privilege of attending part of Pope Francis' visit to Mexico back in February 2016.

"I spent eight days in Chiapas," said Fr. Carmelo, explaining that he had participated in the Feb. 15 Mass with the indigenous community of Chiapas, held in the town of San Cristóbal de Las Casas.

Fr. Carmelo had seen a glimpse of Pope Francis once before, while attending the canonization of St. John Paul II in Rome in 2014. He said that the Mass in San Cristóbal de Las Casas drew around 150,000 people, despite the cold weather.

"It was no comparison to (Kentucky winters), but it was very cold," he said.

"The weather was cold but the heart was warm," Fr. Carmelo said of the experience. He said that people started showing up for Mass at 3:30 a.m., and excitedly spent the hours leading to the 10:15 Mass in prayer, song and dancing. Fr. Carmelo arrived at 4 a.m., and was "very far from the entrance" because of the crowd already there.

He said the Mass was beautiful, with "hymns in different indigenous dialects." The Mass was primarily in Spanish, but Fr. Carmelo said three parts of the liturgy were done in different indigenous dialects: the penitential rite, a dancing ceremony performed by indigenous Catholics after the consecration, and a prayer said by a priest after communion in his own dialect.

Though Fr. Carmelo was originally very far from

the pope, he said the bishop of the Diocese of San Cristóbal de Las Casas asked security to open the gates for the priests in order to be closer to the altar.

Fr. Carmelo said that almost 95 percent of people in that region are of the indigenous community, who has had many hardships over the years. "The presence of the pope in their midst of them encouraged their life and their hope," he said.

Fr. Carmelo recalled another very special memory from his trip.

"Before I left Sebree, a lot of people knew that I was going, and said 'Father, say hello to the pope!'" he said. Though he knew it was impossible to say hello to Pope Francis personally, he wanted to do something to help both his Hispanic and Anglo parishioners feel connected to the Holy Father.

He called Auxiliary Bishop José Luis Mendoza Corzo of the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, who he had known in the seminary, and who he knew would be accompanying Pope Francis during his helicopter trip from Tuxtla Gutiérrez to San Cristóbal de Las Casas.

Fr. Carmelo had said, "Bishop, can you give a letter to the pope?" and the bishop had said "Sure."

So Fr. Carmelo wrote a letter to Pope Francis.

He wrote of the opportunity to come from his home diocese in Mexico to serve in Kentucky; he told the pope that his parish said hello; he wrote of the Hispanic ministers in western Kentucky; he

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"Dear brothers and sisters, I have thought about how the Church can make clear its mission of being a witness of mercy."

"It's a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion. For this reason I have decided to declare an Extraordinary Jubilee that has the mercy of God at its center. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy."

-Pope Francis

Divine Mercy Agenda

- 1:30 "The Mercy Desire"
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 "The Mercy Elevator"
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 "The Mercy Springs"

Fr. Richard Cash, Speaker
Reconciliation Available

wrote of his gratitude for Bishop Medley's support for Hispanic ministry in the diocese.

He also wrote of the struggles of immigrant communities. "I asked the pope, 'please pray for immigrants, not just the Hispanics, but those from all countries,'" he said.

Bishop Mendoza told Fr. Carmelo that he had a chance to give the letter to the pope while in the helicopter. He said that the pope read the letter, then handed it to his priest secretary and was quiet for a time.

"The bishop said he was praying," said Fr. Carmelo. ♦

Two suicide prevention speakers coming in April

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Wednesday, April 13, and Thursday, April 14, two speakers will come to western Kentucky to speak on the correct approach to mental health, suicide prevention and bereavement support.

Kevin Hines, author of "Cracked, Not Broken," will speak at the Owensboro Health Regional Hospital Auditorium on April 13 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Hines is one of the thousands of people who have tried to kill themselves by leaping off of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. He is one of the merely 34 who survived the jump, and has now dedicated his life to mental health advocacy.

Dr. Sally Spencer-Thomas, a clinical psychologist

and survivor of her own brother's suicide, will speak at the Owensboro Health Regional Hospital Auditorium on April 14, beginning with check-in at 7:30 a.m. and concluding at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Spencer-Thomas' presentation, "Hope Illuminated: A Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Support," will include how to deliver a crisis response, identify risks and access quality mental health care. She will also discuss belongingness, faith communities' roles, workplaces' roles, education and training, and the role of community.

Mike Flaherty, a member of the Owensboro Re-

gional Suicide Prevention Coalition and parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes in Owensboro, said that the coalition is helping to host these events.

"One mission of the coalition is to increase awareness through education on suicide and mental health," said Flaherty, who works as the student assistance coordinator for Daviess County Public Schools.

Flaherty said that suicide is a "public health problem" and that because of the stigma surrounding suicide, "people don't know how to respond."

He said these upcoming speakers will help address the many nuances of mental health and suicide pre-

Get Help

Don't hesitate to access these resources:

- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 800-273-TALK (8255); www.SuicidePreventionLifeline.org
- **Owensboro Area Crisis Line:** 800-433-7291
- **Suicide Prevention Resource Center:** www.sprc.org
- **National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH):** www.nimh.nih.gov
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):** www.samhsa.gov
- **"The Catholic Guide to Depression"** by Dr. Aaron Kheriaty & Msgr. John Cihak



OWENSBORO REGIONAL
SUICIDE PREVENTION
COALITION, INC.

The Art of Living Mentally Well

By Kevin Hines, author of *Cracked, Not Broken*

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, from 6:30-8 p.m. (CST)

Owensboro Health Regional Hospital Auditorium

Admission is a \$5 non-perishable food donation at the door for the Help Office Food Bank. Pre-registration for this event is highly recommended due to seating capacity.

Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4-13KevinHines16>

Learn more at www.orspc.org

vention, including the important role of faith leaders, like pastors.

“They’re in a great position to be helpful,” said Flaherty.

Fr. Jason McClure, who works in the McRaith Catholic Center as vicar for clergy and vocations director, agreed.

“An important goal of the Church is the consistent message that every human life is intrinsically valuable,” said Fr. McClure, explaining that when a person survives a loved one’s suicide, “it rocks the ground you stand on.”

He referenced the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which explains that suicide is a contradiction against love of God, self and neighbor, but that moral culpability may vary based on the person’s mental status: “Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering or torture

can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide” (CCC 2282).

Fr. McClure emphasized that every person’s life is valuable and has worth, regardless of mental state.

“Every time we look at a crucifix, we should be able to say ‘that’s how much we are worth,’” he said.

More information about Hines’ and Dr. Spencer-Thomas’ events can be found in the two ads accompanying this article. ♦



Learn More

To learn more about the Owensboro Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition, visit orspc.org, call 270-684-9466, or write to ORSPC, Inc., 2400 Friendship Drive, Suite B, Owensboro, KY, 42303.

hope Illuminated: A Comprehensive Approach

to Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Support

By Dr. Sally Spencer-Thomas

- Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital Auditorium
- Check-in is 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.; presentation is 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Noon-1 p.m. is free for lunch on your own.
- Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4-14Hopelluminated16>
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Rebuilding After Divorce

Friday, April 22, 2016

6:30-8:30 PM

Sts. Joseph & Paul
Parish Hall

609 E. 4th Street, Owensboro

Rose Sweet, nationally recognized author and presenter, will host an evening on divorce, declarations of invalidity (annulments), and remarriage. She will dispel some myths surrounding divorce and the Catholic Church and provide an opportunity for Q/A.

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Archives Corner

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Take a walk down memory lane to days gone by in the Diocese of Owensboro! To learn more about the Archives Office and how they can help you find historical information about the Diocese of Owensboro, contact our archivist Heidi Taylor-Caudill at Heidi.caudill@pastoral.org or call (270) 683-1545 and ask for Archives.



In this photo from the late 1950s, members of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade (CSMC) perform in a pageant depicting the early history of Catholicism in Kentucky.



Workers rest on the church steps while taking a break from shoveling coal in this undated photo at St. Lawrence Church in Philpot, Kentucky.

A 'co-journeyer:' Holy Name youth minister completes spiritual direction training

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Spiritual direction isn't counseling, nor is it the experience that one has in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, says Charlie Hardesty, the youth minister at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson.

Rather, "people meet with someone trained to work on aspects of their spiritual life," said Hardesty. "A co-journeyer."

Hardesty, who recently completed his spiritual direction certificate through St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in southern Indiana, explained that this new program requires three years and 18 graduate-level credit hours.

In addition to being a full-time employee at Holy Name, it was a hefty time commitment, but Hardesty said it was worth it.

Hardesty considered becoming certified in spiritual direction after attending a parish catechetical leaders meeting several years ago.

