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Conversations with students reveal much about Church

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every year most of us know one or several students graduating from college, high school, or middle school. We might even observe a kindergarten graduation. It is my honor to attend four graduations every year, at Brescia University, Trinity High School in Whitesville, St. Mary High School in Paducah, and Owensboro Catholic High School.

Through the school year I visit every Catholic school to celebrate Mass with the students and community. In the primary grades I can often visit individual classrooms for brief visits where I am peppered with profound questions, like “How old were you when you knew you wanted to be a bishop?” That’s an easy one to answer: “I was 57 when Pope Benedict sent word to me that I was to be a bishop.”

But questions and answers with students are not limited to the youngest children. In my second year as bishop in 2011 I experimented with what I call “Senior Conversations.” I visited the senior classes of our three Catholic high schools knowing that for most of them the structure they have known since kindergarten would give way to college or workforce. I reminded them that in the future no one would line them up to go to Mass each week, no one would likely afford them class time to go to confession, and their future classes were not as likely to begin or end with prayer. My experiment was successful and apart from the years with pandemic restrictions I have enjoyed these visits annually.

In my senior conversations I also tell them this will likely be their last compulsory visit with a bishop. I am interested in their thoughts and questions as they make one of life’s biggest changes. The

ground rules are simple: they may ask me anything so long as the question is respectful; they may voice opinions different than Church teaching so long as they will respectfully hear my reply.

Sometimes, if a class is slow to get going, I will pose a couple of starter questions. What is it about your identity as a Catholic that makes you most proud, which is most reassuring to you? Conversely, what is it about the Church or its teaching that gives you pause, or that you struggle to accept or understand?

To the former question I will hear that young adults prize the sense of community and belonging that the Church offers. Some will comment that their families have always been Catholic going back uncounted generations. I will hear of a comfort found in the sacramental life of the Church. The experience of the Church as a voice for justice is valued, most especially the Church’s defense of all human life as sacred – especially life in the womb. The retreats and days of recollection that the schools have provided are memorable as are summer camp experiences at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp.

The disenchantments within the Catholic Church are not that different from those expressed by Catholics in general. I hear again of the deep wound and scandal the Church has experienced because of the tragedy of sexual abuse in parishes and schools. I welcome the opportunity to again acknowledge the Church’s terrible failure in this regard, but point to the great reforms we have implemented to assure that children and youth are safe. I assert my belief that today there is not a safer place for children and youth than a Catholic church or

BISHOP MEDLEY'S AUGUST 2022 CALENDAR

AUGUST 4	11:30 a.m. Luncheon with Priests in Age Groups 5 and 6
AUGUST 6	St. Jerome Picnic – Fancy Farm
AUGUST 8	1:30 p.m. Priests’ Council Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)
AUGUST 9	11:30 a.m. Luncheon with Priests in Age Group 3
AUGUST 10	11:30 a.m. Luncheon with Priests in Age Group 4
AUGUST 13	9 a.m. Diocesan Review Board Meeting
AUGUST 14	12 noon Bicentennial Celebration – St. William & St. Lawrence Parishes, Daviess County
AUGUST 16	11:30 a.m. Luncheon with Priests in Age Group 2
AUGUST 18	11:30 a.m. Luncheon with Priests in Age Group 1 3 p.m. Zoom Meeting with Priests
AUGUST 23	10 a.m. Paducah Office Hours – Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
AUGUST 24-25	Catholic Conference of Kentucky Meeting and Meeting of the Bishops of the Province – Louisville
AUGUST 28	11:30 a.m. Confirmation – Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
AUGUST 31	8:30 a.m. School Mass for Mary Carrico Catholic School – St. William Parish, Knottsville

institution. Yet, we admit that sin does not end and there will be failures in the future.

