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Kolsen Grief points while being held by his dad, Joshua Grief, during the April 9, Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Dcns. Christopher Grief and Christopher Kight. Dcn. Grief is Joshua Grief's brother.

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Holy Spirit family spared when December tornado narrowly avoids house

Read read how Ben Ghung Awm and his
family survived the tornadoes that struck
western Kentucky in December 2021:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8cpeue>

A message from the Bishop's Office

April 14, 2022

After a thorough investigation and a review of
the results of that investigation by the Diocesan
Review Board, the determination has been made
that an allegation of inappropriate conduct with
a minor made against Reverend Richard Powers,
a retired priest of the Diocese of Owensboro,
could not be substantiated.

A single allegation of inappropriate conduct
with a minor, dating from 1977-78, was made
against Fr. Powers in February 2022. At that
time, Fr. Powers was removed from public
ministry pending an investigation, and a notice
of the allegation was placed in the bulletins of
every parish where Fr. Powers served during his
63 years of priesthood.

With the Diocesan Review Board's determination
of "not substantiated", all limitations to Fr.
Powers' public ministry have been lifted.
Additionally, all parishes where he has served are
being notified of this finding.

The Diocese of Owensboro takes very seriously
any allegation of priest misconduct.

Because the Church's first obligation with regard
to all victims, whether alleged or substantiated,
is for healing and reconciliation, the Diocese will
reach out to every person who alleges that he or
she was abused by anyone acting in the name
of the Church, whether the alleged abuse was
recent or occurred many years in the past.

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky
Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or
1-877-597- 2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local
Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the
diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the
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Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-
8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance
Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You
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a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to
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Front page: Elizabeth Wong Barnstead | WKC

Let us continue to pray and sacrifice for peace in our world

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In anticipation of Ash Wednesday this year, Pope Francis called upon Catholics of the world to observe the traditional prayer, fasting and charity of this day for a special intention. Only days before, Russia had invaded Ukraine and even in those first days the human toll being reported was horrific. War and violence of this scale had not been seen on the continent of Europe since the end of World War II.

As a student of history, Pope Francis understood the peril of such military violence on the peace of the world. Certainly, the world too regularly sees war and violence exacting an inhumane toll but the danger of the world's superpowers engaging in armed conflict was real - and remains so.

European and American leaders responded to the eruption of war with the imposition of military and economic sanctions. While these responses are superior to armed conflict, they are not without grave consequences. The economies of all the world's nations are suffering with inflation and most particularly higher fuel costs. While there are signs that the sanctions are exacting a price on Russia, again the price is paid mostly by ordinary people just scraping by to provide for their families. The architects of war are generally shielded from its most horrific effects.

On March 25, Pope Francis invited bishops and pastors around the world to join him in an act of consecrating the nations and people of Ukraine and Russia. This is a tradition dating back more than one hundred years from the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children at Fatima in Portugal as World War I raged throughout all of Europe.

I was in Chicago on that date and participated in the unity with the Holy Father at Holy Name Cathedral there. Cardinal Blase Cupich presided at Mass and Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the pope's Nuncio to the United States, led the assembly in the prayer of consecration.

Fr. John Thomas, rector of St. Stephen Cathedral, represented me in leading the consecration to a full house at our cathedral.

With every public pronouncement, Pope Francis deplores the ongoing war and violence and reminds the world to pray for peace. The Holy Father has no military or economic sanctions to impose that might bend the will of those who further war. But he continues to remind the world that true peace will be the fruit of prayer and sacrifice.

We in the United States are insulated from the violent terrors of the war in Europe - and so many other places in the world - apart from when we encounter higher prices for commodities.

Let us join ourselves to the Prayer of St. Francis pledging to be instruments of peace. Pope Francis has shown us the way to offer our prayers and sacrifices to peace in the world and in human hearts.

The month of May is observed in our Catholic tradition as a month of special devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us. ■



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

BISHOP MEDLEY'S MAY 2022 CALENDAR

MAY 1	8 a.m. Confirmation – St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm
MAY 3	5 p.m. Prayer and Dinner with Passionist Nuns – St. Joseph Monastery, Whitesville
MAY 4	6 p.m. Confirmation – St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph
MAY 5	8 a.m. School Mass and May Crowning – Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson
MAY 7	10 a.m. Brescia University Commencement – Owensboro 4 p.m. Confirmation – St. Ann Parish, Morganfield
MAY 8	11:30 a.m. Confirmation – St. Michael Parish, Oak Grove
MAY 11	6 p.m. Confirmation – St. Anthony Parish, Axtel
MAY 13	6 p.m. Parish Catechetical Leaders Dinner – Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish, Owensboro
MAY 14	5 p.m. Confirmation – St. Sebastian Parish, Calhoun
MAY 15	9:30 a.m. Confirmation – St. Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville 2 p.m. Owensboro Catholic High School Graduation – Owensboro Sportscenter
MAY 16	10 a.m. Priest Personnel Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center, Owensboro (MCC) 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting – MCC
MAY 17	6 p.m. Confirmation – Immaculate Conception Parish, Hawesville
MAY 18-19	Catholic Conference of KY & Bishops of the Province Meeting – Louisville
MAY 20	7 p.m. Trinity High School Graduation – Horn Center, Whitesville
MAY 21	7 p.m. St. Mary High School Graduation – Paducah
MAY 22	8 a.m. Confirmation – Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro 2 p.m. Confirmation – St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown
MAY 24	Paducah Office (Lourdes Hospital)
MAY 25	8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting – MCC
MAY 26	6 p.m. Confirmation – St. Joseph Parish, Central City
MAY 28	11 a.m. Mass – St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Grand Rivers

Priest assignments for 2022

Parish pastor

Abiero, Rev. Michael Charles: St. Rose of Lima Parish in Cloverport and Holy Guardian Angels Parish in Irvington. Effective June 14, 2022.

Ighacho, Rev. John: St. Joseph Parish in Central City. Effective June 14, 2022.

Pynadath, Rev. Sinoj: St. Joseph Parish in Leitchfield and St. John Parish in Sunfish. Effective June 14, 2022.

Thompson, Rev. Will: St. Peter of Alcantara Parish in Stanley and St. Augustine Parish in Reed, while continuing his ministry in the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. Effective June 14, 2022.

Parochial Vicar

Ling, Dcn. Martín Ma Na: Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green. Effective upon date of ordination, July 2, 2022.

Okeoma, Rev. Jude: Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Hopkinsville. Effective June 14, 2022.

Van Lal Than, Rev. Stephen: Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson. Effective June 14, 2022



SCREENSHOT

Bishop William F. Medley discusses the upcoming National Conference of Burmese-America Catholics and Dcn. Martin Ma Na Ling's ordination in his April 2022 Across the Diocese video, which can be viewed at <https://owensborodiocese.org/across-the-diocese/>.

National Burmese conference and priesthood ordination

On July 1-3, 2022, the Diocese of Owensboro will welcome the National Conference of Burmese-American Catholics (NCBAC) for their 11th annual conference. The conference will be held at the Owensboro Sportscenter and Owensboro Catholic High School. The conference is expecting 1,500 participants from all over the United States, as well as delegates from Myanmar. The highlight of the conference will be the ordination of Dcn. Martin Ma Na Ling. Please see an invitation to the ordination to your right.

Those interested in volunteering at this event should contact Kathy Doup at (270) 683-1545 or kathy.doup@pastoral.org. You can find volunteer sign-up sheets available at <https://owensborodiocese.org/ncbac>.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro Joyfully Announces the Ordination of
Reverend Martin Ma Na Ling
Son of Christopher Ling Ma Na & Elizabeth Khay Thang

to the
Sacred Order of the Presbyterate

Through the Laying on of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by the

Most Reverend William F. Medley, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro

On Saturday the Second Day of July
In the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two
at Ten o'clock in the Morning

Owensboro Sportscenter
1215 Hickman Avenue, Owensboro, KY 42301

The Ordination Liturgy will be live-streamed and a traditional Burmese lunch will be provided.

Diocese plans to restore Communion on the tongue and via chalice; looks forward to start of Eucharistic Revival

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic first struck the United States in early 2020, Catholics have experienced various restrictions and health and safety guidelines when it comes to celebration of the Eucharist.

In the Diocese of Owensboro, when public worship was restored after being temporarily suspended for several months at the pandemic's onset, liturgies initially required masking and social distancing in the pews.

That, as well as the suspension of Holy Communion received on the tongue and via the chalice.

As COVID-19 cases steadily declined in the region, different restrictions like keeping the holy water fonts empty, masking requirements and social distancing have been lifted.

On April 7, Bishop William F. Medley released a letter to the priests of the diocese stating that he intended to soon restore the options of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, and Holy Communion under both species of bread and wine.

The bishop said he would implement this change on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, which takes place this year on June 19.

Corpus Christi “carries added significance this year in that it marks the beginning of a three-year Eucharistic Revival for the Catholic Church in the United States,” he wrote.

The Eucharistic Revival was initiated by the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops responding to a study from the Pew Research Center that indicated only one-third of U.S. Catholics believe the Eucharist to be the true Body and Blood of Christ.

Bishop Medley expressed his gratitude to the priests “for your ceaseless care of the souls and hearts of the people we are called to serve.”



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER
Elevation of the Eucharist is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Anthony's Church in North Beach, Md., July 15, 2021.

“Amidst all the turmoil of the pandemic, I believe that most people found an oasis of peace and hope in us – even through times of closed churches, limited worship, distancing and masking,” he added.

He emphasized the importance of catechesis in the parishes to re-instruct the faithful on properly receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, as well as retraining the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to adequately cleanse the lip of the chalice after each communicant.

Lauren Johnson, co-coordinator of the diocese's Office of Worship, said it was a tradition for Catholics to receive Holy Communion under the species of both bread and wine from the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, up until about the 11th century.

“By the 12th century, the practice of the laity receiving the Body of Christ under the species of bread alone became common,” said Johnson in an email to The Western Kentucky Catholic.

She said the 1415 Council of Constance decreed that the faithful would not receive the Precious Blood, asserting that “it should be very firmly believed, and in no way doubted, that the whole body and blood of Christ are truly contained under both the form of bread and the form of wine’ (Council of Constance, Session 13).”

This lasted until 1963 when “Sacrosanctum concilium,” the first document of the Second Vatican Council, opened up that option again at the individual bishop's discretion.

The document, however, maintained “the truth taught from the Council of Constance that to receive Holy Communion under one species alone is to receive Christ whole and entire,” said Johnson.

“Liturgy contains signs that point to a higher and invisible reality; so the offering of the Precious Blood to the faithful— while not necessary to receive the fullness of Christ in Communion—contributes to that more perfect sign,” she added.

Johnson explained that the most ancient practice was to receive Holy Communion in the hand, but by

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the end of the first century, “the practice of receiving on the tongue had become the norm in the West.”

“The reasons for this transition were likely to avoid dropping the particles of the Eucharist and to increase devotion to the Real Presence of Christ,” she said.

Receiving Communion in the hand did not become an option for the laity again until the 1970s when authorized by the United States bishops and confirmed by the Holy See.

As is the case among Catholics today, Johnson said early saints of the Church have had different preferences on how one receives the Eucharist.

“St. Thomas Aquinas strongly believed that the laity should only receive Communion on the tongue as a matter of reverence,” said Johnson. “On the

other hand (literally), fourth century bishop, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, spoke of the reverence of receiving Communion in the hand as if to ‘make a throne’ for Christ.”

Since both options are today fully approved by the Church, “both can show due reverence and devotion to Christ our Lord when the communicant receives with a disposition of humility and adoration,” she said.

Johnson called it “incredibly significant” that Bishop Medley chose Corpus Christi as the date to restore these Communion options.

“This feast was established in 1246 to instill the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which is precisely what the restoration of these options speaks to and why they matter,” she said. ■

Together again

Diocese celebrates Chrism Mass with faithful for the first time in two years



RILEY GREIF | WKC
Religious sisters attend the Diocese of Owensboro’s Chrism Mass on April 12, 2022.



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
Priests pray the prayers of the Consecration during the Diocese of Owensboro’s Chrism Mass on April 12, 2022.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Looking out at the crowd filling the Owensboro Sportscenter on April 12, 2022, Bishop William F. Medley commented “what a beautiful sight.”

“Thank you for coming and joining with the Church to celebrate God’s blessings and his anoint-

ing of his holy people,” said the bishop in his homily that evening for the diocese’s Chrism Mass.

He said that until 2020, the faithful were always welcomed and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass, a liturgy held during Holy Week to bless the Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens and to consecrate the Sacred Chrism. The Mass also serves as

the opportunity for the priests of the diocese to renew their commitment to priestly service.

But the COVID-19 pandemic struck the United States in the middle of Lent 2020, causing churches to be closed and public worship to be suspended for several months.

When the 2020 Chrism Mass could finally take place, it did so in June, and was restricted to the priests, who were masked and socially-distanced among the pews in St. Stephen Cathedral. Chrism Mass in 2021 was able to happen during Holy Week, but it was still restricted to priests and leaders of religious communities.

“It is still painful to say that out loud,” said Bishop Medley.

But now, “it’s good that we are here,” he said, explaining that the Sportscenter – “our second cathedral” – is traditionally used since St. Stephen Cathedral is too small to fit a full Chrism Mass crowd.

The bishop said in coming together, the congre-

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gation could celebrate that “we believe the human race has once again turned back a formidable enemy” in COVID-19.

He praised the pastors for leading their flocks over the past two years, when pandemic restrictions often made liturgies and parish life difficult.

“Oftentimes priests had to be the ones to tell people what they did not want to hear,” said Bishop Medley. “To impose restrictions they did not want to observe. But they did it for the common good and because they believe they are instruments of God and God’s peace and healing.”

He thanked the diocese’s many international priests, and pointed out that without these pastors, “one out of every three parishes” would not be able to have Easter Mass that weekend.

The bishop reflected on the historic tornadoes that devastated the region during the night of Dec. 10 – a storm that destroyed Resurrection Parish in Dawson Springs and killed more than 80 people across Kentucky.

That day in the Diocese of Owensboro “will forever stand as a day of loss and tragedy,” said Bishop Medley. But within moments of the storms, “people of faith and compassion and concern were walking in the torrential rains to assist the hurting and the lost.”

These include leaders at St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm and Christ the King Parish in Madisonville, who rose up to help their neighbors.

“In a moment of unspeakable loss, human beings were called to find their core: their core being that we are all created in the image and likeness of God,” said the bishop. “But in a moment of tragedy we have the opportunity to be the image of God.”

Thanks to donations sent from across the nation, he said Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro is unfolding plans to rebuild 350 homes in the next four years.

The music, readings and prayers included Spanish, Burmese and English, reflecting the growing cultural landscape of the Diocese of Owensboro. Dcn. Martin Ma Na Ling, a diocesan seminarian who will be the second Myanmar-born seminarian ordained in the United States this July, proclaimed the Gospel in English and Burmese.

Following the distribution of Holy Communion, Fr. Brandon Williams, co-coordinator of the diocese’s Office of Worship, read the names of all parishes and Catholic institutions in the diocese. Representatives walked up the aisle to receive their communities’ bottles of oils for the new liturgical year.



TINA KASEY | WKC

Bishop William F. Medley breathes into the Sacred Chrism while consecrating it during the Diocese of Owensboro’s Chrism Mass on April 12, 2022.

Joseph Hunt, who would be confirmed at the Easter Vigil this year, was one of the people chosen to receive the oils for Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro.

“I had no idea what a Chrism Mass was,” said Hunt, who was attending it for the first time. “But it was such a blessing, especially after being unable to gather for two years. So many people from all over Kentucky were able to come together and worship and praise.”