"You can't give what you don't have," said Hardesty, explaining that formal training in spiritual direction would be an asset to his work in youth ministry, and to the diocese overall.

Having just finished his master's degree in theology from St. Meinrad, Hardesty qualified to apply for the school's first-ever spiritual direction certification.

Hardesty applied for, and received, a grant through the Disciples Response Fund – the Diocese

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 diocesan web site (www.rcdok.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), 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-Chair), and Ms. 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.

of Owensboro's annual financial appeal to fund-raise for programs and events throughout the diocese.

Thanks to the DRE, Hardesty's certification costs were funded between Holy Name and the grant.

Hardesty is hoping primarily to better serve the youth of his community, and also to serve as a resource for those seeking spiritual direction.

If he can't serve as spiritual director for a person, Hardesty said he is more than willing to point them in the direction of another who can. ♦

Train to be a spiritual director

St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana currently offers a spiritual direction certificate that can be earned over three years by lay men and women, vowed religious, deacons and priests. To learn more, contact apply@saintmeinrad.edu.

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph currently offer a two-year spiritual direction training program for those who feel called to this ministry. To learn more, contact Sheila Blandford at (270) 229-4103, ext. 804, or email sheila.blandford@maplemount.org.

Crosses at St. Pius X built, repaired by building and grounds committee

With the help of Hayden Construction, Steve Hayden and crew brought in equipment that allowed the removal and replacing of the larger cross on the front of St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro. Assisting in this effort were the St. Pius X building and grounds committee. The cross was transported to Castlen Welding Shop to help reinforce some structural concerns, and from there it went to Estes Painting where it was left in the capable hands of Arlin Embry, owner, who took over the duties of sandblasting, priming and painting.

In addition to revitalizing the church cross, the building and grounds committee, along with the help of Bob Carper who donated wood and the use of his shop, built more than 200 crosses to the parish. The crosses were painted white and placed in front of the church, representing the killing of unborn children through abortion.

St. Pius X Parish thanks all involved in restoring the cross and for bringing greater awareness of abortion. ♦



The golden cross, now repaired, is replaced at the front of the Owensboro church. Photos courtesy of Tom Rhodes.



These white crosses symbolize the unborn lives lost through abortion, and are now displayed on the lawn at St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro. Photos courtesy of Tom Rhodes.



Events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

To register for sponsored events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

First Tuesday of each month
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

The \$20 fee includes dinner.

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

April 5 – Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU *Chile: An Ursuline Adventure*

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph have ministered in Chile for 50 years. This ministry continues today at Casa Ursulina in the city of Chillán. This program will recognize the early Ursuline pioneers in Chile and introduce you to the lively, fruitful ministry at Casa Ursulina, which celebrates its 19th anniversary in 2016.

May 3 – Sister Vivian Bowles, OSU *Mind Management*

This session stresses self-management for growth and accomplishment. Once we have a clear positive self-image, we can strengthen our inner resources and mental attitudes. We will learn basic affirmations that instill self-acceptance, pleasant personalities, spiritual growth, handling and communication of emotions,

healthier thinking, and motivation. These attributes and skills will further develop self-acceptance that will curtail negative mental games that we tend to play with ourselves and others.

June 7 – Sister Ann McGrew, OSU *The Choice to Say "Yes;" The Choice to Say "No"*

"Indeed, the big decisions in life are hardly ever clear -- except for one. And that one is piercingly clear: life is a series of dilemmas, of options, of conundrums, of possibilities taken and not taken. Negotiating these moments well is the essence of the life well lived." (Quote by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB)

July 5 – Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU *Blueprint for Life: Beatitudes*

This presentation is based on the Gospel of Saint Matthew 5:3-10.

Aug. 2 – Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU *The Gift of Forgiveness*

The ability to love and to forgive is above all something that God does in us. In this program we will contemplate the astonishing gift of God's forgiveness . . . and how forgiveness can be a gift that we give to one another and, beyond that, to ourselves.

Organ Concert

Sunday, April 3 at 2 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount

James Wells, director of music at St. Stephen Cathedral, will be playing an organ concert. The public is invited.

Mount Saint Joseph Quilt Club

Sign up by May 5 to get your name into the 2015-16 Quilt of the Month Club drawings. The drawings take place the first Friday of each month. For a \$20 ticket, you can still get five chances to win a handmade quilt. To order your ticket(s), contact Kris Mango at 270-229-2009 or kris.mango@maplemount.org.

Book Study: A Father Who Keeps His Promises

Written by Scott Hahn, it focuses on God's covenant love in scripture.



Second Thursday
of each month*
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 14 • May 12 • June 9 • Aug. 11
• Sept. 8 • Oct. 13 • Nov. 10 • Dec. 8
Feel free to attend any and all sessions.

Director: Sister Ann McGrew, OSU
\$10 per class (includes lunch)

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
www.ursulinesmsj.org



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*Except July

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Eucharistic Adoration

Second Sunday of each month

April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug.

14, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 (Note: There is no Adoration on Sept. 11 – Picnic Day)

3 p.m.-5 p.m. The time has been extended to two hours during the Year of Mercy.

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel

Adoration will conclude with evening prayer. Adoration also takes place every Friday from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Junior College Reunion

All students and faculty of Mount Saint Joseph Academy or Junior College are invited back for Alumnae Weekend on May 14-15 at Maple Mount. The event begins at noon on Saturday and includes a memory room, hospitality center, supper and evening prayer. Registration is from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday and from 7:30-9 a.m. on Sunday in the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Sunday features breakfast with the Ursuline Sisters, an alumnae association meeting with election of officers, class photos, Mass at 11 a.m. and an awards banquet at 12:30 p.m. where anniversary classes and Maple Leaf Award winners will be recognized. To register, contact Marian Bennett at 270-229-2006 or alumnae.ms@maplemount.org. A registration form can be found at www.ursulinesmsj.org (click on Alumnae, then Alumnae Weekend). Accommodations are available for a fee. The cost of the catered awards banquet is \$25.

Associates and Sisters Day

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Mount Saint Joseph Conference & Retreat Center

This is the annual day when all Ursuline Associates and Sisters gather at Mount Saint Joseph to listen to inspiring speakers, welcome new associates, renew associate commitments, attend Mass and enjoy lunch and socializing. For more information, visit ursulinesmsj.org, call 270-229-2006 or email associates.ms@maplemount.org. Registration forms will be mailed to associates and will be available online in the near future.



Summer Retreats for Women Religious...

Cultivating A Heart of Contentment July 17-22, 2016

Led by Father Jack Conley, CP

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

The conference retreat offers a kind of "spirituality for tough times" in light of Pope Francis' invitation to ponder God's tremendous mercy. Reflecting on the insights of contemporary spiritual writers, we will attempt to respond to the disillusionment that pervades so much of our lives of faith now. Through a mixture of conferences, music, poetry, contemporary film segments and quiet ... we will ponder our gifts of abundance, our longing for the Holy, for mystery, for intimacy. **Directed retreatants** will meet each day with a spiritual guide and spend quiet time with God.

The retreats begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The cost to attend is \$450 or \$275 for commuters. Please join us.

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

kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

Find a brochure at ursulinesmsj.org under Conference & Retreat Center



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MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

APRIL

- 4-8 **Spiritual Direction Training (Week 3)**
- 5 **Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: Chile - Ursuline Adventure**
- 9-10 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 14 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 15-17 Glory Conference Women's Retreat
- 19-21 Chix With Stix
- 22-24 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 29-1 Gennesaret Weekend Retreat

MAY

- 3 **Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: Mind Management**
- 6-8 Christian Women's Retreat

- 11 Owensboro Catholic 6th grade Prayer Day
- 12 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 14-15 MSJ Academy/Junior College Reunion
- 21-22 Marriage Team Formation
- 27-29 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 27-29 Journaling Ladies

JUNE

- 3-5 **Yarn Spinners Weekend**
- 7 **Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: Choice to say Yes or No**
- 9 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 11 Associates and Sisters Day
- 23-24 Brescia University Cabinet Workshop
- 24-26 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 26-1 Christian Leadership Institute



Center-sponsored programs are **BOLD**. Please call to register.
We are located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56.
To register or schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty. 270-229-0206
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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2016 BULLETIN BOARD



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info@womenofthechurch.org

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■ **First diocesan Gennesaret Retreat to be held this spring**

The three-day Gennesaret Retreat is designed for persons with chronic or life-threatening medical conditions. The weekend retreat includes time for rest, prayerful reflection, daily conferences, Eucharist and the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The retreat staff includes experienced nurses and team members who will provide for the special needs of all retreatants. The Gennesaret Retreat will be held at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center in Maple Mount, Ky. on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2016. For more information, call Tom Payne at (270) 929-8544 or Amy Payne at (270) 316-0403.