Reflecting their generation, some are confounded by the Church’s teaching about LGBT+ questions. Frankly, for the most part, this generation has “moved on” with this question and cannot grasp the Church’s hesitancy to do the same. Though I strive to articulate the foundation of the Church’s teach-

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ing, the culture has redefined the questions. Now certainly there is not unanimity on these questions and sometimes I detect some hard feelings within student classes. I stress that none of us have all the answers and our dialogue must always proceed with charity and compassion. We can accept differences without condemnations.

Artificial contraception and in-vitro fertilization are sometimes discussed. Some students are well-informed that these questions are still debated among Catholic scientists and theologians.

The place of women in the Church is often presented. In the last half century, women in our society have made tremendous gains and young women in particular question the exclusion of women from ordained ministry. For the most part the young women questioning the Church's practice are tolerant

but many are impatient to see signs of some change.

When I have had these senior conversations each year I find myself wishing that I could gather the same groups together one year or five years or 10 years later. It would surely be interesting to hear the same voices when they have grown still more in wisdom and grace. ■

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Happy anniversary to our priests!

Fr. J. Edward Bradley | Ordained 8/9/1975
Retired

Fr. Jerry Riney | Ordained 8/9/1975
Retired

Fr. Julian Ibemere | Ordained 8/6/1998
Pastor of St. Michael Parish, Oak Grove

Fr. John Ighacho | Ordained 8/28/1990
Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Central City.

Fr. Jean Rene Kalombo | Ordained 8/19/1995
Pastor of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro

Fr. Jude Okeoma | Ordained 8/22/2009
Parochial vicar of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville.

Fr. Chrispin Onoko | Ordained 8/25/1990
Pastor of St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm; and St. Charles Parish, Bardwell

We are happy to congratulate Saint Meinrad graduate Rev. Martin Ling on his ordination to the priesthood.

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More than 1,800 gather for ordination of Fr. Martin Ma Na Ling

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When Bishop William F. Medley was ordained the bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro 12 years ago, “I had never heard of Myanmar,” he said at the July 2, 2022 ordination of Fr. Martin Ma Na Ling – the second Myanmar-born seminarian to be ordained a priest in the United States.

Bishop Medley said his 2010 episcopal ordination took place the same Owensboro Sportscenter that that morning was hosting Catholics of Myanmar heritage who were gathered for Fr. Ma Na Ling’s ordination and for the weekend’s National Catholic Burmese-American Conference. (Myanmar, a Southeast Asian country, is also known as Burma.)

The bishop could never have predicted the celebration drawing more than 1,800 Burmese Catholics to nourish their faith and participate in the historic ordination. And yet, he could not be more pleased to welcome the attendees to Owensboro.

“It brings us great joy here in Kentucky to see our faith celebrated by the people of Myanmar who have come here to make the U.S. your home,” said the bishop.

Western Kentucky is home to a significant number of refugees from Myanmar, according to the Kentucky Office for Refugees, a department of Catholic Charities of Louisville. According to Catholic Charities, between 2015 and 2019 a total of 849 arrivals from Myanmar came to Bowling Green, Kentucky, and a total of 460 arrivals from Myanmar came to Owensboro.

The bishop expressed his gratitude to all who were attending in-person, including a number of Burmese priests currently serving in the U.S. who had traveled to Owensboro for the weekend.

“Thank you,” said Bishop Medley. “You are genuine missionaries to our nation.”

He also welcomed Bishop Alexander Pyone Cho of the Diocese of Pyay, Myanmar, who had flown in for the celebrations. Unfortunately, due to multiple circumstances beyond their control, others who wanted to attend – includ-



TINA KASEY | WKC

(Left to right) Bishop William F. Medley of Owensboro, Ky., newly-ordained Fr. Martin Ma Na Ling, and Bishop Alexander Pyone Cho of the Diocese of Pyay, Myanmar following Fr. Ma Na Ling’s July 2, 2022 priestly ordination.

ing Fr. Ma Na Ling’s parents – were unable to leave Myanmar for the ordination.

Addressing all who were watching the ordination via livestream, Bishop Medley told them his prayers were with them amid the ongoing sociopolitical turmoil of Myanmar.