Fr. Basilio Az Cuc, the parochial vicar at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah, said it was “good to see people happy; God is with us and we could see it on the faces of the people and hearing them sing.”

“The Church is joyful,” he said.

Justin Ibeawuchi and his 10-year-old daughter, Maryanne, were the representatives chosen to receive the oils on behalf of their parish, Rosary Chapel in Paducah.

“It was very wonderful, seeing the different people from the different parishes,” said Ibeawuchi, calling it “significant” after the pandemic, adding that “seeing the turnout was wonderful.”

He expressed his gratitude toward the volunteers and diocesan staff who helped coordinate the Chrism Mass, especially the music ministry, which he described as “awesome.”

“This was my first time in Owensboro and I loved the welcoming spirit of the bishop, all the priests and the people,” said Ibeawuchi. “Coming here, I saw the show of love and acceptance – it means a lot to me.” ■

Holy Week 2022 at the cathedral offers glimpse of post-pandemic reality

Holy Week 2022, which took place from April 10-16, included the first Triduum in two years that looked closer to life before the COVID-19 pandemic. Holy Week 2020 happened when public worship was still suspended. The faithful observed Holy Week and the Triduum in their homes, perhaps watching their parishes' liturgies via livestream. Holy Week 2021 saw the return to the celebrations in-person, but masking, social distancing and restricted liturgical practices remained a prominent aspect of the season. This year, as infection cases declined, Bishop William F. Medley celebrated Holy Week in a packed St. Stephen Cathedral – indicating that, as he stated in his Chrism Mass 2022 homily (see page 6), “the human race has once again turned back a formidable enemy” in COVID-19.



RILEY GREIF | WKC

Seminarian Conrad Jaconette assists Fr. John Thomas, rector of St. Stephen Cathedral, with holy water for the blessing of the palms during Palm Sunday at the cathedral on April 10.



RILEY GREIF | WKC

A father and his toddler smile as Bishop William F. Medley washes their feet during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 14, at St. Stephen Cathedral.



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Bishop William F. Medley venerates the cross during the Good Friday liturgy at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on April 15. The cathedral's cross contains a relic of the true cross.



TINA KASEY | WKC

A newly-confirmed youth lights the candle of a Glenmary Sister during the Easter Vigil at St. Stephen Cathedral on April 16.

Christ-bearers

Seminarians Grief and Kight ordained to diaconate



RILEY GREIF | WKC

Bishop William F. Medley silently lays his hands on the head of Christopher Grief (left) and Chris Kight (right). This gesture, sacred in Holy Scripture and in the tradition of the Church, symbolizes the calling down of the Holy Spirit.



BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On April 9, 2022, two seminarians were ordained to the transitional diaconate at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, the next step on their path toward the diocesan priesthood.

Dcn. Christopher Kight of St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah and Dcn. Christopher Grief of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah were ordained by Bishop William F. Medley, who pointed out that their shared name, “Christopher,” means “Christ-

bearer.”

“I am tempted to call it the Diocese of Paducah,” said Bishop Medley with a smile during his homily, adding that “this is the day for Paducah to shine” since both seminarians came from that city.

Dcn. Kight told *The Western Kentucky Catholic* he is “grateful, thankful, and humbled.”

“Being ordained a deacon was awesome in every sense of the word,” he said.

Dcn. Grief described the day as “a joy and grace-filled.”



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Seminarians Christopher Kight and Christopher Grief lie prostrate during the Litany of the Saints at their Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on April 9, 2022.



COURTESY OF KRISTA HALL

(Left to right) Dcn. Christopher Kight, Bishop William F. Medley, and Dcn. Christopher Grief after the April 9, 2022 Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

“Standing before friends, family, priests, deacons, and brother seminarians, I realized that my journey to this point had been supported by so many,” he said. “I will remain grateful to each of those persons who directly impacted my life and pray that I can serve the diocese well.”

This summer, Dcn. Grief will participate in an immersion Spanish language program in Guatemala and Dcn. Grief will be doing his Clinical Pastoral Education at Baptist Hospital in Louisville. ■

'Go to Catholic Charities, they can help you'

Western Ky. Catholic Charities expands, increases services, amid ongoing tornado recovery

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Amid tornado relief efforts, assisting arrivals from Afghanistan, helping people get green cards and visas, empowering human trafficking survivors, and making referrals to area resources, the staff of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro has been “learning on the go - and we’re still learning,” according to paralegal Miguel Quintanilla.

“It reminds me of the movie ‘Field of Dreams’ - ‘if you build it they will come,’” said Quintanilla in an April 19 interview with The Western Kentucky Catholic.

Before the historic tornadoes that devastated western Kentucky during the night of December 10, Catholic Charities had two full-time employees (Quintanilla and director Susan Montalvo-Gesser) and a part-time employee (Charlotte Hedges). They stayed busy with immigration support and helping local people with daily needs, and had begun to aid people arriving in the U.S. to escape the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.

Then the tornadoes came, Catholic Charities became the hub for western Kentucky’s tornado recovery efforts, and life as they knew it changed forever.

“Susan went out to the area right away,” said Quintanilla.

Donations began flooding in from across the country. Catholic Charities’ staff worked with Bishop William F. Medley and other diocesan leaders to create a plan to address the disaster’s aftermath.



RILEY GREIF | WKC

(Left to right) Catholic Charities staff Alex Reid, Khaibar Shafaq and Miguel Quintanilla candles with labels reading “Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Owensboro” in Spanish and “Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro” in English during Bishop William F. Medley’s Feb. 2, 2022 blessing of Catholic Charities’ new offices.

Quintanilla said Bishop Medley “made it known that whatever needed to be done,” he supported them.

The week after the storms, Gabe Tischler, emergency management specialist with the Florida Cath-

olic Conference, came to Owensboro in his support role for Catholic Charities disaster response.

After they had a thorough and insightful meeting with Tischler, “Susan got the ball rolling,” said Quintanilla.

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It was necessary for Catholic Charities to expand their services, which required them to hire multiple new staff members as they sought to address the needs of Kentuckians suffering in the aftermath of the tornadoes.

In February 2022, the Catholic Charities team moved out of their small office in the McRaith Catholic Center – the central offices of the Diocese of Owensboro – and into a former house next door so that they would have more space for their increasing services.

Their new office building provided workspaces for Brionna Greer, the AmeriCorps VISTA member; Khaibar Shafaq, case manager and paralegal working primarily with the Afghan parolees in the diocese; Alex Reid, the volunteer coordinator overseeing volunteer efforts with tornado recovery; Alyssa Magnuson, administrative assistant; Katina Hayden, director of case management and services for tornado relief – as well as for Quintanilla and Montalvo-Gesser, who couldn't be happier as their Catholic Charities “family” has grown.

There is even office space for Heidi Reyes, the case manager for the Owensboro satellite location of Bakhita Empowerment Initiative of Catholic Charities of Louisville, which works with local human trafficking survivors and awareness.

To date, approximately \$8.2 million has been received in donations from about 6,245 donors. This includes \$1,923,308 contributed by 31 dioceses and archdioceses around the United States; \$397,478 donated by parishes within the Diocese of Owensboro itself; \$1,892,395 sent from Catholic Charities USA; and approximately \$4 million contributed by donors outside the diocese – including but not limited to individuals, businesses, foundations, religious communities, organizations such as the Knights of

Columbus and Catholic Extension, and parishes and schools outside the diocese.

And as Catholic Charities has expanded, news has traveled across western Kentucky about all they can offer.

“It has spread by word of mouth – ‘go to Catholic Charities, they can help you,’” said Quintanilla. “And if we can't help them, we can help them get the resources they need.”

Quintanilla debunked a common misconception about Catholic Charities.

“I think a lot of people think we only help Catholics,” he said. “But we'll help anyone. It doesn't matter what your background is. That's something I'm really proud of.”

He said they have good connections in the community to connect clients with appropriate resources, such as Kentucky Legal Aid, and that Catholic Charities is eager to collaborate with even more outreach services.

“We've learned so much through this process,” said Quintanilla, explaining that even when they can't provide a particular resource or service, “there's someone out there who can.”

He said it might seem like the tornadoes caused this sudden expansion, but he said the storms “accelerated – didn't cause” it.

“I think it was going to happen either way,” he said.

Quintanilla said that when he started working for Catholic Charities in July 2019, he told God that he wanted to “help as many people as I can – and he answered that prayer!”

He credited Montalvo-Gesser's passion for inspiring and leading their team.

“I think it's Susan who's the whole engineer,” he said. “She shows that leadership and strength.” ■



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Susan Montalvo-Gesser, director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro, smiles as Bishop William F. Medley blesses the new offices of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro on Feb. 2, 2022. Since the December 2021 tornadoes that devastated western Kentucky, Catholic Charities has needed to expand their staff, location and services.



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As Catholic Charities employees Brionna Greer (left) and Susan Montalvo-Gesser (center) look on, Bishop William F. Medley blesses the new offices of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro on Feb. 2, 2022. Since the December 2021 tornadoes that devastated western Kentucky, Catholic Charities has needed to expand their staff, location and services.

Turning ‘once again’ to Mary’s maternal care, western Kentuckians pray for Ukraine, Russia in unity with Pope Francis



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Fr. John Thomas, rector of St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, opens the cathedral's prayer service in unity with Pope Francis' March 25, 2022 Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

As she walked into St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on March 25, 2022, Sr. Monica Seaton, OSU, “was moved when I saw so many people filling the pews to pray for peace.”

“At times when our Church, nation, and world seem fractured, it was hopeful to know so many joined together globally to pray for our sisters and brothers in countries far away,” said Sr. Seaton, who attended the cathedral’s participation in Pope Francis’ prayer of consecration of Russia, Ukraine and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Act of Consecration took place on the Solemnity of the Annunciation

of the Lord, which tradition says is the day that the archangel Gabriel came to Our Lady to ask her if she would be the mother of God.

In his consecration prayer, the text of which was sent out to all bishops and priests of the world, Pope Francis entrusted the world to Mary’s guidance and model of peace.

“O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace,” the prayer began.

Several parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro held prayer services and distributed the prayer’s text so that the faithful could pray along in spirit with the pope, who led the consecration at 5 p.m. Rome time, or 11 a.m. Central Time.

Linda Bratton, a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist in Paducah, attended her parish’s prayer service for the consecration that day. She said they gathered at 10:30 a.m. for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and prayed a rosary led by their pastor, Fr. Bruce Fogle. Together they prayed the act of consecration prayer at 11 a.m.

“As he announced the mysteries, Father said a special prayer for peace and for the souls of both the Russian and Ukrainian soldiers – that they are not our rivals but our brothers,” said Bratton.

She said that praying with others “in union with the pope was extremely meaningful and left a sense of peace. We were doing everything we could to help the people of Ukraine.”

Fr. Fogle said they had set up a statue of Our Lady of Fatima near the altar, explaining that having a depiction of Mary close to the Blessed Sacrament was significant since as the pope’s prayer stated that, “she brought the Prince of Peace into the world.”

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“That was a beautiful prayer, speaking about how we’ve broken our relationship with God and how God reaches out to us – and how the Blessed Mother reaches out to bring us closer to Christ,” said Fr. Fogle.

He pointed out the different Marian motifs used throughout the prayer of consecration, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe’s words to St. Juan Diego, “Am I not here, I who am your Mother?”; the devotion to Our Lady Undoer of Knots being able to “untie the knots of our hearts and of our times”; and multiple references to Our Lady of Fatima, who originally requested the consecration of Russia.

Fr. Fogle added that it is also important, in following the advice of Our Lady of Fatima, to dedicate the first Saturday of the month for five consecutive months to prayer, confession and attending Mass.

St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green and the diocesan Marian Shrine (located on the parish’s campus) also held a prayer service in unity with the pope’s act of consecration.

Fr. Corey D. Bruns, parochial vicar at St. Joseph, said the church was “packed” with “around 300 people” consisting of parishioners, Bowling Green residents, the middle school students from St. Joseph Interparochial School (which shares a campus with the parish) and visiting students and parents from Owensboro.

“I exposed the Blessed Sacrament and invited the congregation to kneel and join me as I lay prostrate in an act of penance for a few minutes before reciting the Act of Consecration together in common,” said Fr. Bruns.

He said it was an overcast and cloudy day, but everyone commented on the beauty of the final paragraph of the Act of Consecration: “... In your

womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.”

The Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville hosted a prayer service in unity with the consecration as well, and welcomed visitors to the monastery to pray with them.

Sr. Miriam Esther Krauskopf, CP, said the monastery always has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday for several hours, which offered a perfect occasion to incorporate the pope’s consecration.

“Our retreatants and some local Catholics joined us in our monastery chapel for the occasion,” said Sr. Krauskopf. “At 11 a.m. Central Time, our chaplain (Fr. Lou Caporiccio, CPM), invited all present to unite our prayers and intentions with those of Pope Francis and the bishops and faithful of the world. Then, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and our large statue of Our Lady of Fatima, he and the Sisters recited the consecration prayer.”

Mother John Mary Read, CP, mother superior of the Passionist community, said it was “a consolation to entrust the world and especially the Ukraine and Russia to Our Lady... May she help us to tap into that power through our prayer and self-offering, and that all peoples be inspired to use their gifts of nature and grace to bring peace to the world.”

Bishop William F. Medley was unable to attend the consecration at St. Stephen Cathedral due to being out of town for a workshop, but paused at 11 a.m. to pray in unity with the pope and the rest of the world.

“As children and truly even as adults, during times of great anxiety and apprehension, our instinct is to turn to our mother for assurance,” he told The Western Kentucky Catholic. “Given the tragic



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
A man prays the rosary during St. Stephen Cathedral’s prayer service in unity with Pope Francis’ March 25, 2022 Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

events unfolding in Ukraine, it is only natural that the Holy Father prompts us to turn once again to the Mother of the Church seeking her comfort and protection. May she listen attentively to the prayers of her children.”

Sr. Seaton said that as she prayed with the faithful gathered in the cathedral, led by cathedral rector Fr. John Thomas, “I was reminded that a transformation of heart is a call for each of us.”

She said one line from the prayer struck her profoundly: “May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs.”

“In my lifetime, I have never had to experience anything like this,” said Sr. Seaton. “I pray for the day when all of humanity can live united, without fear. Until that day, I call on the guidance of Mary, our Mother, knowing that her constant presence with us will hopefully lead to conversion and peace.” ■

Pope consecrates Ukraine, Russia to Mary



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Francis venerates a Marian statue before consecrating the world and, in particular, Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 25, 2022.

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

VATICAN CITY (CNS) ~ As Russia's violent monthlong invasion continued to devastate Ukraine, Pope Francis laid the fates of both countries at the feet of Mary in the hopes that peace would finally reign.

"Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine," the pope said

March 25, pronouncing the Act of Consecration after leading a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica.

Praying before a statue of Mary that was loaned by the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at San Vittoriano on the outskirts of Rome, the pope pleaded with Mary to "accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end, and peace spread throughout the world."

Sitting in front of the statue, which was placed before the steps of the main altar on a red platform

and adorned with white roses, the pope proclaimed the act of consecration. During the prayer, the pope paused at several moments to gaze at the statue of Mary before continuing to recite the prayer.

"To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world," he prayed.

After the consecration, the pope, accompanied by a young boy and girl, placed a bouquet of white roses at the feet of the statue. He then remained for a few moments, with eyes closed and head bowed in silent prayer, before stepping away.