■ **Register today for Gasper River!**

Registration Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp has begun and spots fill up quickly! Please visit our website, gasperriverretreatcenter.org to register online or to download forms and mail them in and for additional information on all camps this summer. We will have over 700 campers this summer, so get those forms in as quickly as you can so you don't miss out. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (270) 781-2466.

■ **Passionist nuns request translating assistance**

The Passionist Nuns of Whitesville need the volunteer help of someone fluent in Italian who has the time to do some translating for them. Interested? Email Mother Catherine Marie at nunsp@passionistnuns.org.

■ **Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award nominations now being accepted**

The diocesan Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry are asking for nominations for the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award. The recipient will be announced at the Appreciation Dinner for Catechetical and Youth Ministers on May 16 at the Fr. John Vaughan Center in Owensboro, Kentucky. Nominees should be (or have been) professional ministers working for a minimum of five years in the Diocese of Owensboro in the field of catechetics. Contact elaine.robertson@pastoral.org for

nomination forms or to learn more. All nominations should be mailed to the Religious Education Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301 or emailed to elaine.robertson@pastoral.org by April 29.

■ **Alzheimer's Association Educational Programs**

Registration is required for all programs; call 1-800-272-3900 to register.

- Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body (1-2 p.m.); Effective Communication Strategies (4-6 p.m.): both April 7. \$5 donation suggested. Designed for family caregivers, please no professionals (this program only). Both programs held at McCracken County Senior Center, 1400 H C Mathis Drive, Paducah.
- Effective Communication Strategies Workshop: April 19 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Guest speakers will include a speech pathologist and a music therapist. Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Doctor's Pavilion Lower Level, Cotthoff Learning Center, 320 W. 18th Street, Hopkinsville. Lunch will be provided by Jennie Stuart Medical Center
- The Basics – Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: April 26 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Healthpark, Classroom A, 1006 Ford Ave., Owensboro. \$5 donation suggested; \$15 fee for professionals.

■ **Feisty Fifties of Immaculate going to Lancaster in September**

Join the Feisty Fifties of Immaculate Parish, and Diamond Tours, as we journey northeast to Lancaster, PA, for a show trip and the Dutch country. This trip is from September 18-24, 2016. Included are 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners. We will have a guided tour of Lancaster and the Amish country. The shows are "Samson" at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre and "Crooners" at the American Music Theatre. Our lunch is aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia for our dining, dancing and sightseeing pleasure. Then off to see the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. We will visit Hershey Chocolate World on the way home. All this and more for \$647 per person, 2 in a room. Add \$200 for single occupancy. Deposit of \$75 each is due by May 18 and the balance is due by July 11.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See pictures and videos at www.GroupTrips.com/FeistyFifties or request a flyer at ben.mickey@juno.com or call Mickey at (270) 685-3015.

■ Daughters of Isabella card party/Bunco/raffle

At Our Lady of Lourdes Parish hall on Thursday, April 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$7 fee includes lunch. Bring your group for cards or join others for a fun game of Bunco! Men and women welcome! If questions contact: Sheila Thomson, regent, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Circle, Daughters of Isabella, (270) 683-2397.

■ Laudato Si' class at Immaculate

Immaculate Parish, Owensboro, will offer a six-week class on Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home). Participants should purchase a copy of the encyclical or download it from the Vatican website at www.vatican.va. Sessions will be held Mondays at 10 a.m. or s at 6:30 p.m. The classes are free. They will begin Monday, April 11 and run through May 16. For more information, contact director of Faith Formation, Diane Willis dwillis@immaculateparish.org.

■ Brescia University to host day of enrichment: Spirituality for Seniors

Spirituality is a lifelong journey, and is experienced differently at each stage of life. Brescia University is pleased to offer a Day of Enrichment that will focus on spirituality and aging. On April 22 from 10 – 3 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Brescia University will host guest speakers focused on topics including Mercy, Centering Prayer and the Spirituality of Aging. There will also be the opportunity for reflection and reconciliation. Lunch will also be included. Seating is limited, so advance reservations are required by April 15. A registration fee of \$10 can be paid in advance or at the door. Please dress comfortably, as light stretching will be incorporated into the program. For more information or to register, please visit brescia.edu/enrichment or contact Alexxis Ross-Logan at 270.686.2101 or alexxis.ross-logan@brescia.edu.

■ Office of Black Catholic Ministry announcements

- Save the Date: The annual Black Catholic gathering on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Christ the King Hall from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Join Bishop

Medley and Black Catholics in the diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship, fun and information on the upcoming regional and national conferences. Volunteers are needed to assist the Black Catholic Commission with this event. Afrocentric clothing, Bibles and items of interest will be available. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend, family member or neighbor. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. There is no charge for this event. Please call the Office of Black Catholic Ministry to volunteer and/or to register: (270) 683-1545.

- Save the Date: Interregional African American Catholic Evangelization Conference (IAACEC) will be held at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY, June 9-12, 2016. Cost for registration and room is \$2000 per person, shared room. Contact

the Office of Black Catholic Ministry to reserve a space. Transportation may be arranged for Union County, Henderson and Owensboro if we have enough participants. This will be determined at the Owensboro diocesan gathering on April 30.

Considering Adoption?

Catholic Charities of Owensboro serves pregnant women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and couples who wish to adopt. To learn more, call 270-852-8328 or visit KyCaringConnection.org.

2016 Summer Camp Schedule at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center

Registration is now open! To register or to learn more, visit gasperriverretreatcenter.org, call (270) 781-2466 or email gasperriver@hotmail.com.

March 4th to 6th

Staff Interview Weekend

May 20th to May 27th

Staff Training

May 30th to June 3rd

Eucharistic Life Camp

Age 18 and over

June 5th to June 10th

Expedition I – 5th & 6th Grade

Quest I – 7th & 8th Grade

June 12th to June 17th

Explorer I – 3rd & 4th Grade

Camp LIFE I – High School

June 19th to June 24th

Expedition II – 5th & 6th Grade

Quest II – 7th & 8th Grade

June 26th to July 1st

Camp LIFE II – High School

Made For More Camp

High School Men

July 3rd to July 8th

Camp LIFE III (large camp)

High School

July 10th to July 15th

Explorer II – 3rd & 4th Grade

Expedition III – 5th & 6th Grade

July 17th to July 22nd

Quest III (large camp)

7th & 8th Grade

July 24th to July 29th

Expedition IV – 5th & 6th Grade

Quest IV – 7th & 8th Grade

July 31st to Aug. 5th

Explorer III – 3rd & 4th Grade

Camp Lolek – High School

Emphasis on Theology of the Body; "Put out into the Deep!"

Dec. 29th to Jan. 1st

Christmas/New Year's Camp

8th Grade & High School

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grant Information

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor. Each year in November, the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky participates in the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. From that collection, a percentage of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding. To apply, please send a brief narrative of your organization, budgeting information, how your organization would meet the CCHD criteria of systemic change, what community organizations your group receives support from, and whether your organization's policy-making board has one-third low-income members (if your board does not contain one-third of its members who are low-income also include an explanation of why this is not so). Applications for grant funding must be received by **May 20, 2016** so that grants can be awarded on or before **June 20, 2016**. The grant is a non-renewable and must be applied for each year. Three years is the total number of years any one group can receive this grant. Each year several grants are awarded averaging between \$800-\$1200 each. The grant application is a little shorter and a little more simplified to complete this year.

Criteria:

1. The applicant's project must be within the thirty-two counties which comprise the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro. These counties include: Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Ballard, McCracken, Carlisle, Calloway, Marshall, Trigg, Lyon, Livingston, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenburg, Todd, Logan, Simpson, Allen, Warren, Butler, Edmonson, Grayson, Ohio, Breckinridge, Hancock, Daviess, McLean, Henderson, Union, Webster, and Crittenden.
2. The applicant project's policy making board must be at least one-third low-income. If this is not the case, the applicant must explain why the board does not have setting low-income board members. (Low-income board members do not include those considered voluntarily poor such as clergy, religious sisters, students, VISTA volunteers, etc.)
3. The applicant project's efforts must seek to benefit a poverty group.
4. The applicant project must seek to create institutional or systemic change by changing the structures that keep people poor and powerless.
5. CCHD will consider favorably only those projects which demonstrate respect for the dignity of the human person. CCHD will not consider projects or organizations which promote or support abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, or any other affront to human life and dignity.
6. The activity for which funding is requested must be consistent with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
7. Projects should generate cooperation and solidarity among and within di-

verse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.