He directly addressed Fr. Ma Na Ling’s parents who were hopefully able to join via livestream, telling them: “Without your faith and love we would not be here today. Your faith was the first seed of his vocation.”

Bishop Medley told the crowd that it was the 2019 diaconate ordination of now-Fr. Stephen Van Lal Than – the first Myanmar-born priest ordained in the U.S. – that showed him the deep faith of Burmese Catholics. This experience

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ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
Bishop William F. Medley lays his hands on the head of Fr. Martin Ma Na Ling during his July 2, 2022 priestly ordination.



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During the July 2, 2022 priestly ordination of Fr. Martin Ma Na Ling, he lies prostrate on the floor of the Owensboro Sportscenter while the choir and congregation sing the Litany of the Saints. The ordination took place during the National Catholic Burmese-American Conference.

was also the motivation for the bishop's pastoral visit to Myanmar in early 2020 (before the COVID-19 pandemic took the world by storm).

Turning to the young seminarian, whom he would ordain a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro in a matter of minutes, Bishop Medley told him "Martin, you are a man of joy; you are forever smiling."

"Many people will come to know Jesus because of your joy," said Bishop Medley. "By word and example may you build up the house that is God's Church."

The bishop also encouraged the young people

in crowd to consider the idea of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. He suggested that if someone saw a possible vocation in a young person, to let them know.

"Maybe they will not think about this, unless we tell them," he said.

And to the crowds filling the Sportscenter that morning, he told them "all of you, go therefore, and make disciples."

Speaking to The Western Kentucky Catholic later that afternoon, Fr. Ma Na Ling called the day "the happiest day of my life!" and said he felt the prayers of all who were supporting him.

"It's is God's grace," he said. "The Lord has done great things for me, for the people of my country, and for all."

He expressed his gratitude for Bishop Medley and "for all the priests of the diocese, for all who have sacrificed their time for this. Everything is for the glory of God."

Fr. Ma Na Ling added that though he will frequently serve in ministry to Burmese parishioners, "being a priest is for all, not just the Burmese. I would love to share my faith with everybody!"

"A priest is for the Church," he said. ■

Feels like ‘home’ *Asian Catholic leaders praise Owensboro diocese for welcoming 1,800-plus at national conference*



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Women in traditional attire participate in a procession during the National Catholic Burmese-American Conference (NCBAC), which was held July 1-4, 2022 in Owensboro, Ky.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Attending the July 1-4 National Catholic Burmese-American Conference (NCBAC) in Owensboro, Ky., Sr. Myrna Tordillo, MSCS, had a foremost hope for the participants: “That they continue to live the faith, with the hierarchy and with their faith communities.”

“It is important to pass on the faith to the younger communities,” said Sr. Tordillo, “and that the young people will receive the formation to continue the faith.”

Sr. Tordillo is the assistant director of the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs of the

Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. She was at the weekend conference to offer a keynote address to the more than 1,800 participants, and also to attend as an observer.

Speaking with The Western Kentucky Catholic during a break in between sessions, Sr. Myrna commented that all the dioceses who have hosted an NCBAC have been excellent, but here, with “the support of the Diocese of Owensboro... there is something special here.”

She underlined the “support of the local hierarchy,” namely, Bishop William F. Medley in his backing of the conference and of ministry in general to

Catholics from Myanmar (also known as Burma).

Bishop Medley had actually made a pastoral visit to Myanmar in early 2020, before the COVID-19 pandemic erupted across the globe. He also ordained the first Myanmar-born priest in the U.S., Fr. Stephen Van Lal Than, later that year.

Maurice Lee and John Sailon had never before seen such a large crowd gather for the NCBAC, but they were not surprised; after all, one of the highlights was the second U.S. ordination of a Myanmar-born priest.

Sailon, the founder of the NCBAC, and Lee, the current president, told The Western Kentucky Catholic that the attendees – which included all ages from babies to elders – traveled to the conference from all around the United States for multiple reasons.