According to the Vatican, an estimated 3,500 people filled St. Peter's Basilica, while 2,000 people watched on video screens from St. Peter's Square. Police asked pilgrims who entered St. Peter's Basilica carrying or wearing Ukrainian flags to put them away, since the event was a prayer service.

Among those present at the liturgy were Andrii Yurash, Ukraine's ambassador to the Holy See. The consecration, he tweeted March 25, is "another attempt (by the pope) to defend Ukraine from the devil's war," referring to Russia's attacks on the country.

Joe Donnelly, who soon will present his credentials to the pope as the U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, also attended the service.

The Vatican announced March 18 that Pope Francis also asked bishops around the world to join him in consecrating Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner, led a similar act of consecration at the Shrine of Our

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Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

Bishops from around the world had announced special services to coincide with the timing of the consecration in Rome, even in the early hours of the morning.

At the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagatña, Guam, Archbishop Michael Byrnes led the faithful in praying the rosary before reciting the Act of Consecration at 2 a.m. local time March 26.

Archbishop Georg Gänswein, private secretary of retired Pope Benedict XVI, had told reporters that the former pope would join in the consecration from his residence.

In a video released before the liturgy, Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych, major archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, said he would join in the consecration "because today we need very much the victory of good."

The consecration, Archbishop Shevchuk said, "means that it is never possible to make a deal, to cooperate with this evil that emerges from Russia today."

"And that is why we must pray for its conversion, for the eradication of that evil, 'so that it,' as the Mother of God of Fatima said, 'might not destroy other states, might not cause yet another world war.' We, as Christians, have a duty to pray for our enemies," he said.

In Rome, the bells of St. Peter's Basilica rang out after Pope Francis concluded the Act of Consecration.

In his homily during the Lenten penance service, the pope acknowledged that the war in Ukraine, which "has overtaken so many people and caused suffering to all, has made each of us fearful and anxious."

While calls to "not be afraid" may soothe one's helplessness in the face of war, violence and uncertainty, the pope said that "human reassurance is not enough."

"We need the closeness of God and the certainty of his forgiveness, and once renewed by it, Christians can also turn to Mary and present their needs and the needs of the world," he said.

Pope Francis said the Act of Consecration was "no magic formula but a spiritual act" of trust by "children who, amid the tribulation of this cruel and senseless war that threatens our world, turn to their mother, reposing all their fears and pain in her heart and abandoning themselves to her."

"It means placing in that pure and undefiled heart, where God is mirrored, the inestimable goods of fraternity and peace, all that we have and are, so that she, the mother whom the Lord has given us, may protect us and watch over us," the pope said.

In his prayer, Pope Francis specifically asked Mary to be with those suffering directly because of the war.

"May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs," he prayed to Mary. "May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your sorrowful heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside." ■

U.S. bishops join pope in worldwide prayer for Ukraine and Russia

BY RHINA GUIDOS, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishops in the U.S. took part in Pope Francis' invitation to join him in a moment of prayer, consecrating Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary March 25, entrusting the people of both countries to the care and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Friends, we are all deeply disturbed by the war

in Ukraine, and the unconscionable attacks on innocent men, women, and children in their homes and neighborhoods," said Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in a video message.

"In this time when our world is weighed down under the shadow of war, I invite you to enter into this solemn moment of prayer with the Holy Father," the archbishop said. "Together with him, let

us ask our Blessed Mother to turn her eyes of mercy toward all her children. Let us ask her to intercede with her son, to deliver her children from evil and grant us peace."

Father John Broussard, of the Fathers of Mercy and rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Wisconsin, explained what consecration means in a March 18 statement.

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CNS PHOTO/JAMES RAMOS, TEXAS CATHOLIC HERALD
Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, left, and Auxiliary Bishop Italo Dell'Oro pray an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Russia, Ukraine and all humanity at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston March 25, 2022. The consecration was livestreamed, with more than 2,400 watching, according to archdiocesan estimates.

apart for our Lord and, furthermore, to consecrate it to our Blessed Mother is to deliberately put that intention into her hands," he said.

Some bishops celebrated a Mass with their parish or school community with the intention of praying for peace with a particular focus on the people of Ukraine and Russia.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles suggested that parishes ring their bells "29 times to mark the 29 days since the invasion of Ukraine began on Feb. 24, 2022."

The March 25 prayer of consecration took place on the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, when

tradition says, the Angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her she would be the mother of Christ.

And she's the one Pope Francis has offered as an example to deal with the tribulation of war, with uncertainty and darkness, said Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory of Washington during a homily at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where he led the faithful in the prayer of consecration.

"We come together today in one of the darker moments in human history. We can literally see the war being conducted via our smartphones," he said, watching the path of rockets resulting in the death

of defenseless children and the elderly and worrying about the threat of nuclear war.

But in the midst of that, "it is better to welcome a glimmer of light from Christ, our light, than to turn to darkness," he said to a crowd that included about 40 members of various diplomatic missions to the U.S.

He praised Pope Francis for his efforts, including for breaking with protocol and directly walking into the Russian Embassy to the Holy See to express his concern a day after the attacks against Ukraine began Feb. 24.

"He has shown us how important it is to put our words into action," he said. "We come here this afternoon at the encouragement of Pope Francis."

Like other prelates around the world, he recited the act of consecration for close to nine minutes and then remained kneeling for several minutes before a statue of Mary as a choir sang.

Hundreds of the faithful filled Philadelphia's Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul for the act of consecration, led by Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez and Archbishop Borys Gudziak, metropolitan archbishop for Ukrainian Catholics in the U.S.

Some three dozen Catholic clergy of both the Latin rite and the Byzantine rite concelebrated Mass with the two prelates immediately following the act of consecration.

The feast of the Annunciation marks what in Byzantine tradition is known as "the day of the beginning of salvation," when "the Son of God (became) incarnate through the Holy Spirit and the humility of his divine Mother," said Archbishop Gudziak, who preached the homily for the liturgy.

The need for Christ's redemption has been underscored by the suffering from the war in Ukraine,

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he said.

"Things are clear," said Archbishop Gudziak, who heads the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. "The danger of evil, the will of the enemy of mankind, the frailty of our human nature is starkly before our eyes."

He admitted that he himself has struggled to pray for Russian persecutors amid that nation's brutal assaults on Ukrainians.

"I'll be frank with you in expressing some of the concerns of the people of Ukraine. Some (ask), 'How can you put the rapist and the one being raped in the same room?'" said Archbishop Gudziak, adding that in noting such questions, "I'm speaking about myself."

Yet such forgiveness is "the spiritual height to which this moment calls us," he said.

Pointing to the global outpouring of support for Ukraine, Archbishop Gudziak also said he believed "never in human history have people of goodwill around the globe been so united."

After Communion, Archbishop Pérez thanked Archbishop Gudziak "for reminding us that the Christian heart is a heart that can find hope in the middle of despair."

In Pittsburgh, Bishop David A. Zubik said in a March 24 statement that "following the lead of Pope Francis, we need to continue to pray for the end of the war on Ukraine and that world leaders may find a bridge that brings the world to global peace."

But the war in Eastern Europe showed no sign of dissipating as of March 25. Ukraine provided a video showing a large Russian ship under attack. Despite fending off occupation, many Ukrainian cities have been nearly destroyed.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said 6.5 million people are internally displaced in

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph issue joint statement in support of Ukraine

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are joining with other religious communities in the region to stand with the people of Ukraine. The following is a joint statement supported by six communities.

We, the undersigned leadership of women religious, walk in solidarity with the people of Ukraine who are suffering from the invasion by Russian forces. Vladimir Putin is attacking democracy in Ukraine with military might and misinformation. We stand with all who support the people of Ukraine and the preservation of its democracy.

As we see the young democracy of Ukraine under attack, we are mindful of threats to democracy within our own country. We must stay informed, educate ourselves as voters, and support such efforts as the Freedom to Vote Act, an Act designed to ensure fair representation and increase transparency in political campaign spending.

As women of faith, we invite you to stand with Ukraine and with those religious communities whose Sisters serve in Ukraine, Poland, and other border nations by offering prayers and, when possible, providing material support. These organizations are supported by our communities: <https://ursulinesisterslouisville.org/help-ukraine/>

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in his address to Congress on March 16, "Right now, the destiny of our country is being decided." Right now, let us all work together to preserve peace and democracy in Ukraine and in the United States of America.

Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana
Sisters of Loretto/Loretto Community
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth
Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland
Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Ky.
Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, Ky.

Ukraine and 3.7 million have fled the country as of March 25, with most of them heading to neighboring Poland.

President Joe Biden visited some of the refugees in Poland March 25 as well as soldiers as the U.S., with NATO leaders, prepared for contingency plans in case of biological or nuclear attacks by Russia.

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops March

21 said they were calling, not just on Catholics, but "on all people of goodwill to pray that world leaders will find an end to the conflict and to provide solace and support to the millions of people who are now refugees." ■

Contributing to this story was Gina Christian, senior content producer for CatholicPhilly.com, the news website of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Nearly 3,000 faithful welcome new shepherd of Louisville, Ky., archdiocese

BY MARNIE MCALLISTER, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS) - Nearly 3,000 people of the Archdiocese of Louisville, including hundreds of clergy and religious, welcomed their new shepherd, Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre, as he became the 10th bishop and fifth archbishop to lead the historic region of central Kentucky March 30.

Archbishop Fabre, the first Black prelate to head the archdiocese, succeeds now-retired Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, 75, who served as archbishop of Louisville from 2007 until February, when Pope Francis accepted his resignation and named then-Bishop Fabre his successor.

The Mass of installation, celebrated at the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville, began with a reading of the apostolic mandate by the papal nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre.

The nuncio, akin to an ambassador, brought laughter to the ceremony by noting the difficulty of pronouncing "Louisville" correctly, along with other areas where Archbishop Fabre has served - New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Houma-Thibodaux, all of which are in Louisiana.

More seriously, he told the congregation and those watching the livestream, "A new era begins."

He offered gratitude for the service of Archbishop Kurtz, for his time as bishop of Knoxville, Tennessee, his service in the Archdiocese of Louisville and as a national leader in the U.S. Conference of



CNS PHOTO/MARNIE MCALLISTER, THE RECORD

Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre of Louisville, Ky., gives the final blessing during his installation Mass at the Kentucky International Convention Center March 30, 2022.

Catholic Bishops, including as conference president 2013-2016.

"Thank you for decades of dedicated service," Archbishop Pierre told him.

To Archbishop Fabre, he said, "You have big shoes to fill."

He encouraged the new archbishop to be close to the people of God and went on to quote part of Pope Francis' opening speech from the International Conference on the Priesthood Feb. 17.

"Closeness to the people of God, a closeness that, enriched by those other forms of closeness, invites and indeed demands that we imitate the Lord's own 'style,'" the nuncio quoted.

"That style is one of closeness, compassion and tenderness, in which we act not as judges, but as good Samaritans who acknowledge the wounds of our people, their silent sufferings, the self-denial and sacrifices made by so many fathers and mothers to support their families, who acknowledge, too, the

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effects of violence, corruption and indifference that, in their wake, seek to stifle all hope," Archbishop Pierre continued, still quoting the pope.

"A style of closeness that allows us to pour balm upon wounds and to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord. It is imperative to remember that the people of God are hoping to find shepherds in the style of Jesus."

Archbishop Pierre concluded by invoking the intercession of St. Joseph and Mary.

Following his speech, the nuncio presented the mandate to Archbishop Fabre, who showed it to the priests, bishops and cardinals on the platform that served as the sanctuary and then stepped down into the congregation to share it with the assembly.

His formal installation concluded as Archbishop Kurtz and the nuncio guided him to the bishop's chair – the cathedra – where he received his crosier, a staff of polished wood.

During his homily, Archbishop Fabre picked up the nuncio's joke and pronounced Louisville as "Lou-ah-vul" with a laugh, saying, "I practiced and I got it! ... May all problems be so easily solved."

He went on to highlight a theme he also underscored the night before at vespers: unity in Jesus Christ.

He asked the congregation to keep "our eyes focused on him; focused on the things that unite us instead of the things that divide us."

He was answered with applause.

He added that the Archdiocese of Louisville is "rich in cultural diversity" and asked that people stand together "because we are in this together."

His message was reflected in the day's prayer and music, which spanned cultures, languages and time periods. Languages included were Vietnamese, French Creole, Tagalog, Korean, German, Malayalam (a language spoken in southwestern India), Swahili and Spanish.

Following Mass, hundreds of people lined up to welcome the new archbishop. He received well-wishers for about two hours in the lobby of the convention center. ■

McAllister is editor of The Record, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Louisville.



CNS PHOTO/RICK MUSACCHIO, TENNESSEE REGISTER
Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre leans against his crosier during his installation as archbishop of Louisville, Ky., during a Mass at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville March 30, 2022.

‘You can be holy’

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Attending the March 30 installation Mass of Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre of the Archdiocese of Louisville, F. Veronica Wilhite thought to herself “I wish my mom was here, and my dad.”

Archbishop Fabre is the 10th bishop of Louisville, fifth archbishop of Louisville and first Black bishop of Louisville – not to mention all of Kentucky.

Wilhite, a Black Catholic herself, has ministered to Black Catholics in western Kentucky for decades, and considers Archbishop Fabre’s installation significant and “historic.”

“Black Catholics need to see that ‘you can do this, you can be holy,’” said Wilhite in a conversation with The Western Kentucky Catholic after the

Black Catholic ministry director inspired, encouraged by Fabre installation

installation Mass.

“When you don’t see yourself,” as in other Black Catholics actively living the faith, “the message is that you’re not good enough,” she said.

Wilhite is the director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry for the Diocese of Owensboro. Owensboro is one of the six Kentucky and Tennessee dioceses that have the Louisville archdiocese as their metropolitan see.

Wilhite was appointed to her present role in 2003; a position which grew out of an initiative known as the Black Catholic Commission – a coordinated effort among Catholics in Owensboro, Paducah and Union County.

She initially worked out of the parish office at Blessed Sacrament Chapel – one of the diocese’s

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 Musician David Morris plays the violin during the Diocese of Owensboro's annual Evening Prayer for Protection and Healing, held at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on April 21.

For healing, love and mercy

Annual prayer service held for abuse awareness

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The hymn summarized the purpose of the gathering that evening: "If any member suffers, we all will suffer, too. Bring healing, love and mercy! Bring justice, God of truth!"

Titled "O God, When Trust is Shattered," the hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette opened the Diocese of Owensboro's annual Evening Prayer for Protection and Healing, held at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on April 21.

The 45-minute service coincided with April being designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month, but the gathering was dedicated to more than those impacted by child abuse. It also served to pray for and join in solidarity with anyone – be they child, youth or vulnerable adult – harmed by abuse at the hands of anyone representing the Catholic Church – whether recently or long ago.

Holding lit candles, attendees prayed along with Bishop William F. Medley, who presided at the service. Those who wished to attend virtually could watch via the cathedral's livestream on Facebook or YouTube.

"My brothers and sisters, let us make our prayer one with those around the country who pledge that we will protect, and heal," said Bishop Medley in his homily. ■

Information about virtual support group opportunities for victims/survivors of abuse may be accessed at <https://owensborodiocese.org/support-group/> and <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>.

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two historically Black churches – where she was also the pastoral associate. When Wilhite retired from Blessed Sacrament in 2013, she moved to an office in the diocese's pastoral center.

Today, the spiritual needs of Black Catholics in Kentucky remain great, she told the WKC.

Many issues affecting Catholicism as a whole, such as young people losing their faith, are affecting the Black Catholic community too. Unfortunately, this is in addition to longstanding issues of systemic racism inside and outside the Catholic Church.