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

For more information or to apply, contact Richard Murphy, director of the Office of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Owensboro, at (270) 683-1545 or richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

Tri-Parish Old Fashioned Picnic

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Grayson Springs

St. Anthony
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St. Benedict
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Saturday July 2nd 2016

Midway Opens at 2pm until 10pm

Raffle Prizes

1st Prize \$2000 – 2nd Prize \$500

3rd Prize \$250 – 4th Prize \$150 – 5th Prize \$100

Adult Booths, Children Games, Bingo, Silent Auction, Pull Tabs, Live Music (Bluegrass & Country) Showdown Poker, Corn Hole Competition, Homemade Ice Cream, Hot Dogs & Drinks

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Fried Chicken, Pull Pork and all the Fixin's

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Serving at 4pm till 8pm

1256 St. Anthony Church Rd, Clarkson, Kentucky 42716
270-242-4791 or e-mail: stanthony1256@windstream.net

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2016 Parish Picnic Schedule for the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's Note: Don't forget to attend the International Bar-B-Q Festival in downtown Owensboro on May 13 and 14, 2016! A number of our parish cooking teams will be represented there. We hope to see you!

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| <p>May 22
St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Serving at 11 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>June 4
Precious Blood, Owensboro
Booths open at 3 p.m.; Serving at 4 p.m.
St. Joseph, Leitchfield
Serving at 3 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>June 11
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Serving from 4-9 p.m.
St. Pius X, Owensboro
Serving at 4 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>June 18
St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
Serving at 3 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Serving at 3 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>June 25
St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly
Serving at 5 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>July 2
St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
Games begin at 3 p.m.; serving at 4 p.m.
St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel
Serving at 3 p.m.
St. Denis, Fancy Farm
Serving at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>July 9
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Serving at noon
St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
Booths open at 3 p.m.; serving at 4 p.m.</p> | <p>July 16
St. Charles, Bardwell
Begins 10 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; supper 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; raffle drawing 9 p.m.
St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
Serving at 4 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>July 23
St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
Serving at 4 p.m.
Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Serving at 4 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>July 30
St. Paul, Leitchfield
Serving at 3 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Aug. 2
St. Martin, Rome
Drive-through picnic 5 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Aug. 6
St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Serving at 11 a.m.
Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Serving from noon-4 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Aug. 20
Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Serving at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time</p> <hr/> <p>Aug. 21
St. Pius X, Calvert City
Serving at 3 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Aug. 28
Rosary Chapel, Paducah
Serving at noon</p> | <p>Sept. 9-10
Holy Name of Jesus Fall Festival, Henderson
Friday 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Sept. 10
St. Agnes, Uniontown
Serving at 4:45 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Serving at 11 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Sept. 11
Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Booths open at 10:30 a.m.; serving at 11:30 a.m.; picnic ends and raffle drawn at 3 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Sept. 17
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Serving from noon-5 p.m.
Christ the King, Madisonville
Serving from 4-8 p.m.
St. Columba, Lewisport
Serving at 4 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Sept. 18
SS. William and Lawrence, Philpot
Serving at 11 a.m.; St. Lawrence picnic grounds
St. Leo, Murray
Serving at noon</p> <hr/> <p>Sept. 24
St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Honeyfest Chicken Dinner, silent auction and raffle
Immaculate, Owensboro
Raffle and barbecue cookout 2-4 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Sept. 25
St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Serving at 11 a.m.</p> |
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April Wedding Anniversaries

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Thomas & Shirley Coomes, 57
Patricia & Bobby Rafferty, 53
Louis & Mary Aull, 55
Ward & Mildred Pedley, 61
Randy & Diane Goetz, 25
John & Mary Hayden, 25
Dennis & Thelma Clark, 64
Carlos & Marilyn Kassinger, 40
Albert & Joan Hofmann, 57
Carl & Mildred Spurrier, 63
Paul & Joyce Christian, 67
Kenneth & Elaine Williams, 53

Christ the King, Madisonville

Scott & Jenifer Miller, 10
William & Rebecca Markham, 50
Victor & Samantha Payne, 10

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Rusty & Candice Justice, 5
Albert & Nadine Schwallier, 64
Joseph & Mary Shelman, 40
Clark & Jennifer Walters, 25

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

John & Constance Barbalas, 61
James & Helen Bailey, 60
Cecil & Cacilda Phelps, 56
Everett & Mary Leasor, 50
Paul & Lynda Gibson, 40
Dylan & Dawn Burgess, 10
Alejandro & Irasema Sadurni, 10
Carlos & Sara Roda, 5

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Bob & Beverly Steckler, 63

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Kasey & Rachael Emmick, 10
Clayton & Gloria Gray, 54
Kenneth & Jeanie Hanks, 61

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Jason & Jennifer Key, 5
Scott & Bambi McCarty, 10
Rick & Sharon Early, 25
Robert & Constance McCarthy, 25
Gordon & Rose Cobb, 54
Brad L. & Beverly Hamilton, 56

Ken & Dorothy Raley, 59
Ralph & Judy Thomas, 57
Charles & Anna Ruth Thompson, 60
Maurice & Shirley Wink, 57

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Ricky & Carla Hagan, 25
Frank & Barbara Crump, 61
James D. & Rachel L. Mahoney, 55
Charles A. & Mary Lois Payne, 55
Rex D. & Margaret Robinson, 52
Edward B. & Agnes Stallings, 53
Robert L. & Mary Vollman, 63
Donald E. Mary J. Weaver, 52

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Dean & Melanie Ewing, 25
Eugene & Carol Thompson, 40

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Norbeto & Ashley Fernandez, 5

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Richard & Nancy Mayes, 58
Thomas & Sue Mary Wedding, 59

St. Agnes, Uniontown

James & Gladys Austin, 71
William & Nadine Hargrove, 67
Benny & Rita French, 62

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Chris & Jessica McCarthy, 5
J. T. & Angela O'Bryan, 66
Donald & Ginny Peters, 53

St. Ann, Morganfield

Richard C. & Becky Nalley, 40
Ronald & Ellen Mattingly, 50

St. Anthony, Axtel

Pat & Wilma Lenhart, 52
Carl & Joyce Eskridge, 53

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Tom & Kathy Zaleski, 60

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Walton & Patricia Driskill, 56
Paul & Jessie Frey, 53
Robert & Lois Tashjian, 60

St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

Rickey & Amanda Taylor, 5

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Garry & Trencia Skaggs, 49
Travis & Stephanie Skaggs, 10

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Jim & Linda Prevallet, 5
Daniel & Amanda Mejia, 5
James J. & Velda Carbonel, 52
Leonard & Norma Neihoff, 53
William & Judith Neihoff, 53
James A. & Lila Hayden, 56
Joe & Carol Anne Mikez, 61

St. Henry, Aurora

Jack & Dodee Sergeant, 65
John & Carol York, 51

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Darren & Lacy Hobbs, 5
Phillip & Evie Elder, 40
Algene & Mary Vernon Goatley, 57
Robert & Patricia Langston, 52

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Donald & Jane Goodman, 25
Marcus & Brenda Smith, 30

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Michael & Cheryl Thweatt, 25
Matt & Christine Durbin, 10

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Murrell & Jackie Richardson, 57

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Tony & Lindsay Luciano, 50
Joe & Anne Mikez, 61
Joe & Evelyn Jolley, 52

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Martin L. & Rhonda Carrico, 5
James E. & Phoebe Huff, 25
Victor & Lois Johnson, 61
Tony & Mary Helen Rhoades, 55

St. Leo, Murray

Andy & Cindy Rachoy, 10
Israel & Celesty Tabigue, 10
Steve & Linda Hayden, 25
Richard & Mary Lou Salvador, 25
Douglas & Vicky Lambert, 50
Francis & Jammie Poat, 52
Edward & Marilyn Wolf, 53

St. Mark, Eddyville

Garry & Kathy Talley, 25

St. Martin, Rome

Gary & Karen Bickett, 25
Richard & Anita Dixon, 53

St. Mary, Franklin

Dustin & Ashley Combs, 10

St. Mary, LaCenter

Jim & Mary Virginia Bumpous, 52
Bob & Mary Ann Noe, 52

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Gerald & Betty Bartley, 53

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Chris & Lyndsay Coomes, 10
Barry & Christi Midkiff, 10
Randy & Pam Howard, 40
Carlos & Patty Kassinger, 40
Ray & Patty Hamilton, 50
Justin & Minnie Clark, 52
Edgar & Amelia Evans, 63
Tommy & Joyce Higdon, 52

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Fred & Marie Welter, 52

St. Paul, Princeton

Hermon & Beth Berton, 55
William & Teresa Wurts, 40

St. Peter, Waverly

Jay & Rachel Jones, 10

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Joe E. & Jean Coomes, 67

St. Pius X, Calvert City

James & Rose Drury, 56

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Aaron & Andrea Cecil, 10
Donald & Diana Powers, 40
Bernard & Elsie Galloway, 52
Charles & Lois Hoskins, 52
Alan & Shirley Howard, 57
John & Wanda Williams, 60
James & Jeanetta Mayfield, 62