One motivation was that the NCBAC had been on a break for the past two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the people were eager to reunite after the period of separation.

Another factor was the opportunity to witness the ordination of Fr. Martin Ma Na Ling, who came from Myanmar to the U.S. to study as a seminarian for the Diocese of Owensboro in 2017. (Fr. Van Lal Than’s ordination had been closed to the public due to pandemic restrictions at the time.)

Sailon said the attendees “came early because they want so much to be here. The crowd is very enthusiastic. You can see it in their faces.”

Besides the ordination, which took place on July 2 in the Owensboro Sportscenter (St. Stephen Cathedral was too small for the crowds), the conference featured Burmese liturgies and confession opportu-

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RILEY GREIF | WKC

A soccer game is held at Steele Stadium in the afternoon of July 2, 2022, during the National Catholic Burmese-American Conference (NCBAC), which was held in Owensboro, Ky.

nities, apologetics sessions, cultural dancers, a soccer match, and performances of traditional music of Myanmar.

“So many people are enjoying the music,” said Sailon. “We have received so much good feedback. I think it has been the best ever.”

Traditional Burmese lunch and dinner were provided for free to all attendees each day. Kathy Doup, the Diocese of Owensboro’s special projects coordinator, estimated that about 8,000 meals were served throughout the weekend.

Lee and Sailon said they were moved by the NCBAC’s warm welcome from Bishop William F. Medley for what Lee described as more than simply “a religious event.”

“We are also celebrating our rich cultural background,” he said. “Our faith and culture go together.

The high spirits you see today, that is especially thanks to Bishop Medley and how he showed his love and compassion to the Burmese people. It shows that the bishop believes in us, in what we believe. This inspires us to keep going.”

Sailon said Bishop Medley “hit a home run” in his talks at the conference and that he believes “people were inspired” by the bishop’s message of welcome to those from near and far.

“It felt like ‘home’ here,” said Sailon. “I hope this message (of the importance of Burmese Catholic ministry) at this conference can spread to other dioceses.”

Sr. Tordillo said she was amazed at the conference’s efforts among older generations to pass along the faith and heritage to younger people.

“And then when they grow up – having this time



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Maurice Lee (left), current president of the National Catholic Burmese-American Conference (NCBAC), stands with John Sailon, the founder of the NCBAC, during the July 1-4, 2022 conference.

of gathering together – it reminds them of their cultural and also religious identity,” she said.

Opportunities like the NCBAC are “a wonderful way of expressing the Church – to lift up the presence of AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) communities in this country,” said Sr. Tordillo. “That they have a place at the table; that their voices are here.”

She urged the U.S. Church to “be aware of the sensitivities of where the AAPI culture is coming from; we can learn from each other,” she said, mentioning that one particular area of emphasis in AAPI communities is a respect for elders.

The AAPI faithful “have gifts as Catholics to offer the Church,” she said; and even more so, “they are a gift to the Church in the U.S.” ■

On a day of ‘multiple revivals,’ Owensboro diocese kicks off Eucharistic Revival as region continues to recover from tornadoes

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Speaking at the June 19, 2022 Corpus Christi procession at St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield – the site of the Diocese of Owensboro’s kickoff of the National Eucharistic Revival initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops – Bishop William F. Medley said that after the day’s celebrations conclude, “this procession must not end.”

In the Eucharist, “we come to be nourished,” said the bishop in a homily inside the church, before beginning the procession that led a large crowd of parishioners and visitors around the parish’s block.

St. Joseph Parish has always hosted a procession for Corpus Christi. This year’s, however, was all the more powerful as the damaged City of Mayfield could be seen during the procession; Mayfield being one of the hardest-hit locations during western Kentucky’s historic Dec. 10, 2021 tornadoes.

St. Joseph lost the top of its bell tower to a tornado, but today scaffolding surrounded the section, indicating that reconstruction efforts were well underway. A brand-new awning was also at the entryway of the church, replacing the one destroyed by the storms.