Still, Wilhite she said she is grateful for the efforts of Owensboro's Bishop William F. Medley and Louisville's previous prelate, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, "who did a lot of groundwork for dealing with racism."

Louisville has "already done a lot of work with a bishop who understands," said Wilhite, "so (Archbishop Fabre) is not walking into a vacuum."

Bishop Medley had served alongside then-Bishop Fabre on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church; a committee which ultimately released the 2018 pastoral letter against racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts:

The Enduring Call to Love."

The letter is what brought Bishop Fabre to visit the Diocese of Owensboro in September 2019, when Bishop Medley invited him to speak on "Open Wide Our Hearts" and the issue of racism. This visit was one of Bishop Fabre's few trips to Kentucky before his appointment as Louisville's archbishop.

Wilhite said Archbishop Fabre will have the support of Black Catholics across Kentucky, many of whom attended the installation Mass.

"To have an archbishop, as a Black Catholic, it provides hope" said Wilhite, which for her was inspiration that "you can do this." ■

Knights of Columbus host Mass and luncheon for widows



COURTESY OF KATHARYN BYRNE

On April 2, 2022, the meal is prepared for the Mass and luncheon for widowed parishioners of Holy Spirit and St. Joseph Parishes in Bowling Green.

BY KATHARYN BYRNE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On April 2, 2022, the Knights of Columbus at Holy Spirit Parish and their wives hosted a Mass and luncheon for the widowed parishioners of Holy Spirit and St. Joseph Parishes in Bowling Green. The widows each received a corsage of pink rosebuds and were escorted into Mass by the Knights. Fr. Randy Howard presided over the Mass and offered a homily in which he discussed the mystery of God's selection of the time each of us completes our tasks on earth, acknowledging that each widow, while mourning the loss of her husband, has work to do for God in her remaining lifetime. Bill and Erin Rankin pro-

vided the music for the Mass.

The widows then proceeded to Spirit Hall where photos were displayed of the widows and their deceased spouses and the tables were decorated with pink and peach peony centerpieces.

The widows were seated at tables with Knights and their wives who interviewed the widows and then introduced them to the entire group. A lunch of antipasto and fruit skewers, chicken and wild rice soup, tossed salad, lasagna and raspberry mousse was served, along with tea and wine. Knight Michael Byrne served as emcee for the event and the hall filled with laughter and conversation. Members of the current Confirmation preparation class worked

hard serving the food and bussing the tables.

Each widow received a small flower vase, a wooden picture holder made by Michael Byrne, and beaded bracelets with crosses and miraculous medals made by Amanda Villarreal and Katharyn Byrne.

The event was attended by 44 widows and 56 Knights and wives. A similar event was held in 2019 and many of the ladies were delighted to be out in a social setting again with the opportunity to see old friends and make some new ones. Transportation was provided when needed by the Knights. ■

Katharyn Byrne belongs to Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green.

Cursillo offers a 'life-changing opportunity'

BY DAWN C. LIGIBEL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The weekend was filled with laughter, tears, prayer, and a lot of talking – sometimes even at appropriate times!

“This group bonded so quickly,” explained Fr.

Terry Devine, one of the spiritual directors of the 76th Women's Catholic Cursillo held March 10-13, 2022 at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

“The fire they all brought even re-ignited the team, and they needed that,” commented Ashley

Haycraft, Assistant Rectora for this Cursillo and Rectora for next year's. “They were so engaged and focused. They were like sponges.”

Participants of this Cursillo also enthusiastically expressed their appreciation for the experience.

“I'm still on cloud nine,” exclaimed Dawn Wilcox

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COURTESY OF ASHLEY HAYCRAFT

(Left) The participants and team of the 2022 Women's Catholic Cursillo, held March 10-13.

from Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville. "I hope it never goes away. I realize that the friends and sisters I made there will always be there; we now have that in common."

"I was so fired up and wanted to tell everybody to experience Cursillo," agreed Debbie Smeathers of St. Columba Parish in Lewisport.

"I came home coming off an adrenaline high that you get from something special," said Michelle Sandheinrich, also of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish.

In addition to the initial "fire" the eight participants experienced, this Cursillo is already having lasting effects.

"I'm using things from Cursillo in my daily life," explained Sandheinrich. "I get excited about going to Mass now. It's different. I feel like I'm more fully present during Mass."

"It re-sparked an excitement in me, and I was able to re-motivate my energy and learning toward Christ," commented Wilcox.

"Cursillo doesn't just start you," Sandheinrich explained. "It keeps you going with small groups, Ultreya, and School of Leaders."

"I am most happy about getting together with the other girls in small group," agreed Denise Boarman from Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro. "Learning from the other women is a godsend for me. It's good to learn and not just be stuck in a routine."



(Right) The participants and team of the 2022 Men's Catholic Cursillo, held March 3-6.

Smeathers is also enjoying meeting with her small group. "I'm glad we're having these meetings every week. We're all encouraging each other to be better people."

Understanding Cursillo prior to attending is difficult for many people because much of what is experienced is asked to be kept private.

"It's supposed to be a safe place where people are able to be themselves," explained Haycraft.

"I was very hesitant because of the fear of not knowing what to expect," admitted Wilcox, "but everyone was so warm and welcoming."

"We are not to go out and share other people's personal experiences," Fr. Devine explained. "But people do need to understand that it is a very Catholic, spiritual event. It involves Catholic devotions such as the rosary, adoration, prayer, and benediction."

"It was beyond my expectations," agreed Sandheinrich. "I got reacquainted with Jesus!"

"I think many people look for more reasons not to attend than they do to attend," said Smeathers. "I keep telling everybody that it's a life-changing opportunity!" ■

Dawn C. Ligibel belongs to Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville.

Monthly Mass ‘finally!’ renewed at Beaver Dam Nursing Home



COURTESY OF BERNIE AND PAM HAYES
Fr. Julio Barrera offering Mass at Beaver Dam Nursing Home.



COURTESY OF BERNIE AND PAM HAYES
In wheelchairs and recliners, residents participating in Mass.



COURTESY OF BERNIE AND PAM HAYES
Residents and a Catholic nurse's aide join together in worship.

BY BERNIE AND PAM HAYES, SPECIAL TO
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY

“Finally!” was the word most echoed March 4 among our friends, the residents of the Beaver Dam Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Ohio County. Fr. Julio Barrera had initiated Mass on First Fridays at the facility in 2019, but the pandemic kept us away for two full years, from March 2020 until just this month.

Sadly, two of our Catholic residents passed away during those two years. We learned too late that Nancy Pate had passed away; our condolences to her family. Fr. Julio was allowed to come in and administer the Anointing of the Sick for Ann Strehl. She passed away August 19, 2021; Fr. Julio presided at her graveside service.

During the pandemic we kept in contact with the residents via seasonal and monthly cards and letters. When we were finally able to make one-on-one weekly visits at the Center again in December 2021,

we were amazed how many of the residents remembered us. Our hearts were touched to find several of our friends had saved each and every card and letter.

We were personally so delighted to witness Fr. Julio again offering Mass in the North Lounge, on a makeshift altar (an over-the-bed-table). Twelve residents, the activities director Cindy Kelly, and a Catholic nurse's aide joined us in the celebration. Although not all Catholic, and in wheelchairs and recliners, the residents participated and listened attentively. They also appreciated the small tokens of prayer cards, booklets, rosaries, and medals offered. Fr. Julio is again able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation upon request. And now, God-willing, our weekly Communion visits and our 10:30 a.m. “First Friday Mass” will again be part of the residents' schedule. Blessings for them and for us! ■

Bernie and Pam Hayes belong to Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam.



COURTESY OF BERNIE AND PAM HAYES
Residents listening to volunteer Bernie Hayes sharing the Word.

Showing how ‘we’re here and we care,’ diocese and parishes collaborate on Hispanic young adult retreat



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FULGENCIO GARCIA
The participants of the April 2, 2022 Lenten Hispanic young adult retreat at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FULGENCIO GARCIA
Retreatants participate in outdoor games during the April 2, 2022 Lenten Hispanic young adult retreat at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FULGENCIO GARCIA
Fr. Corey D. Bruns (background) and Dcn. Chris Gutiérrez (foreground) distribute Holy Communion during the April 2, 2022 Lenten Hispanic young adult retreat at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On April 2, 2022, approximately 35 single, Hispanic young adults ages 18 and up gathered at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green for a Lenten retreat.

The young adults came from parishes all over the diocese, including St. Joseph in Mayfield, St. Thomas More in Paducah, Sts. Joseph and Paul in Owensboro, St. Mary in Franklin, Holy Trinity in Morgantown, Christ the King in Madisonville, St. Michael in Sebree and St. Joseph in Bowling Green.

Dcn. Chris Gutiérrez, director of Hispanic/Latino ministry for the Diocese of Owensboro, said the day began around 8:30 a.m. and included talks, free time, a prayerful washing of the feet experience, lunch, reflection time, and a 4 p.m. Saturday evening vigil Mass in Spanish.

Dcn. Gutiérrez said Abraham Brown, the director of Hispanic Ministry at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, “gave a moving talk on *Christus Vivit*,” which is Pope Francis’ 2019 apostolic exhortation on accompaniment, engagement, and the vocational mission of youth and young adults.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, the pastor of St. Michael in Sebree, gave a talk on the mysteries of the Triduum, as Holy Week was just around the corner.

In the afternoon, the retreatants had to opportunity to participate in Gasper’s many outdoor elements and activities, assisted by Ben Warrell, the camp’s director, and Olivia Romero, the program director.

Irma Briones, who lives in Livermore, said she “enjoyed the whole, entire retreat. It helped me see life differently.”

She loved the property at Gasper River, saying

that the experience “helped me have more of a connection with nature.”

“The zipline was my favorite because I was scared, but it taught me how to be brave and fearless,” said Briones of one of the outdoor elements.

She said the retreat “encouraged me a lot” and that she is “looking forward” to more retreats like this in the future.

Dcn. Gutiérrez told The Western Kentucky Catholic that there is a great need in the United States to “respond to the pastoral needs” of Hispanic and Latino youth and young adults in the Catholic Church.

“Often, they are migrant workers, often living very lonely lives, just needing a connection, and are longing for community,” said Dcn. Gutiérrez. (Migrant workers travel to different regions in order to be hired for short-term work opportunities.)

Dcn. Gutiérrez emphasized that “young people

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF FULGENCIO GARCIA
A young woman climbs the Jacob's Ladder activity during the April 2, 2022 Lenten Hispanic young adult retreat at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

are not the future of the Church – they are the present,” and that people often assume “Hispanics are Catholic” and so do not need ongoing formation in order to “remain” Catholic.

“But if we don’t strive to keep people Catholic, they won’t be in 20 years,” he said.

The key is to retain the culture and language along with the faith, Dcn. Gutiérrez added: “We’re striving for integration, not assimilation. The diversity we have enriches us as a Church.”

Likewise, “language is more than about understanding – it is also a connection to your interior spirituality,” he said, explaining that many Hispanic young adults may not know Catholic prayers in English, but know them by heart in Spanish.

Dcn. Gutiérrez said others who assisted at the retreat included the Hispanic choir from St. Joseph

in Bowling Green; Fr. Corey D. Bruns, parochial vicar of St. Joseph in Bowling Green; Sr. Luisa Morales Solano from St. Joseph in Mayfield; Sr. Yessica Vazquez Carro from St. Thomas More; and Fr. LUSTEIN Blanco Grajales of St. Michael in Sebree.

He said he would like to offer a retreat like this again, and was grateful for the assistance of Charlie Hardesty, the diocesan director of youth and young adult ministry.

“In the immigrant young adult crowd, they may not be here with their parents, and the loneliness is acute,” said Dcn. Gutiérrez. “This is a group that can be neglected, and I am trying to change that. I want to show them we’re here, that we care.”

“We will continue to respond to the need to reach out to the needs of Hispanic youth and young adults,” he said. ■

St. Martin Parish welcomes three to the holy Catholic Church



COURTESY OF MEGHAN CONSTANTINE, CINDY MURPHY AND ALLY BOONE
Left to right: Ally Boone, Meghan Constantine and Cindy Murphy, who all came into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Martin Parish in Rome on April 16, 2022.

BY NICOLE GRAY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

St. Martin Parish in Rome is pleased to announce their three new members into the holy Catholic faith. Meghan Constantine, Cindy Murphy, and Ally Boone all came into full communion on April 16 at the Easter Vigil at St. Martin. These three ladies have been studying about the Catholic faith in RCIA led by Debi Hopkins, religious education director at St. Martin.

Each of these women have had their own enlightening experience with the holy Catholic faith, edging them closer and closer to becoming a full Catholic. Meghan Constantine is engaged to Jake Fisher and is getting married on June 18, 2022. She says she enjoys spending time with friends and family. She said that becoming Catholic has allowed her to grow deeper into her faith and that she is excited to continue to develop her faith after joining the Church.

Cindy Murphy is married to Steve Murphy, has been attending Catholic church since 2002 and notes that many people didn’t realize that she was not a member of the Church. She says that coming into full communion into the faith means she will have an even better personal encounter with Christ and be a witness to his love.

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2022 Parish Picnic Schedule in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Parish picnics and cooking teams are a longstanding tradition in the parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike gather to celebrate with food, games and community during the warmest months of the year. All questions about the individual picnics should be directed to the parishes; contact information may be accessed via owensborodiocese.org/find-a-parish.

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
MAY 21	Serving at 11:30 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
MAY 29	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
JUNE 4	Serving from 4-7 p.m.	St. Joseph, Leitchfield
JUNE 11	Serving and drive-thru at 3:30 p.m.	St. Pius X, Owensboro
JUNE 18	Drive thru-only; serving at 3 p.m.; main raffle drawing at 4 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
JUNE 25	Traditional style picnic; booths open at 3 p.m.; serving at 4 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
JULY 2	Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; supper 5-7 p.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
JULY 9	Drive-thru only; serving at 4 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
JULY 16	Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; supper 5-7 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
JULY 16	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
JULY 30	Serving from 3-7 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield
AUGUST 2	Serving at 4 p.m., drive-thru only	St. Martin, Rome
AUGUST 6	Serving noon-2 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
AUGUST 6	Serving from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUGUST 13	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
SEPTEMBER 17	Serving at 4 p.m.; drive-thru only	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPTEMBER 17	Serving from 4-8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPTEMBER 18	Serving at 11 a.m.	Mary Carrico School (St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, 6119 St. Lawrence Rd., Philpot)
SEPTEMBER 24	Serving from 1-3 p.m., drive-thru only	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPTEMBER 24	Serving 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Honeyfest Dinner at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson
SEPTEMBER 25	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

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MAYFIELD

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Led by Bishop William F. Medley

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | 1:00 PM | ST. JOSEPH



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Our third new member, Ally Boone, has a fiancé named Matt Bell. She is a fourth-grade teacher at Burns Elementary School and graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro in 2021 where she also played soccer. She says that becoming Catholic is important because her fiancé Matt and her, will now be able to start their marriage with a strong faithful foundation when they get married in a few months. Ally and Matt will be able to learn and grow throughout their lives together. She says the Catholic faith will support us through a hopefully long and happy marriage!

Please help us welcome these three women and pray for them on their journey to continue to learn and serve their Catholic faith. Welcome Meghan, Cindy, and Ally!