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

John & Helen O'Reilly, 57
Carl & Thelma Jarboe, 55
Charlie & Hildegard Hinton, 40
Brandon & Jessica Henderson, 10

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Kenneth & Barbara Powers, 51
John & Paula Hall, 51

Paul & Dawn Cunningham, 56
Jan & Marsha Petro, 40
Robert & Alyce Chmielewski, 53
Hugh & Connie Calhoun, 50

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Luis & Genie Amador, 5
Will & Lana Edwards, 5
Bill & Linda Adams, 51
Jim & Mary Bumpous, 52
Steve & Earline Wurth, 52

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Drew & Susan Augenstein, 25
Fred & Faye Whelan, 61
Archie & Angela Clark, Jr., 61
Anthony E. & Mary Alice Higdon, 64

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

John & Dottie McClellan, 50

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Ralph & Judy Ward, 55
Tommy & Brenda England, 54

St. William, Knottsville

Daniel Allen & Rebecca Lee Payne, 5
Kasey K. & Rachel Emmick, 10
J. Noel & Theresa Ballard, 40
David & Marilyn Fulkerson, 40
Robert & Clara Brown, 51
Paul & Theresa Crowe, 54
Jerome & Betty Hamilton, 61

SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Darrell & Lois Hood, 56
Paul & Joyce Lambert, 52
John & Clara Patton, 60
David & Mary Patton, 50
Allen & Cathy Christy, 10
Jesse & Katie Scott, 5

SS. Mary & James, Guthrie

Albert & Jo Anne Fagnoli, 53
Ed & Dorothy Kacer, 68

SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Anthony & Sandra Mueller, 68
Billy & Harriette Hancock, 61
Kenneth & Mary Dean, 57
Clifford & Carol Simpson, 55
Michael & Marilyn Stocker, 51
Hugh & Kathy Lewis, 40
Chuck & Carolyn Spurr, 5

EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA ABRIL 2016

- ABRIL 2** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa, Juventud Hispana, Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia – Louisville, KY
- ABRIL 2-4** Visita a los Seminaristas – Seminario Menor del Obispo Simón Bruté, y el Seminario Mayor de San Meinrad
- ABRIL 5** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa y Reunión del Personal del Centro Católico McRaith – MCC
- ABRIL 10** 11:00 a.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia de San Carlos, Bardwell
- ABRIL 12** 10:00 a.m. ● Conversaciones con las Hermanas Ursulinas – Monte San José, Maple Mount
- ABRIL 13** 6:30 p.m. ● Servicio de Oración para el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil – an Francisco de Sales, Paducah
- ABRIL 14** 11:00 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Academia de Maximiliano Montessori
6:30 p.m. ● Confirmación – San Guillermo/San Lorenzo @ San Guillermo, Knottsville
- ABRIL 16** 4:30 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Pio X, Calvert City
- ABRIL 17** 10:30 a.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia de San Jerónimo, Fancy Farm
- ABRIL 18** 9:45 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
- ABRIL 19** 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmación, Parroquia San Miguel el Arcángel – Oak Grove
- ABRIL 20** 8:30 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – MCC
- ABRIL 21** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Escuela de San Romualdo, Hardinsburg
6:00 p.m. ● Recepción Pre-VOCARE – Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
- ABRIL 23** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa, Taller del Ministerio a los Divorciados – Catedral de San Esteban
5:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Sagrado Corazón, Russellville
- ABRIL 24** 10:30 a.m. ● Confirmación – San Columba/Inmaculada Concepción, @ Inmaculada Concepción, Hawesville
3:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green
- ABRIL 25** 6:00 p.m. ● Teología de Barrill – Fetta Pizza
- ABRIL 26** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Escuela Preparatoria de Santa María, Paducah
10:00 a.m. ● Conversaciones con los "Seniors" – Escuela Preparatoria de Santa María
1-3:00 p.m. ● Horas de Oficina en Paducah – Hospital de Lourdes,
6:30 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia Santísima Madre, Owensboro
- ABRIL 27** 6:30 p.m. ● Confirmación – San Alfonso, Owensboro
- ABRIL 28** 8:00 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Cristo Rey, Madisonville
- ABRIL 30** 12:00 p.m. ● Encuentro de la Primavera de Católicos Negros – Cristo Rey, Madisonville
4:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi querido pueblo de Dios,

Tal vez pareciera redundante a este nivel de nuestro proceso de elección presidencial del 2016 que yo también añadiera mi voz preocupada al coro de voces asustadas por la amargura y hostilidad que ha surgido en la campaña. Pero yo sí creo que la mayoría de los norteamericanos estén alarmados por el tono de la conversación y con mucha razón. Que contraste a la voz del Papa Francisco quien en un Jubileo de la Misericordia sigue siendo testigo al mundo de un llamado a la paz, la comprensión y el respeto.

Los lectores de este artículo a lo mejor rápidamente quieren meter un nombre y suponer que estoy queriendo llamar la atención a un candidato en particular. Pero hay bastante responsabilidad para repartir por el carácter malvado y poco caritativo de la elección presidencial de este año. Aquel tono no apreció de la nada. De hecho los cínicos tal vez dirán que es un producto de un gobierno democrático donde las ideas e ideologías compiten para buscar apoyo. Cualquier estudiante de la historia de los Estados Unidos sabrá que las campañas políticas casi siempre han provocado retórica rencorosa y a veces la violencia. Después de todo, nuestra nación sufrió una guerra civil sangrienta para resolver cuestiones del carácter y el futuro de nuestra nación.

Aún en la historia reciente no sería justo llamar la atención a estos hombres y mujeres que se han presentado este año para ser candidatos a la presidencia. Ciertamente los dos partidos políticos principales asumen parte de la responsabilidad en las últimas déca-



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das porque suele aparecer que como instituciones se han invertido mucho más en avanzar su partido en vez de buscar el buen común de nuestra nación. Los medios de comunicación hoy en día me parece estar demasiado ansiosos para echar leña al fuego de la ira, y al mismo tiempo no vacilan en hacer sensacionalismo de la mínima cosa.

Parece que hemos llegado a un callejón sin salida donde cada ciudadano pareciera tener que escoger una esquina extrema partidaria y desde aquella esquina tiene que demonizar a cualquier persona que no está a su lado. Es cierto, puede ser que todos nosotros tengamos convicciones políticas, pero la historia muestra que la mayoría del tiempo la paz y el progreso de la dignidad de la persona humana vienen con discurso civilizado y una gran medida de hacer concesiones. Sin embargo la simple frase de hacer concesiones se ha convertido en una acusación que implica que no tenga principios ni integridad. Ciertamente cada persona debe tener algunos ideales y valores que no se pueden ceder. Pero en la mayoría de los asuntos se puede llegar a un punto común donde tal vez no todos reciben todo lo que querían, pero la armonía que se logra a través de algunas concesiones es mucho mejor de lo que hubiéramos perdido.

Podemos estar en desacuerdo sin llegar a ser desagradables. Esto es un dicho muy usado pero tiene

Obtener una indulgencia

El 7 de Octubre del 2015, el Obispo Medley designó que se puede obtener una indulgencia plenaria en los seis lugares de peregrinación en la Diócesis de Owensboro durante el Año de la Misericordia por los fieles quienes renuncian sus pecados, aun los veniales, y que llenan las siguientes condiciones:

- Confesarse en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación completamente durante la peregrinación o unos días antes o después de hacer la peregrinación.
- Participar en la Misa y recibir la Sagrada Comunión, de preferencia el mismo día que hace la peregrinación.
- Ofrecer un Padre Nuestro y una Ave María u otra oración por las intenciones del Santo Padre.
- Durante su peregrinación a la iglesia, asistir con devoción alguna celebración litúrgica u otro ejercicio piadosa (e.j. Via Crucis, rosario) o pasar tiempo en meditación piadosa terminando con el Padre Nuestro, El Credo de los Apóstoles o el Niceno, y oraciones a la Santísima Virgen María.

El Obispo Medley añadió, "Esta indulgencia, la cual remite todo castigo temporal por el pecado, se puede obtener una vez al día a través del Jubileo y se puede aplicar a uno mismo o a uno de los fieles difuntos."

bastante sabiduría. Cuando escuchamos a nuestros líderes soltar las palabras Demócrata o Republicano como si hubieran dicho una vulgaridad, ¿qué hemos logrado? ¿Podríamos imaginar un discurso donde la etiqueta (si es que hay que poner etiquetas) de ser un conservador o un liberal es un reconocimiento de respeto y no de desprecio? Parece que todos hemos sido llevados a este pozo negro. Sin embargo en nuestras vidas privadas conocemos y amamos y respetamos a personas con quienes podemos estar en desacuerdo. Podemos mirar más allá de las clas-

ificaciones para ver una persona buena y consciente.

El Jubileo de la Misericordia ha preparado el camino para toda la gente de buena voluntad considerar nuestra relaciones con los demás – los en nuestros hogares y familias, en nuestra comunidades, incluyendo en la comunidad mundial. En nuestra tradición Católica tenemos una enseñanza que solamente una persona puede hablar infaliblemente, o sea, sin error. Pero la Iglesia y los papas quienes disfrutaban aquella distinción la usan muy a menudo.

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Así que sigamos adelante fortaleciendo a nuestra nación y a nuestra democracia con menos gritos y más escucha. No premieemos a los más malvados entre nuestros líderes ni el menos honorable de nuestros medios de comunicación.

En conclusión ofrezco la oración para nuestra nación en sus primeros momentos por el Obispo John Carroll, el primer Obispo Católico de Baltimore, el primer Obispo Católico de los Estados Unidos.

Te rogamos ¡Oh Dios Todopoderoso y Eterno! Por quien a través de Jesucristo, ha revelado tu gloria a todas las naciones, para preservar las obras de tu misericordia, que tu Iglesia, dispersa por todo el mundo, pueda continuar con una fe inmutable en confesar tu nombre.

Te rogamos, tú que eres santo y bueno, que concedas la sabiduría celestial, celo sincero y la santidad de vida, a nuestro obispo pastor, Papa Francisco, el Vicario de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, en el gobierno de su iglesia; nuestro propio obispo, William, todos los demás obispos, prelados, y pastores de la Iglesia; y especialmente aquellos quienes son nombrados al ejercicio entre nosotros para las funciones del santo ministerio, y conducen a tu gente por los caminos de la salvación.

Te rogamos ¡Oh Dios de poder, sabiduría y justicia! en quien la autoridad se ejerce con razón, las leyes se aprueban y los juicios se decretan, que ayudes con tu Santo Espíritu de consejo y fortaleza, al Presidente de estos Estados Unidos, para que su administración pueda llevarse a cabo en justicia, y sea eminentemente útil para tu pueblo sobre el cual él gobierna; fomentando el debido respeto a la virtud y la religión; cumpliendo fielmente las leyes con justicia y misericordia, y refrenando el vicio y la inmoralidad. Que la luz de Tu sabiduría divina dirija las deliberaciones del Congreso, y brille en todos los procedimientos y las leyes que rijan nuestra convivencia y gobierno, de modo que se encaminen a la preservación de la paz, la promoción de la felicidad nacional, el au-

mento de la laboriosidad, la sobriedad y el conocimiento útil, y puedan perpetuar para nosotros la bendición de la libertad y la igualdad.

Rogamos por su excelencia, el gobernador de este estado, los miembros de la asamblea, por todos los jueces, magistrados, y otros oficiales quienes son designados en resguardar nuestro bien político, que se sientan habilitados, por Tu poderosa protección, ejecutar sus responsabilidades de sus respectivas puestos con honestidad y habilidad.

Así mismo encomendamos a Tu misericordia infinita a todos nuestros hermanos y conciudadanos en los Estados Unidos, para que seamos bendecidos en el conocimiento y santificados en la observancia de Tu ley santísima, para que seamos preservados en la unión, y en esa paz que el mundo no puede dar y, después de disfrutar de las bendiciones de esta vida, podamos ser admitidos a las bendiciones eternas.

Finalmente, te rogamos Oh Señor de la Misericor-

dia, recuerdes las almas de Tus siervos difuntos quienes se nos han adelantado con el signo de la fe y reposan ya del sueño de la paz; las almas de nuestros padres, parientes y amigos; de aquellos que, en vida, fueron miembros de esta congregación, y particularmente de aquellos que han muerto recientemente; de todos nuestros bienhechores, por su legado de donaciones a esta Iglesia, dieron testimonio de su celo por la decencia del culto divino y probaron su derecho a nuestro agradecimiento y memorial caritativa.

A estos, Oh Señor, y a todos los que descansan en Cristo, concédelos, te rogamos, un lugar refrescante, de luz y de paz duradera, a través del mismo Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor y Salvador. Amen.

+ William F. Medley

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Youth 2000 se llevó a cabo en el Centro de Convenciones en Owensboro

El 11-13 de marzo del 2016 se llevó a cabo el 19º Youth (Juventud) 2000, una conferencia anual de oración, charlas y convivencia para los jóvenes de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Este año el evento tuvo lugar en el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro y llegaron casi 600 jóvenes y líderes adultos de a través de Kentucky occidental. En esta foto, los jóvenes rezaron alrededor de una custodia con el Santísimo Sacramento durante el tiempo de la adoración en Youth 2000. Foto por Susana Solorza.



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Parroquias con Misas en Español

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 Santa Susana, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220

Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

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 Santa María y Santo Santiago, Guthrie

Sábados – 6:00 p.m.

313 3rd Street, Guthrie, KY 42234

Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

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 Julio Barrera (270) 885-8522

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 Esther Ordoñez (270) 816-0657

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

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 (www.rcdok.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.

‘El clima estaba frío pero el corazón caliente’

El P. Carmelo asiste la misa, manda carta al Papa Francisco

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El Padre José Carmelo Jiménez Salinas, párroco de la Parroquia San Miguel en Sebree, tuvo el privilegio de asistir a parte de la visita del Papa Francisco a México en Febrero del presente año.

“Pasé ocho días en Chiapas,” dice el P. Carmelo, explicando que participó en la Misa del 15 de febrero con la comunidad indígena de Chiapas, que se celebró en la ciudad de San Cristóbal de las Casas.

El P. Carmelo había antes podido vislumbrar al Papa Francisco una vez cuando asistía a la canonización de San Juan Pablo II en Roma en 2014. Dijo que la Misa en San Cristóbal de las Casas atrajo a alrededor de 150,000 personas, a pesar del frío.

“No fue nada en comparación (a los veranos en Kentucky), pero había bastante frío,” dijo.

“El clima estuvo frío pero el corazón caliente,” dijo el P. Carmelo de su experiencia.

Dijo que la gente comenzó a llegar para la misa desde las 3:30am, y emocionados pasaron las horas antes de la Misa de 10:15am en oración, cantando y danzando. El P. Carmelo llegó a las 4 a.m. y estuvo “muy lejos de la entrada” por el gentío que ya había llegado.

Dijo que la Misa fue muy bonita, con “cantos en diferentes dialectos indígenas.”

La Misa fue principalmente en español, pero el P. Carmelo dijo que había tres partes de la liturgia que hicieron en diferentes dialectos indígenas: el rito penitencial, una ceremonia de danza por indígenas católicas después de la consagración y una

oración por un sacerdote después de la comunión en su propio dialecto.

Aunque el P. Carmelo al principio estuvo muy lejos del papa, dijo que el obispo de la Diócesis de San Cristóbal de las Casas pidió a la seguridad abrir la entrada para que los sacerdotes estuvieran más cerca al altar.

El P. Carmelo contó otro recuerdo muy especial de su viaje.

“Antes de salir de Sebree, muchos se enteraron a donde iba, y decían ‘Padre, saludame al Papa!’” dijo. Aunque sabía que era imposible saludar al Papa Francisco personalmente, quiso hacer algo para ayudar a sus parroquianos hispanos y anglos sentirse conectados al Santo Padre.

Llamó al Obispo Auxiliar José Luis Mendoza Corzo de la Arquidiócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez, a quien conoce desde el seminario, y quien iba a acompañar al Papa Francisco durante su viaje por helicóptero de Tuxtla Gutiérrez a San Cristóbal de las Casas. El P. Carmelo le dijo, “Monseñor, ¿le podrías dar una carta al papa?” y el Obispo dijo, “Claro.”

Entonces el P. Carmelo escribió una carta al Papa Francisco.

Escribió sobre la oportunidad que tuvo de venir de su diócesis en México para servir en Kentucky; y le dijo que su parroquia mandó saludos; escribió sobre los ministros hispanos en Kentucky occidental; escribió sobre su gratitud por el apoyo que ha brindado el Obispo Medley al ministerio hispano en

la diócesis.

También escribió sobre la lucha de las comunidades inmigrantes.

“Le pedí al papa, ‘por favor ruega por los inmigrantes, no solamente por los hispanos, pero por todos los que vienen de otros países,’” dijo.