Nicole Gray is the director of communications at St. Martin Parish in Rome. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

Escape to the Mount



QUILT BINGO is back! Sunday, Sept. 11

1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium

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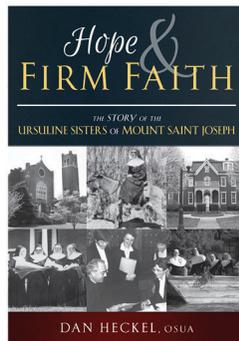
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Wish to join our Kindness Campaign? You will get 12 inspirational cards mailed monthly to your chosen recipient. New cards begin in June. The Ursuline Sisters ask for a contribution of \$50.

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Fr. Gary has made this journey several times and you will have the availability to choose daily if you want to walk or ride the motor coach! This is a great opportunity to heal the mind and soul.

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For more information:

Contact Faith in Travel's Kenny Trowbridge at kenny@faithintravel.com/270.952.2913 or Contact Fr. Gary at gary.clark@pastoral.org.

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Trip Dates
September 20-30th, 2022

BUEN CAMINO!

MAY 2022 BULLETIN BOARD

May 14 Beloved: Living as Daughters of the King

A women's retreat will be held at Sts. Joseph & Paul in their parish hall on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Doors open at 8:30 AM with worship and an opening session beginning at 9 AM. The retreat is hosted by Laura Shoulders and will feature special guest, Danielle Noonan. Danielle is a Catholic songwriter, musician and evangelist who travels the world sharing her music, speaking and leading worship. The cost to attend is \$25 if you register by May 8. After May 8, the price goes up to \$35. To register and for payment information, please visit <https://forms.gle/n8vPcwszSkvE3PES7>

Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion

If you are suffering from grief or trauma from an abortion, come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on May 20-22, 2022 at the Passionist Retreat House in Whitesville, Ky., sponsored by Rachel's Vineyard of Bowling Green. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment of our Children to Jesus. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact: Rita by phone (270-474-4707) or email (retreats@hopeafterabortionky.com). The cost is \$180 for meals, private room, and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available – no one is ever turned away due to financial need! For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Nominate someone for 2022 Educator of the Year!

Nominations for the Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year are being accepted. The winner will be announced at the 2022 Celebration of Catholic Schools event. Anyone, with the exception of an immediate family member, may nominate an educator for the award. The educator must currently be employed in the Diocese of Owensboro and must have taught for a minimum of five years in the diocesan schools. For a full list of nomination requirements and an online form, visit owensborodiocese.org/educator-award/. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2022.

Fr. John M. Thomas to lead pilgrimage

Join Fr. John M. Thomas and Faith in Travel on a pilgrimage to Northern Italy and Switzerland (Sacri Monti,

the small Jerusalem of the Alps) Sept. 12-20, 2022. Pre-trip is available to Rome. Trip cost \$4,495*double occupancy – plus insurance. Price includes round trip air from Nashville. Spots are limited and will sell out quickly! For more information or to book the trip: Contact Faith in Travel's Kenny Trowbridge at info@faithintravel.com or (270) 952-2913.

Women Shaped by Faith Saturday, July 9 at Mount Saint Joseph

Local fitness expert Theresa Rowe will lead "Women Shaped by Faith: Shaping Bodies & Hearts for God's Purposes" on Saturday, July 9. This will be an inspiring and motivating day of whole-person wellness to develop and nurture spirit, mind and body. Rowe will teach on the health benefits of combining our faith, mindset and fitness, using biblical principles for daily application. Also included is a Pilates for the Soul Mat Workout, specifically designed for every level of fitness. Please bring your own exercise mat. The retreat takes place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56.) Rowe is a TV and radio host of "Shaped by Faith." She is also an author, fitness expert and motivational health and wellness speaker. The \$30 fee includes lunch (the cost is \$40 at the door). To register, call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or register online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/event/shaped-by-faith/>

Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae Weekend Aug. 27-28

All former students and faculty of Mount Saint Joseph Academy or Junior College, Maple Mount, Ky., are invited to Alumnae Weekend on Aug. 27-28. This year's theme will be "A Night (and Day) at the Oscars." Alumnae will gather on Saturday for a blessing and dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Lourdes Parish Hall, 4029 Frederica St., Owensboro. Reservations for a block of rooms at the nearby Hampton Inn South, 615 Salem Dr., Owensboro, are available through the end of July. On Sunday, alumnae will gather at the Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium in Maple Mount for a business meeting, class pictures, and the annual banquet which includes the presentation of the Maple Leaf awards. The day will also include a Sunday Liturgy in the Motherhouse Chapel. The Saturday "Welcome Back" supper is \$15, and the Sunday catered awards banquet is \$25. Alumnae are also asked to pay their annual dues of \$25. To register, contact Doreen Abbott at 270-229-2006 or alumnae.msaj@maplemount.org. A

registration form can be found at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/2022-alumnae-weekend-registration/>

Save the date for Holy Name's fall festival

Holy Name of Jesus School in Henderson will have their annual Fall Festival Sept. 16, 5-10 p.m. and Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Carnival rides, raffle tickets, live and silent auctions, haunted house, games, and food booths. Learn more at www.holynameschool.org.

Support groups for victims/survivors of clergy abuse

The Diocese of Owensboro would like to share some support group opportunities made available through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. These groups are open to all victims/survivors in the United States. Learn more at <https://owensborodiocese.org/support-group/> and <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe/>.

Need a meeting space? Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium is available

Need a meeting space for up to 200 people? The Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium, located on the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph campus (8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Ky., 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56), is available for renting. The Auditorium is an open space with a kitchen equipped for catering. It's perfect for hosting wedding receptions, Christmas parties, birthday parties, class reunions, etc. It was built to serve Mount Saint Joseph Academy as a place to hold plays and recitals, and for athletic activities. Both the stage and the basketball court remain. There are two rental options, a partial rental for up to four hours (\$100) and a full rental which allows use for a full day (\$200). To reserve the Auditorium, contact the Mount Saint Joseph Finance Office by email: ap@maplemount.org or call the switchboard at 270-229-4103 and ask to speak to the Finance Office about renting the Auditorium. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You can find out more on this webpage: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/renting-the-auditorium/>

Mass and confession times in the Diocese of Owensboro

Did you know you can access Mass times on the diocese's website? Visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/find-a-parish/> for a list of parishes, Mass times and more. As confession times are subject to change, visitors are encouraged to contact the parishes directly for their most up-to-date confession schedule.

May, June and July Wedding Anniversaries

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

Please send any anniversary updates or corrections to Sara Lewis, Office of Marriage & Family Life, at sara.lewis@pastoral.org.

MAY

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Bryson & Caitlyn Morrow, 5
Ed & Ellen Higdon, 52

James & Janet Hagan, 50
Joseph & Donna Roby, 50

Judy & Ray Taylor, 53

Mike & Karen Thompson, 40
Richard & Jennifer Hayden, 25

Christ the King, Madisonville

Ralph & Jeanne Hines, 56

Christ the King, Scottsville

Bill & Catherine Grapes, 53
Bill & Nancy Wooldridge, 57
Jack & Diane Beeckler, 57

Jose & Jasmine Magana, 10

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Darrel & Darlene Cummings, 54
David & Kathy Butler, 50

Don & Joyce Hutchinson, 54
Frank & Michelle Trovato, 25

Jerry & Cathy Wischer, 53

Richard & Linda Day, 52

Rick & Sally Clements, 53

Robert & Dee Dee Sellars, 51

William & Phyllis Durham, 57

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Bill & Carolyn Siebold, 59

Brent & Kathy Fackler, 10

Craig & Lisa Nobel, 25

Donald & Valerie Salomoni, 56
Glenn & Edith Lohr, 54

Jack & Georgie MacEachern, 60

James & Carol Blackburn, 54

Jerry & Carolyn Allred, 51

Lyle & Sue Parrigin, 40

Mike & Tracie Elliott, 25

Timothy & Denise Isom, 40

Tony & Sharon Payne, 50

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Daniel & Janet Hartline, 62

Jeremy & Shannon Webb, 5

William and Karol Welch, 51

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Roy & Gayle Ogle, 55

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Bob & Sylvia Lovett, 56

Don & Shirley Story, 52

Ernie & Shirley Taliaferro, 52

Fred & Helen Meister, 53

Jared & Whitney Randolph, 5

Jerry & M'Allys Bowen, 50

Joe & Bev Rudy, 52

Michael & Patsy Snyder, 54

Steve & Etta Cooper, 52

Tony & Celia Roach, 57

Wesley & Lindsey Donohoo, 5

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Allen & Margaret Henderson, 54

Bob & JoAnn Vessels, 69

Cecil & Janice Thomson, 60

Chris & Alyssa Haycraft, 5

David & Catherine King, 58

James & Lenna Elder, 58

Jerry & Charlotte Moore, 54

Joseph & Joan Wathen, 58

Joseph & Ramona Keller, 40

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Michael & Penny Matthews, 25

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George & Sue Krysztopa, 40

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Dr. Jeff Andrini.

The early Church was born through the power of the Holy Spirit. The disciples huddled in fear following the crucifixion as they contemplated the end of their journey with Jesus. Then the unimaginable happened, he rose from the dead and they

were transformed!

Jesus came, stood in their midst and offered them peace. He walked with the disciples for a short time following the resurrection and told them that he was going to the Father and that it was better for them if he went, for then he could send the Holy Spirit.

The disciples responded, “Wait, we thought you were coming to restore the kingdom of Israel and make God’s kingdom present in the here and now.” Jesus said, “Yep.” They responded, “But how will you do this if you are leaving?” Jesus looked them square in the eye, as he does to you and to me today and said, “Through each of you!” Boom – they were sent on mission and filled with the Holy Spirit, which equipped them to live the teachings of Jesus. The Easter season is filled with

stories from the early Church about how the Holy Spirit moved among the people and how God worked through his transformed disciples.

This story continues today in each of our lives! This Easter season the Diocese of Owensboro is doing something special. We are proclaiming our mission: “To be missionary disciples of Jesus, making present the kingdom of God” and praying the Prayer of Evangelization as we seek to foster a renewed culture of prayer, team work and vibrant Christian community.

While it is true that things look a little bleak in our world today, it is also true that being Catholic is a great gift and following Jesus is filled with innumerable blessings. Like the early Church, we too are only human and do not have all the answers, but Jesus transforms us as his disciples to be on mission to bring about God’s kingdom in our midst. We can only live this mission in and through a life-giving and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Without God, we can do nothing of lasting worth. But when transformed by God through the Paschal Mystery and in our daily walk with Jesus, we have an abundance of God’s love and grace to share with the world.

A professional football analogy may help here. Imagine 80,000 people in the stands in need of a little exercise, cheering on 22 men in desperate need of a little rest. The Church

needs all of us to be praying daily, growing in our friendship with Jesus, and receiving Jesus’ body and blood often. This leads to personal transformation and recognition that by our baptism, we are ALL called to be missionary disciples of Jesus. We each have gifts, talents, and leadership abilities, and are called to serve Jesus by serving the Church and our world.

Happy Easter!

Jeff ■

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The Ascension: ‘I Am With You Always’

BY DCN. JAY W. VANHOOSIER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When I read Scripture, I often like to imagine myself being present and witnessing the events firsthand. So when I reflect on events like the Transfiguration, the Resurrection, and the Ascension, I like to put myself there – in that place and time – and think of what I would see and feel. At the Ascension, I imagine that the disciples were sad that Jesus was leaving, knowing that they would miss him. As they watched him rise up into the clouds to go to his Father, I am sure they were in awe, intently watching Jesus until they could no longer see him. If I were there, I would find myself meditating on the words that Jesus left us with, repeating them in my heart. “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

Of course, with the help of 2,000 years of theological reflection, we know that it was necessary for Jesus to ascend into Heaven. Why? It was so that the Holy Spirit could come to be with us. Referring to him as “the Advocate,” Jesus told his disciples that when he returned to his Father, he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them. And, 10 days after the Ascension, the Holy Spirit did descend upon the disciples and Mary on the day of Pentecost, just as Jesus had promised. The Holy Spirit helped the Twelve burst forth from that locked room where they were huddled in fear and move out into the streets of Jerusalem to share the Gospel. And the Holy Spirit is still with us today to share his gifts with us. We too are Jesus’ disciples and the Holy Spirit still helps us to stay rooted in Christ as well.

However, the presence of the Holy Spirit does not mean that Jesus no longer abides with us. He promised to be with us always, and we can still find him even though he does not physically walk with beside us. For Catholics, the most obvious place where we can find him is in the Eucharist. In the Blessed Sacrament, we find his true presence as he gives us the gift of his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. More than this, he is with us when two or more of us are gathered in his name. We can still feel him with us at home, at work, at school, and wherever we go because we are to be a reflection of his light in the world around us. We might not be able to see him, but this is where faith comes in.

At first, the Ascension might seem like Jesus is leaving us to stay with his Father in Heaven, but this is not the case. He returned to his Father to give us the grace to continue his ministry. By sending us the Holy Spirit to guide us and



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Christ's ascent to heaven is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Aloysius Church in Great Neck, N.Y. The feast of the Ascension of the Lord, observed May 29 in 2022, celebrates the completion of Christ's mission on earth and his entry into heaven.

by imparting the Great Commission, we continue to know, love, and serve him while helping others to do the same. Disciples eventually resemble their teacher, so by following Jesus, we become like him. In this way, he is still with us even after the Ascension, and he abides with us even more closely than before. ■

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How and why the Passionists nuns found their way to the Diocese of Owensboro

BY EDWARD WILSON, ARCHIVES

On May 3, 1946, Bishop Francis Ridgley Cotton – the first bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro – received an unexpected letter. The author of the letter was Mother Mary Agnes of the Mother of God, a Passionist nun located in Scranton, Pa. Mother Mary Agnes wrote inquiring about the possibility of Owensboro being the home of a new monastery for Passionist nuns. The strange thing is that the letter was completely unsolicited. Bishop Cotton had not reached out to the Passionists. It, no doubt, seemed to him that the hand of God was at work here.

The bishop felt a great weight on his shoulders. He was unsure how to respond. He greatly wanted a group of contemplative nuns for the diocese; this was not the question. What puzzled him was when to respond. The following week he was going on retreat with his priests. Should he wait to reply until after? After much prayer and floor pacing, the Lord instructed him.

Bishop Cotton sat down and immediately dictated a response. The letter begins, “Your letter of May 1st comes as a great surprise to me. I am wondering how you even knew there was an Owensboro Diocese.” The diocese had been in existence just nine years. So it was surprising that such a request would have come from so far away. He extended an invitation for Mother Mary Agnes to visit and discuss the possibilities. He informed her that he and his priests were going on retreat the next week and that May 12 would be the nearest possibility to meet.

Not one to waste time in matters of the Lord, Mother Mary Agnes set their meeting for May 12.

The morning of their meeting, Mother Mary Agnes and Sr. Mary Catherine received a “warm and gracious welcome” from Bishop Cotton. They were taken to the property on Benita Avenue that the bishop had in mind for the monastery. The nuns were then driven around town to see if they deemed another location more desirable. In the end, they agreed with the bishop, the property on Benita Avenue would serve wonderfully for the time being.

The decision was made and the Passionists chose to lay the new foundation in Owensboro. The formal establishment of the monastery took place on Oct. 7, 1946, with Mother Mary Agnes, Srs. Mary Bernadette, Mary Cecilia, Jeanne



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Pictured are the first five Passionist nuns to come to Owensboro in 1946: Sr. Mary Cecilia, Mother Mary Agnes, Sr. Jeanne Marie, Sr. Mary Bernadette and Sr. Mary Frances.

Marie and Francis Marie as its founding sisters.

So, why Owensboro? Providence and prayer truly led the Passionists here. After finding prospective locations out east undesirable, the Passionists sent about 21 letters to the south and midwest. It was determined that the first affirmative reply would be given first consideration. Bishop Cotton’s quick reply and southern hospitality assured Mother Mary Agnes that Kentucky was where God was leading them. May the faith of our Passionists inspire us. They follow Our Lord to the Cross and like adoring children follow him unquestioningly anywhere else. ■

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Catholic Schools Office announces 2021-2022 Thanks be to God Contest winners

Editor's note: On March 3, 2022 the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Owensboro announced to all principals the 2021-2022 winners of the Thanks be to God Contest, which was open to all kindergarten through 12th grade students in the diocese's Catholic schools during the current school year. Congratulations to all of the winners; names are listed below in first, second and third place order. Congratulations also to Brooklyn Anderson, a fourth grader at Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Campus, for receiving the 2022 Bishop's Award. ■

Kindergarten

J.B. Leonard, John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield
London Brewer, John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield
Judd O'Nan, John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield

1st Grade

Sydni Hess, Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson
Grace Sutton, Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson
Hudson Cumbers, St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah

2nd Grade

Millie Leonard, John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield
Kynedy Moorman, St. Romuald Catholic School, Hardinsburg
Paisley Merritt, St. Mary of the Woods School, Whitesville

3rd Grade

August Krampe, Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson
Brilee Harper, St. Romuald Catholic School, Hardinsburg
Matthew Stearns, Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson

4th Grade

Brooklyn Anderson, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus, Owensboro. ****Also the 2022 Bishop's Award winner*
Scarlett Ray, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus, Owensboro

Charlotte Latta, Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson

5th Grade

Quinn Best, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus, Owensboro
Betsy Evans, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus, Owensboro
Lilian Medley, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus, Owensboro

6th Grade

Kate Knott, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus, Owensboro
Adeline Keller, St. Mary of the Woods School, Whitesville
Isabel Alvey, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus, Owensboro

7th Grade

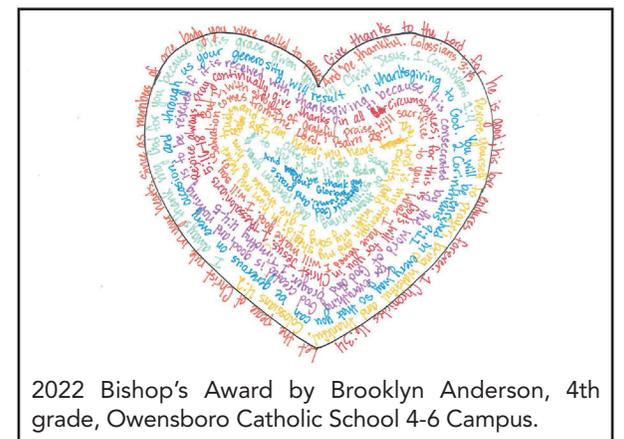
Kailee Lanham, Mary Carrico Catholic School, Knottsville
Emma Lashbrook, Mary Carrico Catholic School, Knottsville
Mallory Hendrickson, John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield

8th Grade

Grace Calhoun, Owensboro Catholic Middle School, Owensboro
Abby Sullivan, St. Mary Middle School, Paducah
Lhiam Mechels, Holy Name of Jesus School, Henderson

9th Grade

Madeleine Kanipe, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
Hannah Tignor, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro



2022 Bishop's Award by Brooklyn Anderson, 4th grade, Owensboro Catholic School 4-6 Campus.

Jaiden Grant, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro

10th Grade

Elle Brey, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
Elizabeth Hayden, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
Molly Meyer, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro

11th Grade

Vanessa Becker, St. Mary High School, Paducah
Allie Barnett, Trinity High School, Whitesville
Abby Payne, Trinity High School, Whitesville

12th Grade

JConnor Calhoun, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
Jansen Tipmore, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
Abbey Kyle, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 – Diocesan Schools

As an annual tradition for our May issue, The Western Kentucky Catholic requests and receives from the high schools and parishes within the Diocese of Owensboro the names of graduating high school seniors. Inquiries about these names may be directed to the corresponding schools or parishes. Congratulations, Class of 2022! **Please note:** This list is subject to change due to final grades not being reported until May.

Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro

Carson Dudley Atwell
Claire Gardner
Augenstein
Jonah Gabriel Bennett
Luke Joseph Bivins
Delanie Rose Brey
William Davis Brocato
Connor Joseph Calhoun
Alexander Bittel Castlen
Cole David Cecil
Emilee Ann Cecil
Lincoln Commodore
Clancy
Nicholas Randolph
Clemens
Rebecca Lauren
Clements
Brett Alexander Conder
Camille Ashtyn Conkright
Davis Len Connor
Jerry Wayne Crabtree III
Lance Ashten Dickens
Brooklyn Elizabeth Dixon
Shelby Noelle Durham

Luke Anthony Evans
Ross Alexander Fleming
Alyssa Madison Frey
John Michael Frey
William Thomas Fulkerson
Jaden Juan Fulkerson
Easton Thomas Fulks
Juan-Javier Martin Garcia
Jacob Anthony Gibbs
Kinsley Elizabeth Goetz
Sara Elizabeth Green
Brian Malik Griffith
James Konner Harl
Olivia Mikaye Hayden
Mary Grace Hayden
Joseph Christopher Hicks
Andrew Ryan Johnson
Shelby Lynn Jones
Riley Abigail Lynn
Krampe
Lauren Katherine Krampe
Abigail Lynn Kyle
Hadley Nicole Latham
Shane Ellis Lindsey
Ashton Paige Logsdon
Barrett Grayson Martin

Jonathan Patrick
McCarthy
Ashton Lee McCarty
Samuel Patrick McFarland
Samuel Rogers Mitchell
Katelyn Elizabeth Mitchell
Connor Isaiah Moore
Katherine Grace Moseley
Braden Mundy
Everett Newman Munsey
Benjamin Osborne
Murphy
Garrett Michael Nealen
Dylan Matthew Nichols
Carter Joseph Osborne
Bailey Elizabeth Padgett
Braedon Leo Parker
Carter Levi Patton
Abigail Jane Patton
Tess Alexandra Pence
Elijah-David Brett Price
Charles Maxwell Pride
Olivia Grace Riney
John Phillip Roberts
Haley Grace Rowland
Andrew Douglas Sandfer

Luke Thomas Scales
Aaron Matthew Self
Maleigha Ray Shelton
Catherine Lucas Sights
Emma Chelsea Staples
Carol Virginia Staples
Jacob Lee Stone
Anne Evelyn Sullivan
Laikynn Janell Thompson
Elijah Christian Thompson
Margaret Avery
Thompson
Jansen Lee Tipmore
Molly Ann Trogden
Avery Ann Waller
Hayden Cooper Ward
Jacob Scott Warren
Ji'Airus Myreon Webb
Jakob Lindley Wellman
Anna Beatrice Williams
John-William Wiman
Hunter Alexander
Wimsatt

St. Mary High School, Paducah

Hannah Andersson
Mason Baker
Cade Fleming
Trinity Higgins
Thomas Humm
Loren Jones
Nayelli McDowell
Jackson Muiter
Kali Patel
Sahil Rachan
Jack Roof
Mary Smith
Maya Smith
Annalise Vandry
Lily Wilson
Rocco Zakutney
Trinity High School, Whitesville
Elijah Lavone Boarman
Lanacia Dayle Evans
Margaret Lynette Foster
Makenna Reece
Greenwell
Grace Ann Hale

Cole Jamison Hall
Hadley Grace Hatfield
Dakota Michael Hayden
Katherine Edith Elaine
Hibbitt
Kristopher David Howard
Zane Michael Howard
Blake Christopher Laney
Madison Anne Logsdon
Jaydon B. Mattingly
Timothy Mason Mattingly
Blake Michael McBrayer
Bailey Marie Millay
Corli Jo Mills
Jack Dominic-Lafe Mills
Cassidy Rose Morris
Jake David Nash
Brianna Marie Park
Taylor Marie Pedley
Audrey Ann Porter
Mary Natalie Rhinerson
Patricia Nichole Rhinerson
Seth Michael Smith
Nicholas James Ward
Deven Lucas Wathen
Bailey Thomas Wright

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 – Non-Diocesan Schools

Editor's note: These include students from public schools, homeschool, private non-Catholic schools and Catholic schools outside the Diocese of Owensboro.

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Austin Cecil
William Danzer
Maxwell Dees
Jenna Faucheux
Gavin Glenn
Allison Hargitt
Charly Hayden
Morgan Lucas
Jacob Mayfield
Shelby Sandifer
Gabe Vincent

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Jacob Goldsberry
Trevor Welden
Garrett Allinder
Ethan Bayer
Trevor Book

Nolan Carrier
Taylor Chambers
Gavin Duncan
Hayden Emmick
Artaro Frausto
Joshua Freeman
Andrew Galbraith
Emma Gavin
Wesley Goldsberry
Julianna Hibbs
Isaac Holland
Rachel Ivie
Austin Loeffler
Boone McElroy
Cole Parrish
Callie Powers
Reece Powers
Justin Sanchez
Breckin Sauer
Elizabeth Sutton

Rylee Thomas
Delaney Thompson
Allie Vindhurst
Cesar Vitervo
Harlan Willett
Andrew Alvey
Caroline Corino
Parker McWilliams

Immaculate, Owensboro

Ethan Alvey
Emily Aud
Ella Bratcher
J. Crabtree
Kendall Dukate
Denice Hatfield
Reagan Maggard
E. Munsey
Ella Payne
Tyler Payne
Max Pride

Madelyn Tyler
Hayden Paul Warren

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Jacob Alvey
Rylie Erin Aud
Jonathan Boarman
Ashley Bowlds
Christopher Edge
Brianna Faye Hamilton
St. Ann, Morganfield
Ainsley Marie Beaven
Lexi Mae Clements
Ethan Lane Corbett
Paxton Wells Ervin

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Abigail Owens
St. Anthony the Abbot,

Axtel

BriAnna Marie Beville
St. Benedict Parish, Wax
Chandler McCrady
Keegan Sharp

St. Charles, Bardwell

Dawson Draper

St. Denis, Fancy Farm

Karen Ellegood
Victor Lock

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Grant Avis
Mikayla Clemons
Bianca Grant
Will Higdon
Celia Johnston

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Erin Gillituk
Evan Jones
David Rainey
Lexi Roof
Bryson Tuttle
Christopher Vaughn
St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Zachary Alexander
Isabelle Miller
Jessica Mills
Gwen Munsell
Trevor Rotolo
Kayla Runge
Logan Thompson
Abbey Williams
Addie Wilson
Brooke Wilson
Kayla Wilson
Ellie Youngblood

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St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Owen Thomas Bratcher
Emma Marie Embry
Elizabeth Rose Evans
Grace Kathryn Henderson
Sidney Clair Higdon

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Manuel Alejandre
Eduardo Arellano
Christina Baten
Jesus Carmona
Michelle Caro
Marlene Carrillo
Aurora Diaz
Aaliyah Garcia
Alexis Garcia
Deborah Garcia
Yenni Gonzalez
Lizbeth Hernandez
Audrey Lamb
Chelsea Rafael
Michelle Ramos
Vernardo Tomas
Alexis Velazquez

Guillermo Velazquez, Jr.

St. Mark, Eddyville

Rose Smith

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Natalie Jo Henning
Julia Grace Hinton
Emma Jane Whitfill

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Brody Kurz
Toby Cox
Lydia Mills
McKenzie Roberts

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Sydney Beth Bolton
Eli James Fogle
Kaylee DeAna Fulkerson
St. Pius X, Calvert City
James (Trae) Harbison, III
Alex Holmen
Lanie Pellegrin

Isabella Schiaretto
Cameron Thomason
Fatima Mendoza

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Kayla Clark
Natalie Delp
Savannah Dowell
Christian Englert
Catherine Gettha
Emma Haynes
Evan Haynes
Eh Kler Htoo
Noe Ree Po Htoo
Ava Hyland
Jill Johnson
Elizabeth Beh Meh
Eric Miles
Grace Payne
Hope Ramming
Ku Reh
Michael Tay Reh
Whitney Rice
Katherine Wahnsiedler

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Benjamin Joseph Brown
Justin Michael Brown
Madison Marie Carwile
Emily Mary Mae Claycomb
Lily Grace Critchelow
Darrian Paige Flood
Emma Hope Foran
Charles Henry Mattingly
Sean Nicholas Morton
Chloe Kathleen O'Donoghue
Izaiah Michael Perks
Cohl Bradley Proctor
Daniel Trevor Shain
Alyssa Arlington Shaw
Anna Morgan Tabor
Alaina Clair Taul
Logan Matthew Walz
Christian Allen Wheatley
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Paige Bosley

Noe Georges
Logan Lanham
Keaton Leigh
Chloe Murphy
Ayden Puckett
Ethan Settle

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Morgan Alexander

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Sophia Browning
Renee Chua
McKenzie Ellingsworth
Noah Elliott
Giovanni Escalera
Jennifer Goddard
Carlos Hernandez
Hillary Hollowell
Catherine Kupper
Moriah Medlin
Haily Mendoza
Gretchen Roach
Gloria Romero Sanchez

Bailey Schipp
Austin Shea
Reid Waltmon

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Nick Blincoe
Kayley Clark
Yaneyri Diaz
Josephine Gesser
Jacynnda Jarboe
Andrew Manqueros
Anna Manqueros
Cali Martin
Brady Rose
Claire Roush
Kylie Strehl
Margaret Ruth Strobel
Landen Thomas
Gabriela Velazquez
Lauren Webb
Luke Zambrano

Widening the Circle: State Farm provides grant to St. Mary School System



COURTESY OF ST. MARY SCHOOL SYSTEM

(Left to right) St. Mary Middle and High School principal Doug Shelton, State Farm agent Kent Bohannon, School System director Monica Hayden, State Farm staff member Emily Townzen, and Preschool and Elementary School principal Mary Smith.

Recently, State Farm awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the St. Mary School System. The funds will provide the seed money for their Widening the Circle program to create an even more inclusive school system.

Looking to the future, St. Mary School System anticipates an increase in students with learning

differences and special learning needs. While Resource Teachers are available at St. Mary, it is recognized that all teachers and staff need the skills and training to build an inclusive school community to serve students with special learning needs.

“The word Catholic actually means “universal”. Our goal is to enhance and expand the way we serve all students regardless of their learning needs. We already serve a large number of students with learning differences and are excited to partner with Inclusions Solutions and State Farm to better serve each student who walks through our doors,” said Monica Hayden, School System Director.

The State Farm grant in addition to other funding sources will fund the implementation of the Widening the Circle training program for all teachers and staff within the school system. This year-long intensive program will require a detailed framework analysis done by Inclusion Solutions out of Phoenix, AZ. The program will evaluate the school

community and create a comprehensive plan for greater inclusion within the school system. Through school-wide workshops, one-on-one coaching with teachers and administrators, and online support, St. Mary will work to implement the needed skills within each classroom from preschool to 12th grade.

“At State Farm, we make it our business to be like a good neighbor, helping to build safer, stronger, and better-educated communities,” said local State Farm agent Kent Bohannon. “Diverse and inclusive neighborhoods are the foundation of a strong society, and schools systems like St. Mary definitely strive to make our local communities a better place to live.”

St. Mary School System opened its doors on October 12, 1858 as the first formal school in Paducah, Kentucky. Their mission to educate all students regardless of their background, ability, or economic status has stayed constant for the last 164 years. ■

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Gatton Academy student starts reproductive health survey

BY ALEXANDRIA ANDERSON, COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

A new reproductive health study was emailed to Western Kentucky University students requesting students at least 18-years-old and female assigned at birth to complete a short survey concerning knowledge on reproductive health.