Monseñor Mendoza le dijo al P. Carmelo que tuvo la oportunidad de darle la carta al papa durante el viaje en el helicóptero. Dijo que el papa leyó la carta, la entregó a su sacerdote secretario y estuvo callado por un tiempo.

“El Obispo dijo que él piensa que estaba rezando,” dijo el P. Carmelo. ♦

Próximos Eventos:

- 2 de abril del 2016: El Primer Encuentro Estatal de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en Louisville. Se espera participación de las cuatro diócesis con el Arzobispo Kurtz presidiendo.
- 14 a 15 de abril del 2016: Retiro de los Ministros Hispanos en Whitesville.
- 16 de abril del 2016: Misa y Cena de Apreciación de los líderes hispanos de a través de la Diócesis en Madisonville.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: An opportunity for priests, religious and laypeople

BY FR. JASON MCCLURE, VOCATIONS DIRECTOR AND VICAR FOR CLERGY,
DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO



Fr. Jason McClure

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

The fourth Sunday of Easter, April 17, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Additionally, it has been designated a World Day of Prayer for Vocations and this year marks its 53rd anniversary.

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt. 9:38; Lk. 10:2). Although the Church promotes and encourages all vocations, on this day it concentrates its attention on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), and to consecrated life.

In his Day of Prayer for Vocations message to the Church, Pope Francis urges all the faithful to assume responsibility for the care and discernment of vocations. The promotion and encouragement of vocations, particularly to the priesthood, is something that we all should take very seriously. Without priests, there would be no Eucharist, no healing power of God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, no Anointing of the Sick, or other sacramental and pastoral ministry of the ordained priesthood.

What a tragedy, if your children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren, were deprived the same ac-

cess to these sacraments that most of now enjoy, simply because there are no priests.

God does the calling but it is up to the Church to help amplify that call by praying for and encouraging young men to courageously consider a vocation to priesthood. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are encouraging you to accept the Holy Father’s invitation. Look for opportunities for praying for vocations provided by your parish or school. Consider making special time for prayer as a family at home. Pray a rosary or offer a holy hour for vocations. Offer special prayers for our seminarians and for your parish priest. Let this World Day of Prayer be the beginning of your ongoing commitment to pray for and encourage vocations.

Finally, our Holy Father reminds priests of their role in promoting and encouraging vocations: “Among those involved in pastoral activity, priests are especially important. In their ministry, they fulfill the words of Jesus, who said: ‘I am the gate of the sheepfold [...] I am the good shepherd’ (Jn.

Children’s Prayer to Know My Vocation


God, my Father,
You created me with
a specific purpose
for my life; this is my vocation.

By following Your plan,
I will be happy on Earth,
earn the reward of Heaven,
and help others do the same.

Please help me to hear,
understand, and follow
Your call with my whole heart,
especially when it seems
most difficult.

Mary, Mother of God
and my Mother,
pray for me to know and accept
God’s will for my life.
Amen.

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10: 7, 11). The pastoral care of vocations is a fundamental part of their ministry.”

So I would like to invite my brother priests to join in this universal effort to pray for vocations and to make the promotion and encouragement of vocations part of your pastoral work. We are grateful for your prayers!

Praying for vocations makes a real difference and it is something everyone can do. Let us take comfort in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who hears his sheep, responds with loving care, and gives us eternal life. ♦

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Hurting from abortion? Know someone who is?

Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing weekend retreats for women and men suffering from the effects of abortion. The next retreat is **May 13-15, 2016, at Bethany House in Dickson, TN**. For more information, contact Jennifer at 931-242-5506 or Debbie at 270-570-4717 or debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com

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SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 23, 2016
Owensboro Convention Center

COCKTAIL HOUR

5:00 p.m.

DINNER

6:00 p.m.

EVENTS

7:00 p.m.



‘Angela, A Woman for All Times’ discussed at the Mount

Ursuline Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU, said St. Angela Merici's message in 16th century Italy is still relevant to us today, as she presented “Angela, A Woman for All Times” at the March 1, 2016, “Evening with an Ursuline” dinner and presentation. St. Angela was the founder of the Ursuline Sisters in Brescia, Italy. The presentation occurred in Conference Room D of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. ♦



In her March 1 presentation, Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU, tells the participants that St. Angela was a woman of prayer, who asked God to “light up the darkness of my heart.” Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

Catholic schools: Witnesses of our faith

BY ANN FLAHERTY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

What a great joy it is to attend Catholic school Masses at each of our diocesan Catholic schools!

It is a blessing for which I am deeply grateful! While immersed in the Mass with our Catholic school students serving as lectors, choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers, and readers of prayer intentions, hope for our beloved Catholic Church washes over me. As the Mass unfolds, the young faces, the parents and grandparents present that fill each of the churches connected to the Catholic schools brings to mind the past, present and future of our Catholic Church. The deep sense of prayer and faith witnessed in so many ways is incredible.

While attending one of the opening Catholic school Masses this year, I watched as the third grade practiced singing before Mass. At the close of their choir practice, their teacher stepped in front of them and led them in a beautiful prayer that came from her heart which follows:

Dear Jesus,

You give us so many gifts in our lives, and we are so blessed! Today we come here to celebrate our opening school Mass for this year! We want to give you the gift of our parts at Mass. We thank you for this time together to pray and celebrate all that you give us each day. Help us to always follow you!

If we get nervous, please help us to focus on you rather than ourselves. We ask you to help us to do our best with our readings, with our songs, with our petitions, and with our parts at this Lit-

urgy. Help us to recognize you in the Scripture readings, your message of the Good News. Help us to recognize you in the breaking of the bread, the Eucharist. Be with us, and know that we are grateful for the many blessings you give us each day.

We give you our hearts full of love! And together we pray: Hail Mary...

(Nelda Flahardy)

Observing the trusting, innocent faces of the children as they were led in prayer by their teacher sharing her deep faith was a grace-filled moment. Here was the faith of children that Jesus asked us to adopt.

“Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it” (Mark 10: 14-15).

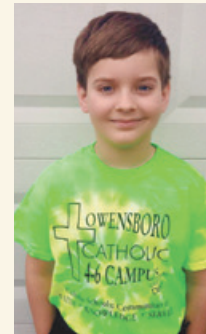
Their witness offered a powerful picture of pure faith to all those present.

As long as I have worked for the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Owensboro, I have had the great gift of being surrounded by deeply faith filled teachers just like this one.

The faith lives of our faculty and staff serve as a great witness to all those lives they touch. Nowhere in today’s society can an institution that runs counter to today’s culture be found like our Catholic schools. Our faculty and staff live countercultural lives, accepting pay much less than their brothers and sisters in other schools.

They work in older buildings with fewer resour-

Fourth-grader wins OCS t-shirt design contest



Fourth-grader Daniel Gray (and family) won the Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus t-shirt design contest for the year. The contest is open to grades 4-6 and the winning design is chosen by the students and faculty.

Daniel’s winning design (seen above) will be worn by 4-6 students on Wednesdays. Here, Daniel Gray wears the winning t-shirt he designed. Photo courtesy of the Gray family.

es yet still go the extra mile to meet the individual needs of each child they encounter in all areas: spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical.

Most importantly, they work hard to pattern their lives inside and outside the school building on Jesus Christ.

How does this happen, that people operating with much less are able to provide so much more? How is it that faith lives are developed and deepened, test scores and on to college rates are higher, competitions in extra-curricular and athletic events are won despite the small size of our schools?

I believe our faculty and staff comprise the Body of Christ.

Through their faithful focus on Jesus Christ and their courageous witness of “walking the talk,” God works through them touching the hearts and souls of each student and family they encounter.

The relationships built in a faith-based school are strong. Those bonds create a tight-knit family. The members of that “family” are willing to lay down their lives much like what they see faculty and staff doing day in and day out.

That unselfish gift of doing all that each student can possibly do in each situation they find themselves in produces the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Each member unselfishly operates as one to serve the needs of the other.

Our Catholic schools are fragile. We depend totally on what God gives us through our pastors, parishes, parents and most especially our faculty and staff. They are the backbone of our schools. The weight of the “cross” of Catholic education rests squarely on their shoulders. Without their tremendously important teaching vocation our schools could not exist.

Our Catholic schools and especially our faculty and staff need your support. You can do this by praying for each of your children’s teachers and administrators. Ask if there is anything you can do to help strengthen the school, in the areas of faith, instructional resources, building needs, or finances.

If there is a concern, please first set up an appointment to meet the faculty or staff member you think will be best able to help you. If possible, start with your child’s teacher. When voicing a concern, try to see the face of Christ in the teacher or staff member and speak to him or her in a kind, gentle, respectful manner with a peaceful resolution of what is best for your child being the goal. Remember the education and experience they have earned and put into practice daily.