The study was developed by Maria Pfeifer, a first year Gatton Academy student and junior at Owensboro Catholic High School, who intends to become an OB-GYN with a holistic practice to encompass all of women's health.

Pfeifer was interested in this topic because of the lack of education on women's reproductive health. She views the survey as an opportunity to see where these gaps in knowledge may lie and how we can best work to educate on health issues stemming from women's reproductive health.

"I created it because I felt like women have a lack of knowledge of what's going on in their bodies, for a variety of reasons," Pfeifer said. The survey will help us gain a better understanding of where those gaps of knowledge are, and also to just help the women who are taking the survey, if they hadn't previously thought too much about their reproductive health. Those questions trigger some thoughts in their brains, and it makes them curious."

The survey is set up to have participants answer a variety of questions, with the two main categories focused on their reproductive health in general and knowledge-based questions to gauge where the participants are currently with their reproductive health.

There are also demographic questions, which could allow the researchers to find correlations with reproductive health and items like zip code, race and religion, according to Pfeifer.

The main goal of this study is to truly learn about how we can best address education issues on reproductive health and allow women to start understanding their reproductive health earlier.

Pfeifer explained how there are many factors at play that limit the knowledge given to women about their reproductive health, including the administration of oral contraceptives to handle what could be deeper problems.

"From doing this study, I'm hoping to identify those gaps in knowledge so that educators and health professionals can address them and equip the population



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Maria Pfeifer is a first year Gatton Academy student and a student of Owensboro Catholic High School.

with information supportive of women's health that is accurate. There are a lot of misconceptions floating around, especially when we have so many different forms of media and so many factors coming to play on how we are educated on our reproductive health," Pfeifer said. "Even our parent's attitude towards it can prevent one from finding out the truth about their reproductive health."

Pfeifer hopes that the attention this study brings to reproductive health helps women to try and identify issues earlier.

"If women start thinking about their reproductive health earlier they may be able to identify issues so that when they do want to have children or even if they don't, they can go to the doctor and find the root cause of those problems so

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that they can live a healthier life,” Pfeifer said.

Understanding reproductive health is essential for those planning to have children in the future, but it is also vital as a regulator of hormones and keeping up a wholly healthy body.

“Right now the attitude towards it is that they don’t really think about it until they want to have kids, then when they do want to have kids, they find out that they have problems that they would have solved a lot easier if known earlier,” Pfeifer said. “Obviously not everyone wants to have children, but our reproductive system serves a huge purpose in hormone regulation in our body, so being able to take care of what we’ve been given will help us to lead healthier lives.”

Oftentimes, it is this idea that reproductive health only concerns the ability to have children that downgrades how much education and resources are put into the field.

“The current attitude towards reproductive health is that it’s not important to think about until you want to have kids, which is diminishing to who women are, it tells them their only purpose is to start a family,” Pfeifer said. “When really, we are so important to the whole of society, so if we can keep women healthy we can improve society.”

For the WKU community, Pfeifer hopes that the information the study gains will help students begin to question and learn about their own reproductive health. This will help the study to see how informed students are and will push them to learn more about the scale of issues within education on women’s reproductive health.

“From what I’ve gathered from OB-GYN visits and other people’s OB-GYN visits is that when they go to the doctor, one of the first things suggested is oral contraceptives, no matter what the issue is.

Especially if you’re a young woman, like 13, and one of the first things that is suggested to you is to take an oral contraceptive, you may feel—especially from a doctor’s position—that you should go ahead and take it. When in reality, you may not feel comfortable with that and may not understand what birth control does,” Pfeifer said. “Birth control is just one instance in the plethora of women’s health issues, but I think that getting women to think about it will help them be more educated in their doctor’s visits so that they can make informed decisions about their health.”

Pfeifer believes that more education and information on women’s reproductive health needs to be put in the public’s hands, rather than accepting whatever your doctor says with lack of understanding. So many other medical fields are patient-centric, allowing patient input alongside the doctor’s—yet reproductive health remains a mystery for most. This study hopes to make this learning and questioning process much more accessible.

“The average doctor visit is 7 minutes, and that’s not long enough to understand where a woman’s health is. So if they [patients] can have that info on their end going in, they may feel more comfortable asking those questions in the doctor’s office and feel more confident in knowing that they do have that knowledge,” Pfeifer said. “This is making the process the most efficient so that you can get all the questions answered that you need to.” ■

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Ten Ursuline Sisters celebrate anniversaries of religious profession

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Ten Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph who have served a combined 630 years in service to God’s people are celebrating jubilees of religious profession this year.

To read more about the jubilarians and their ministries, please visit the Ursuline Sisters’ webpage: www.ursulinesmsj.org/category/jubilarians. You can also follow the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on Facebook where we will feature each jubilarian.

- **Sr. Marie Julie Fecher, OSU**, a native of Dayton, Ohio, is celebrating 80 years.
- **Sr. Eva Boone, OSU**, a native of Howardstown, Ky., is celebrating 70 years
- **Sr. Ruth Gehres, OSU**, a native of Evansville, Ind., is celebrating 70 years
- **Sr. Michael Ann Monaghan, OSU**, a native of Central City, Ky., is celebrating 70 years
- **Sr. Sara Marie Gomez, OSU**, a native of Gobernador, N.M., is celebrating 60 years.
- **Sr. Michele Morek, OSU**, a native of Farmington, N.M., is celebrating 60 years.
- **Sr. Rose Jean Powers, OSU**, a native of Cloverport, Ky., is celebrating 60 years.
- **Sr. Sheila Anne Smith, OSU**, a native of Farmington, N.M., is celebrating 60 years.
- **Sr. Katherine Gertrude Stein, OSU**, a native of St. Louis, is celebrating 60 years.
- **Sr. Sharon Sullivan, OSU**, a native of Austin, Texas, is celebrating 40 years.

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are based in Maple Mount, Ky.

Happy anniversary to the priests of our diocese!

In May we celebrate the anniversary of:

Fr. Richard Powers | Ordained 5/1/1959
Retired

Fr. Fid Levri, GHM | Ordained 5/13/1967
Retired

Fr. Maury Riney | Ordained 5/7/1977
Parochial vicar of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson

Bishop William F. Medley | Ordained 5/22/1982 | Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro

Fr. Bruce Fogle | Ordained 5/21/1983
Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah

Fr. Tony Bickett | Ordained 5/21/1983
Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Sunfish

Fr. Greg Trawick | Ordained 5/11/1985
Pastor of St. Henry Parish, Aurora and St. Stephen Parish, Cadiz

Fr. Terry Devine | Ordained 5/11/1985
Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Hawesville and St. Columba Parish, Lewisport

Fr. Larry Hostetter | Ordained 5/30/1987 | President of Brescia University, Owensboro

Fr. Larry McBride | Ordained 5/30/1987
Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson

Fr. Freddie Byrd | Ordained 5/28/1988
Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Morganfield

Fr. Bruce McCarty | Ordained 5/27/1989
Pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown

Fr. Darrell Venters | Ordained 5/27/1989
Pastor of St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm

Fr. Dave Johnson | Ordained 5/27/1989
Pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Peter of Antioch Parishes, Waverly

Fr. Richard Cash | Ordained 5/27/1989
Coordinator of Catholic Pastoral Care at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital

Fr. Tony Jones | Ordained 5/27/1989
Pastor of St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg

Fr. Ray Clark | Ordained 5/25/1991

Chaplain at the Carmel Home, Owensboro; Director of the Propagation of the Faith and Director of Ecumenism, Diocese of Owensboro

Fr. John Thomas | Ordained 5/29/1993
Pastor, St. Stephen Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro

Fr. Carl McCarthy | Ordained 5/27/1995
Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Madisonville

Fr. Mike Clark | Ordained 5/27/1995
Pastor of Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro

Fr. Brian Roby | Ordained 5/25/1996
Pastor of St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville and St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Fr. Brian Johnson | Ordained 5/31/1997
Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City and St. Anthony Parish, Grand Rivers

Fr. Dan Kreutzer | Ordained 5/31/1997
Pastor of Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Irvington and St. Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport

Fr. David Kennedy | Ordained 5/31/1997
Pastor of Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception and Resurrection Parishes, Earlington

Fr. Mike Williams | Ordained 5/31/1997
Parochial vicar of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro and Chaplain at Brescia University, Owensboro

Fr. Lustin Blanco Grajales | Ordained 5/9/1998 | Parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Sebree

Fr. Eric Riley | Ordained 5/23/1998
Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield

Fr. Tom Buckman | Ordained 5/20/2000
Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Franklin and Christ the King Parish, Scottsville

Fr. Randy Howard | Ordained 5/26/2001
Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green

Fr. Al Bremer | Ordained 5/25/2002
Parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Russellville and Sacramental ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Todd County

Fr. Mark Buckner | Ordained 5/25/2002

Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Utica
Fr. Jason McClure | Ordained 5/24/2003
Director of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green and Vicar for Clergy

Fr. Daniel Dillard | Ordained 5/30/2009
Director of vocations and Parochial Vicar of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro

Fr. Joshua McCarty | Ordained 5/30/2009
Pastor of St. Leo Parish in Murray; Chaplain and Director of Catholic Newman Center, Murray State University; and Director of Ongoing Formation for Priests, Diocese of Owensboro

Fr. Brandon Williams | Ordained 5/29/2010 | Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Peonia, St. Augustine Parish, Grayson Springs, and St. Benedict Parish, Wax; Co-director for the Office of Worship, Diocese of Owensboro

Fr. Steve Hohman | Ordained 5/29/2010
Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Grayson County

Fr. Uwem Enoh | Ordained 5/29/2010
United States Air Force Chaplain

Fr. Ryan Harpole | Ordained 5/21/2011
Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green

Fr. Emmanuel Udoh | Ordained 5/31/2014 | Pastor of Rosary Chapel, Paducah and St. Mary Parish, La Center

Fr. Will Thompson | Ordained 5/31/2014
Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Central City and part-time Defender of the Bond, Diocesan Tribunal

Fr. Gary Clark | Ordained 5/30/2015
Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah

Fr. Michael Charles Abiero | Ordained 5/30/2015 | Parochial Vicar of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville

Fr. Basilio Az Cuc | Ordained 5/28/2016
Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah

Fr. Jamie Dennis | Ordained 5/28/2016
Parochial Vicar of Blessed Mother

Parish, Owensboro
Fr. Stephen Van Lal Than | Ordained 5/23/2020 | Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
Fr. Corey Bruns | Ordained 5/22/2021
Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green

In June we celebrate the anniversary of:

Fr. Frank Ruff, GHM | Ordained 6/1/1963 | Retired

Fr. Frank Roof | Ordained 6/10/1972 | Retired

Fr. Joseph Schoettle | Ordained 6/8/1974 | Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro

Fr. Richard Meredith | Ordained 6/3/1978 | Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville

Fr. Robert Drury | Ordained 6/2/1979
Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Hickman; St. Edward Parish, Fulton; and St. Jude Parish, Clinton

Fr. Ray Goetz | Ordained 6/6/1981
Chaplain of Mount Saint Joseph and part-time Lecturer of Theology at Brescia University, Owensboro

Fr. Patrick Cooney, OSB | Ordained 6/1/1991 | Judicial Vicar of the Diocesan Tribunal

Fr. Julio Barrera | Ordained 6/1/2013
Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam; and Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown; Director of Formation for Hispanic Candidates for Permanent Diaconate

In July we celebrate the anniversary of:

Fr. John Vaughan | Ordained 7/20/1974
Pastor of Immaculate Parish, Owensboro

Fr. Jojo Joseph, HGN | Ordained 7/18/2008 | Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Princeton and St. Mark Parish, Eddyville

Sigamos orando y sacrificándonos por la paz en nuestro mundo

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, Anticipándose al Miércoles de Ceniza de este año, el Papa Francisco llamó a los católicos del mundo a observar la oración, el ayuno y la caridad tradicionales de este día por una intención especial. Solo unos días antes, Rusia había invadido Ucrania e incluso en esos primeros días, el número de víctimas que se informó fue horrible. La guerra y la violencia de esta escala no se habían visto en el continente europeo desde el final de la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

Como estudiante de la historia, el Papa Francisco entendió el peligro de tal violencia militar para la paz del mundo. Ciertamente, el mundo ve con demasiada frecuencia que la guerra y la violencia cobran un precio atroz, pero el peligro de que las superpotencias del mundo se involucren en un conflicto armado era real, y sigue así.

Los líderes europeos y estadounidenses respondieron al estallido de la guerra con la imposición de sanciones militares y económicas. Aunque estas respuestas son superiores al conflicto armado, no están exentas de graves consecuencias. Las economías de todas las naciones del mundo están sufriendo con la inflación y, más particularmente, con los costos de combustible más altos. Si bien hay indicios de que las sanciones están cobrando un precio a Rusia, una vez más el precio lo paga principalmente la gente común que apenas sobrevive para mantener a sus familias. Los arquitectos de la guerra generalmente están protegidos de sus efectos más horribles.

El 25 de marzo, el Papa Francisco invitó a obispos y párrocos de todo el mundo a unirse a él en un acto de consagración de las naciones y los pue-

los de Ucrania y Rusia. Esta es una tradición que se remonta a más de cien años, desde la aparición de la Santísima Virgen María a tres niños pastores en Fátima, Portugal, cuando la Primera Guerra Mundial asolaba toda Europa.

Estuve en Chicago en esa fecha y en unión con el Santo Padre participé en la Catedral del Santo Nombre allí. El Cardenal Blase Cupich presidió la Misa y el Arzobispo Christophe Pierre, Nuncio del Papa en los Estados Unidos, dirigió la asamblea en la oración de consagración.

El Padre John Thomas, rector de la Catedral de San Esteban, me representó al dirigir la consagración en nuestra catedral llena.

Con cada pronunciamiento público, el Papa Francisco deplora la guerra y la violencia en curso y le recuerda al mundo que ore por la paz. El Santo Padre no tiene sanciones militares o económicas para imponer que puedan doblegar la voluntad de aquellos que fomentan la guerra. Pero sigue recordando al mundo que la verdadera paz será fruto de la oración y del sacrificio.

Nosotros en los Estados Unidos estamos aislados de los terrores violentos de la guerra en Europa, y en tantos otros lugares del mundo, excepto cuando encontramos precios más altos para los productos básicos.

Unámonos a la Oración de San Francisco comprometiéndonos a ser instrumentos de paz. El Papa Francisco nos ha mostrado el camino para ofrecer nuestras oraciones y sacrificios por la paz en el mundo y en los corazones humanos.