When in the community, please share the good news of our Catholic schools with others. Negative talk only poisons the well. It tears down our Cath-

olic schools; it does not build them up.

And finally, nothing is more important to a faculty and/or staff member than your gratitude. A note, email or grateful words spoken to these brave, hardworking men and women that sacrifice so much for your son or daughter will be remembered with warmth for many years.

The following heart prayer prayed before another diocesan Opening Catholic school Mass for her second and third grade choir members follows. It sums up what all of us called to the Catholic faith can do to support our Catholic schools. May God bless each of you as you discern and follow His will to serve those in your midst for the good of God’s kingdom.

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for our Blessings. We ask for your guidance to serve you. Protect each of us and our loved ones. We pray by singing this celebration MASS today for Your Glory and Honor. Amen.
(Jennifer Nally)

Ann Flaherty is assistant superintendent of the Office of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Owensboro. ♦

Religious emblems Mass honors scouts



A scout lectors at the March 13 Mass at the cathedral. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, The Western Kentucky Catholic.

On Sunday, March 13 a Mass was held at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro honoring Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts across western Kentucky who would receive religious awards for their service as Catholic scouts. Awards given for Cub Scouts were Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei; awards given for Boy Scouts and Venturers were Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII.

Youth 2000 held at Owensboro Convention Center

March 11-13, 2016 was the 19th Youth 2000, an annual conference of prayer, talks and fellowship for young people in the Diocese of Owensboro. This year the event was held at Owensboro Convention Center and drew nearly 600 youth and adult leaders from all over western Kentucky. In this picture, youth pray around the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament during the adoration portion of Youth 2000. Photo courtesy of Susana Solorza.



Indulgences and the Year of Mercy: Part 1 of 2

BY FR. KEN MIKULCIK, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Editor's Note: The following is the first half of a two-part series on indulgences, in light of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and Pope Francis' emphasis on mercy and reconciliation.

How do you define an indulgence?

Quoting a document from Blessed Paul IV, the Catechism tells us: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." (CCC 1471)

A helpful thing to observe in this definition is that an indulgence is not the forgiveness of sins since that has already taken place in confession. What remains after the sacrament of confession that an indulgence addresses is "the temporal punishment due to sins."

I think that is difficult part of understanding an indulgence. We could wonder why there would be punishment even after forgiveness. That does not sound to us like the parable of the Prodigal Son. After all, the father in the parable offers a celebration on the son's return.

To understand this, we have to understand that sin damages us with two distinct results.

The Catechism explains: "Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the 'eternal punishment' of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here

on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory." (CCC 1472)

We are familiar with the consequence of sin that is the break in our relationship with God, the one we are perhaps not so familiar with is the "unhealthy attachment to creatures." The word "attachment" is the key.

When we sin, we damage ourselves by making ourselves more attached to having things our way. This damage is what we are seeking to heal when we seek an indulgence.

Pope Francis put it this way in his Bull of Indiction of the Holy Year: "Despite being forgiven, the conflicting consequences of our sins remain. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins, which he truly blots out; and yet sin leaves a negative effect on the way we think and act. But the mercy of God is stronger even than this. It becomes indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin."

For those who have died in a state of grace but with an "attachment" or a "residue" of sin, the Church describes the state of being purified of that attachment as "purgatory." It does not make sense that we could be completely taken up into the Communion of the

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Did You Know?

On Oct. 7, 2015, Bishop Medley designated that a plenary indulgence can be obtained at the six places of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Owensboro during the Year of Mercy by members of the faithful who renounce any personal attachment to sin, even venial sin, and fulfill the following conditions:

- Make a complete and integral sacramental confession either while on pilgrimage or within a few days before or after making the pilgrimage
- Participate at Mass and receives Holy Communion, preferably on the same day the pilgrimage is undertaken
- Offer one Our Father and one Hail Mary or any other prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
- While on pilgrimage at the church, devoutly assist at a liturgical celebration or other pious exercise (e.g., stations of the cross, rosary), or spends some time in pious meditation ending with the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed, and prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Bishop Medley added, "This indulgence, which remits all temporal punishment owing to sin, may be obtained once daily throughout the Jubilee Year and can be applied to oneself or to one of the faithful departed."

LaCenter parishioner thanks EWTN for inspiration

BY SHARON NAAS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Editor's Note: To learn whether EWTN is available through your cable provider, visit ewtn.com/everywhere or call (205) 271-2900.

For several years now I have been watching morning Mass on EWTN to start my day. Some of my favorite programs are The World Over, which keeps me up on latest issues, and The Journey Home, where people share stories of returning to the faith or converting. You can pray along or just listen when they air the rosary and the Chapel of Divine Mercy, too. Recently, a surgery and complications brought me to a deathly sick state of health, so I kept EWTN on most of the time. It was so soothing to just hear these well-planned, prayerful programs. The Church is blessed to have Mother Angelica (EWTN's foundress) who had the foresight and courage to build this network. At the present time she is no longer able to be on live, but they have her Live Classics program which displays the beautiful faith and delightful spirit of this woman. I want to encourage you to tune in, make it part of your day and find your favorite programs, or just have it available for those times you may be bedfast and need help praying. I am just like all of you: still on my journey, and thankful to have this network to help me.

Sharon Naas is a parishioner of St. Mary of the Fields Parish in LaCenter. ♦

Dear Cursillistas: Being Christ-like in daily life

BY KELLEY WHEATLEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

With the weekend of June 9-12 (men) and the following weekend of June 16-19 (women) quickly approaching, family and friends are making plans for summer vacations, birthdays and barbequing. But have you made plans to spend a weekend with Christ? There is a wonderful movement that many Catholics are apprehensive and/or unaware of. This movement is called Cursillo.

Cursillos in Christianity (in Spanish: Cursillos de Cristiandad, 'short course of Christianity') is an apostolic movement of the Catholic Church. It was founded in Majorca, Spain by a group of laymen in 1944, while they were refining a technique to train pilgrimage Christian leaders. To explain Cursillo to someone who has never experienced Cursillo is difficult. Often Cursillo is still somewhat mystifying for those who've experienced it. The reason behind the mystery is God. No

one can fully explain how God touches each person in his unique way through Cursillo.

In Cursillo we approach evangelization as a very natural act of being Christ-like within each of daily activities. We realize that while most people would like to live their lives in a Christ-like manner, pressures often make this difficult. Cursillo provides a method and a technique for each of us.

God Bless you and yours!

Kelley Wheatley is a parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport. ♦



Learn More

To learn more about the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Owensboro, contact Kelley Wheatley at wheatleysdd@att.net, or Mary Hagan at haganm95@yahoo.com or 270-927-6540.

Indulgences and the Year of Mercy ...

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Blessed Trinity while still carrying an unhealthy attachment to what is not God.

Isn't an indulgence an outdated practice that the Church discarded?

No. We still sin, and we still seek conversion and healing.

Sin still has the double consequence of damage to our relationship with God and damage to ourselves making us more attached to sin. We are still

called to conversion that we might turn away from sin such that we hate sin, rather than just tepidly resisting sin. Indulgences are offered by the Church for various occasions. We call to mind especially Jubilee years every 25 years. The year 2000 was the Great Jubilee. This Year of Mercy is a special Jubilee.

To be continued in May 2016...

Fr. Mikulcik serves as Defender of the Bond in the Diocese of Owensboro's tribunal, as well as pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Browns Valley. ♦

A message from Bishop Medley ... Continued from page 4

all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to

this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance.

To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Places of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Owensboro

It's now the Year of Mercy and you are welcome to visit the six pilgrimage sites in our diocese! They are:

Year of
Mercy
JUBILEE YEAR 2015-2016

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

610 Locust Street, Owensboro
Contact: Michael Bogdan, (270) 852-8327

Chapel of Mercy, St. Thomas

More Parish, Paducah
5645 Blandville Road, Paducah
Contact: Lois Bell, (270) 534-9000

Fathers of Mercy Chapel of Divine Mercy, Auburn

806 Shaker Museum Road, Auburn
Contact: Fr. Joel Rogers, (270) 361-9613

Marian Shrine at St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green

434 Church Avenue, Bowling Green
Contact: Parish office, (270) 842-2525

St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady

4711 Highway 105 S, Hardinsburg
Contact: Sister Mary Agnes, (270) 756-2093

Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, Maple Mount

8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount
Contact: Sister Mary Matthias Ward, (270) 229-2011

Out of consideration for the places of pilgrimage, pilgrims are asked that if more than 8-10 pilgrims are visiting, contact the site first to ensure that they can accommodate your group.

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Aparte de otros cambios de diseño gráfico, ahora se encuentra la sección
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