El mes de mayo se observa en nuestra tradición

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CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY MAYO DE 2022

1 DE MAYO	8 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Dionisio, Fancy Farm
3 DE MAYO	5 p.m. Oración y Cena con las Monjas Pasionistas – Monasterio de San José, Whitesville
4 DE MAYO	6 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Alfonso, St. Joseph
5 DE MAYO	8 a.m. Misa Escolar y Coronación de Mayo – Escuela del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
7 DE MAYO	10 a.m. Graduación en la Universidad de Brescia – Owensboro 4 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Santa Ana, Morganfield
8 DE MAYO	11:30 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Miguel, Oak Grove
11 DE MAYO	6 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Antonio, Axtel
13 DE MAYO	6 p.m. Cena de Líderes Catequéticos Parroquiales – Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro
14 DE MAYO	5 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Sebastián, Calhoun 9:30 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Santa Isabel, Curdsville
15 DE MAYO	2 p.m. Graduación de la Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro – Centro Deportivo de Owensboro [Sportscenter] 10 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC), Owensboro
16 DE MAYO	1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
17 DE MAYO	6 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, Hawesville
18-19 DE MAYO	Conferencia Católica de KY y Reunión de Obispos de la Provincia – Louisville
20 DE MAYO	7 p.m. Graduación en la Escuela Preparatoria Trinidad – Horn Center, Whitesville
21 DE MAYO	7 p.m. Graduación en la Escuela Preparatoria Santa María – Paducah
22 DE MAYO	8 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Preciosa Sangre, Owensboro 2 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Santa Inés, Uniontown
24 DE MAYO	Horas de Oficina en Paducah (Hospital de Lourdes)
25 DE MAYO	8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – MCC
26 DE MAYO	6 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San José, Central City
28 DE MAYO	11 a.m. Misa – Parroquia de San Antonio de Padua, Grand Rivers

Dos seminaristas ordenados al diaconado



FOTO POR CORTESÍA DE KRISTA HALL
(De izquierda a derecha) el Diácono Christopher Kight, el Obispo William F. Medley y el Diácono Christopher Grief después de la Misa de ordenación al diaconado del 9 de abril de 2022 en la Catedral de San Esteben en Owensboro.

El 9 de abril de 2022, dos seminaristas diocesanos fueron ordenados al diaconado de transición, siendo el siguiente paso en su camino hacia el sacerdocio diocesano.

El Diácono Christopher Kight de la Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah y el Diácono Christopher Grief de la Parroquia San Juan Evangelista en Paducah fueron ordenados por el Obispo William F. Medley, quien señaló que su nombre compartido, "Christopher", significa "portador de Cristo".

"Estoy tentado a llamarlo la Diócesis de Paducah", dijo el Obispo Medley con una sonrisa, y agregó que "este es el día para que brille Paducah" ya que ambos seminaristas son de Paducah. ■

Nombramientos Sacerdotales para 2022

Párrocos

Abiero, Rev. Michael Charles: Párroco, Parroquia Santa Rosa de Lima en Cloverport y Parroquia Santos Ángeles Custodios en Irvington. Efectivo el 14 de junio de 2022.

Ighacho, Rev. John: Párroco, Parroquia San José en Central City. Efectivo el 14 de junio de 2022.

Pynadath, Rev. Sinoj: Párroco, Parroquia San José en Leitchfield y Parroquia San Juan en Sunfish. Efectivo el 14 de junio de 2022.

Thompson, Rev. Will: Párroco, Parroquia San Pedro de Alcántara en Stanley y Parroquia San Agustín en Reed, mientras continúa su ministerio en el Tribunal Diocesano Matrimonial. Efectivo el 14 de junio de 2022.

Vicario Parroquial

Ling, Diácono Martín Ma Na: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Espíritu Santo en Bowling Green. Efectivo a partir de la fecha de ordenación, 2 de julio de 2022.

Okeoma, Rev. Jude: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia San Pedro & San Pablo en Hopkinsville. Efectivo el 14 de junio de 2022.

Van Lal Than, Rev. Stephen: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson. Efectivo el 14 de junio de 2022.

Únase a nosotros para la apertura del
Avivamiento Eucarístico
en la Diócesis de Owensboro
**ACOMPÁÑANOS
PROCESIÓN DIOCESANA
DE "CORPUS CHRISTI"**

**DOMINGO, JUNIO 19
2:00 PM
EN MAYFIELD**

Comienza en la Parroquia de San José
Con el Obispo William F. Medley

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA A LA 1:00 PM
EN SAN JOSÉ



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católica como un mes de especial devoción a María, la Madre de Dios.

María, Reina de la Paz, ruega por nosotros. ■

+ William F. Medley

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Mostrando que ‘estamos aquí y nos importan’, la diócesis y las parroquias colaboran en el retiro de jóvenes hispanos



FOTOS POR CORTESÍA DE FULGENCIO GARCÍA
Los participantes del retiro de jóvenes hispanos de Cuaresma del 2 de abril de 2022 en Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper.



FOTOS POR CORTESÍA DE FULGENCIO GARCÍA
Los participantes del retiro participan en juegos al aire libre durante el retiro de jóvenes hispanos de Cuaresma del 2 de abril de 2022 en el Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper.



FOTOS POR CORTESÍA DE FULGENCIO GARCÍA
El Padre Corey D. Bruns (fondo) y el Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez (adelante) distribuyen la Sagrada Comunión durante el retiro de jóvenes hispanos de Cuaresma del 2 de abril de 2022 en el Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper.

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El 2 de abril de 2022, aproximadamente 35 jóvenes hispanos solteros mayores de 18 años se reunieron en el Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper en Bowling Green para un retiro de Cuaresma.

Los jóvenes vinieron de parroquias de toda la diócesis, incluyendo San José en Mayfield, Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah, Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro, Santa María en Franklin, Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown, Cristo Rey en Madisonville, San Miguel en Sebree y San José en Bowling Green.

El Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, director del ministerio hispano/latino de la Diócesis de Owensboro, dijo que el día comenzó alrededor de las 8:30 a.m. e

incluyó pláticas, tiempo libre, una experiencia meditativa de lavatorio de los pies, almuerzo, tiempo de reflexión, y una Misa de vigilia dominical a las 4 p.m. en español.

El Diácono Gutiérrez dijo que Abraham Brown, director del Ministerio Hispano en la Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson, “dio una plática conmovedora sobre Christus Vivit”, que es la exhortación apostólica del Papa Francisco de 2019 sobre el acompañamiento, el compromiso y la misión vocacional de los jóvenes.

El Padre Carmelo Jiménez, párroco de San Miguel en Sebree, dio una charla sobre los misterios del Triduo, ya que la Semana Santa estaba a la vuelta de la esquina.

Por la tarde, los participantes del retiro tuvieron la oportunidad de participar en los muchos elemen-

tos y actividades al aire libre del campamento, asistidos por Ben Warrell, el director del campamento, y Olivia Romero, la directora de programas.

Irma Briones, que vive en Livermore, dijo que disfrutó todo el retiro. “Me ayudó a ver la vida de otra manera”.

Le encantó la propiedad en el Río Gasper y dijo que la experiencia “me ayudó a tener una mayor conexión con la naturaleza”.

“La tirolesa era mi favorita porque tenía miedo, pero me enseñó a ser valiente y no tener miedo”, dijo Briones sobre uno de los elementos al aire libre.

Ella dijo que el retiro “me animó mucho” y que está “esperando” más retiros como este en el futuro.

El Diácono Gutiérrez le dijo al Católico de Kentucky Occidental que existe una gran necesidad en los Estados Unidos de “responder a las necesidades

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pastorales” de los adolescentes y jóvenes hispanos/latinos en la Iglesia católica.

“Muchas veces los jóvenes hispanos son trabajadores migrantes que viven vidas muy solitarias, simplemente necesitan conectarse y anhelan una comunidad”, dijo el Diácono Gutiérrez. (Los trabajadores migrantes viajan a diferentes regiones para ser contratados para oportunidades de trabajo a corto plazo).

El Diácono Gutiérrez enfatizó que “los jóvenes no son el futuro de la Iglesia, son el presente”, y que la gente a menudo asume que “los hispanos son católicos” y, por lo tanto, no necesitan formación continua para “permanecer” católicos.

“Pero si no nos esforzamos por mantener a las personas católicas, en 20 años no lo serán”, dijo.

La clave es conservar la cultura y el idioma junto con la fe, agregó el Diácono Gutiérrez: “Estamos luchando por la integración, no por la asimilación. La diversidad que tenemos nos enriquece como Iglesia”.

Del mismo modo, “el lenguaje es más que la comprensión, también es una conexión con tu espiritualidad interior”, dijo, y explicó que muchos jóvenes

hispanos no saben las oraciones católicas en inglés, pero las saben de memoria en español.

El Diácono Gutiérrez dijo que otros que asistieron al retiro incluyeron al coro hispano de San José en Bowling Green; el Padre Corey D. Bruns, vicario parroquial de San José en Bowling Green; la Hna. Luisa Morales Solano de San José en Mayfield; la Hna. Yessica Vázquez Carro de Santo Tomás Moro; y el Padre Lustein Blanco Grajales de San Miguel en Sebree.

Dijo que le gustaría volver a ofrecer un retiro como este y agradeció la ayuda de Charlie Hardsy, el director diocesano del ministerio con adolescentes y jóvenes adultos.

“Hablando de jóvenes adultos inmigrantes, es posible que estén aquí sin sus padres, y la soledad es fuerte”, dijo el Diácono Gutiérrez. “Este es un grupo que puede ser descuidado y estoy tratando de cambiar eso. Quiero mostrarles que estamos aquí, que nos importan”.

“Seguiremos trabajando en la misión de responder a las necesidades de los adolescentes y jóvenes hispanos”, añadió. ■



FOTOS POR CORTESÍA DE FULGENCIO GARCÍA
Una joven sube a la actividad de la Escalera de Jacob durante el retiro de jóvenes hispanos de Cuaresma del 2 de abril de 2022 en el Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper.

‘Ve a Caridades Católicas, ellos te pueden ayudar’

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

En medio de los esfuerzos de ayuda después de los tornados, ayudando a los recién llegados de Afganistán, ayudando a las personas a obtener tarjetas de residencia y visas, empoderando a los sobrevivientes de la trata de personas y haciendo referencias a los recursos del área, el personal de Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Owensboro ha estado “aprendien-

do en el camino, y todavía estamos aprendiendo”, según el asistente legal Miguel Quintanilla.

“Me recuerda a la película ‘Field of Dreams’ [Campo de sueños]: ‘si lo construyes, vendrán’”, dijo Quintanilla en una entrevista el 19 de abril con El Católico de Kentucky Occidental.

Antes de los tornados históricos que devastaron el Kentucky occidental durante la noche del 10 de diciembre, Caridades Católicas tenía dos empleados

de tiempo completo y un empleado de tiempo parcial. Se mantuvieron ocupados brindando apoyo a la inmigración y ayudando a la población local con sus necesidades diarias, y habían comenzado a ayudar a las personas que llegaban a los Estados Unidos para escapar del conflicto en Afganistán.

Luego llegaron los tornados, Caridades Católicas se convirtió en el centro de los esfuerzos de recuperación de tornados en Kentucky occidental, y la

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vida tal como la conocían cambió para siempre.

“Susan salió al área de inmediato”, dijo Quintanilla.

Las donaciones comenzaron a llegar de todo el país. El personal de Caridades Católicas, el Obispo William F. Medley y otros líderes diocesanos trabajaron en un plan para abordar las consecuencias del desastre.

Quintanilla dijo que el Obispo Medley “comunicó que los apoyaba en todo lo que había que hacer”.

La semana después de las tormentas, Gabe Tischler, especialista en manejo de emergencias de la Conferencia Católica de Florida, vino a Owensboro en su rol de apoyo para la respuesta al desastre de Caridades Católicas.

Después de tener una reunión exhaustiva y perspicaz con Tischler, “Susan se puso en marcha”, dijo Quintanilla.

Era necesario que Caridades Católicas expandiera sus servicios, lo que les exigió contratar a varios miembros nuevos del personal mientras buscaban abordar las necesidades de los habitantes de Kentucky que sufrían después de los tornados.

En febrero de 2022, el equipo de Caridades Católicas se mudó de su pequeña oficina en el Centro Católico McRaith, las oficinas centrales de la Diócesis de Owensboro, a una casa al lado para tener más espacio para sus crecientes servicios.

Su nuevo edificio de oficinas proporcionó espacios de trabajo para Brionna Greer, miembro de AmeriCorps VISTA; Khaibar Shafaq, administrador de casos y asistente legal que trabaja principalmente con los recién llegados de Afganistán; Alex Reid, el coordinador de voluntarios que supervisa los esfuerzos de los voluntarios en la recuperación de torna-

dos; Alyssa Magnuson, asistente administrativa; Kaitina Hayden, directora de administración de casos y servicios para el alivio de tornados, así como para Quintanilla y Montalvo-Gesser, quienes no podrían estar más felices porque su “familia” de Caridades Católicas ha crecido.



FOTO DE ARCHIVO Miguel Quintanilla.

Incluso hay espacio de oficina para Heidi Reyes, la administradora de casos de la ubicación satélite de Owensboro de la Iniciativa de Empoderamiento Bakhita de Caridades Católicas de Louisville, que trabaja con sobrevivientes locales de trata de personas y concientización.

Y a medida que Caridades Católicas se ha expan-

dido, la noticia se ha extendido por todo Kentucky occidental sobre todo lo que pueden ofrecer.

“Se ha difundido de boca en boca: ‘ve a Caridades Católicas, ellos te pueden ayudar’”, dijo Quintanilla. “Y si no podemos ayudarlos directamente, podemos ayudarlos a obtener los recursos que necesitan”.

Dijo que tienen buenas conexiones en la comunidad para conectar a los clientes con los recursos apropiados, como Kentucky Legal Aid [Ayuda Legal], y que Caridades Católicas está ansiosa por conectarse y colaborar con aún más servicios de ayuda comunitaria.

“Hemos aprendido mucho a través de este proceso”, dijo Quintanilla, y explicó que incluso cuando no pueden proporcionar un recurso o servicio en particular, “hay alguien que puede hacerlo”.

Dijo que podría parecer que los tornados causaron esta expansión repentina, pero dijo que las tormentas “la aceleraron, no la causaron”.

“Creo que iba a suceder de cualquier manera”, dijo.

Quintanilla dijo que cuando comenzó a trabajar para Caridades Católicas en julio de 2019, le dijo a Dios que quería “ayudar a tantas personas como pudiera, ¡y Dios respondió a esa oración!”.

Quintanilla también explicó la verdad sobre un concepto erróneo común sobre Caridades Católicas.

“Creo que mucha gente piensa que solo ayudamos a los católicos”, dijo. “Pero ayudaremos a cualquier persona. No importa cuál sea sus creencias. Eso es algo de lo que estoy muy orgulloso”.

Reconoció la pasión de Montalvo-Gesser por inspirar y guiar a su equipo.

“Creo que es Susan quien es toda la ingeniera”, dijo. “Ella muestra ese liderazgo y fuerza”. ■

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107 13th Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
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434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101
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7600 Russellville Road, P.O. Box 297, Guthrie, KY 42234
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FOTOS POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
El Obispo William F. Medley entrega los óleos a los representantes parroquiales durante la Misa Crismal de la Diócesis de Owensboro el 12 de abril de 2022.



FOTOS POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
Los sacerdotes rezan las oraciones de la Consagración durante la Misa Crismal de la Diócesis de Owensboro el 12 de abril de 2022.

Misa Crismal celebrada de nuevo con los fieles

Este año, el Obispo William F. Medley celebró la primera Misa Crismal abierta al público desde que la pandemia del COVID-19 llegó a los Estados Unidos en 2020. ■



Programa del Diaconado Permanente
DIOCESIS DE OWENSBORO

Te invita a UNA de las 5 sesiones para aclarar dudas o preguntas que tengas sobre el Diaconado Permanente en Español en la Diócesis de Owensboro, KY

Si estas interesado o quieres más información sobre este programa del Diaconado Permanente asiste a la parroquia más cercana a tu casa en donde estaré presentando el programa a todos los interesados.

Mayo 27 – Santo Tomas Moro, Paducah
Junio 3 – San José y San Pablo, Owensboro
Junio 10 – Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
Junio 24 – San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville
Julio 8 – San José, Bowling Green

Iniciamos a las 6:00pm

Padre Julio Barrera
Director de Formación

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