Bishop Medley said that in being sustained by the Body and Blood of Christ present under the appearances of bread and wine, Catholics are called to take that love of Jesus out into the rest of society.

This “gives a message to the world” that what happens in Catholic Churches “is not just a private devotion,” and that “not only we, but the world, can



RILEY GREIF | WKC
Bishop William F. Medley blesses the people with the Eucharist in a monstrance during the June 19, 2022 Corpus Christi procession at St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield, Ky.

be transformed” by Jesus in the Eucharist, he said.

“Our Blessed Lady is the world’s first monstrance, when she bore the Christ for nine months in her womb,” he said to the standing-room-only crowd.

“Like Mary, we seek to bear Christ to the world.”

The bishop referenced St. Teresa of Calcutta’s advice to seek Jesus in the “disguise” of the poor.

“How do we find the poor? By opening our eyes,” he said. “We could recite a veritable litany of the poor around the world – or even in our own homes where someone feels unappreciated, or where someone feels unloved.”

As the procession began, St. Joseph’s pastor, Fr. Eric Riley, led the faithful in singing Suzanne Toolan’s “I Am the Bread of Life” in alternating English and Spanish verses.

Children who had made their First Holy Communion that morning were part of the procession and several girls were given baskets filled with flower petals to scatter during the procession.

Tapetes de aserrin, constructed by members of the parish, decorated the pathways leading to the three altars. A traditional devotion in many Latin American cultures, tapetes de aserrin are “carpets” of colorful sawdust that depict various religious imagery for celebrations like Corpus Christi, Holy Week and Día de Muertos.

As the procession walked to the first altar, which had been made by parishioners of St. Leo in Murray, Fr. Riley led the people in a bilingual Litany of the Sacred Heart. The procession then stopped at the altar for prayer and benediction led by Bishop Medley.

In processing to the second altar, which had been

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RILEY GREIF | WKC

Behind the June 19, 2022 Corpus Christi procession at St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield is seen the remains of the City of Mayfield, Ky., which was devastated during the Dec. 10, 2021 tornadoes that hit western Kentucky and surrounding regions.

made by parishioners of St. John the Evangelist in Paducah, the faithful prayed a bilingual Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus. There, too, Bishop Medley blessed the crowds with the Eucharist in a gleaming monstrance.

Together, praying a bilingual Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, all processed to the third and final altar, made by the parishioners of St. Joseph. After benediction, the procession continued back to the church while praying a bilingual Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

After the final benediction and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Riley stood at the ambo to thank all who had participated in the day's celebrations.

"We are so happy you are here, Bishop Medley; thank you so much for coming to be with us and bringing so many of your diocesan staff," he said. Fr. Riley also thanked his brother priests and reli-

gious, the Knights of Columbus, the servers, the First Communicants, and the parishes who visited and built altars for the procession.

He encouraged the people "to continue to pray for all those affected by any disaster – especially war. Pray, pray, pray that we will come to respect the dignity of every human person from conception to natural death," said Fr. Riley.

Among out-of-town visitors that day was Larena Lawson, a parishioner of St. Lawrence in eastern Daviess County, who had driven more than two hours to participate in the procession.

"Ever since the tornadoes tore through Kentucky, my heart has been deeply moved by how devastating it must be for all the people who were affected by the severe damage that they caused," said Lawson. "When I heard that Bishop Medley was planning to have a Corpus Christi procession in Mayfield, I thought it would be a great way to be able to go and

be with the people there and pray with them."

Lawson said several processions were taking place at parishes closer to her home, but she decided to drive the extra miles to attend the diocese's kickoff of the Eucharistic Revival. She considered it a "revival" for the diocese itself to be able to come together in a large gathering after the two years of limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Another significant aspect of this year's solemnity was that on this day Bishop Medley had reinstated the distribution of Holy Communion under both species and had lifted the suspension of Communion received on the tongue.

Lawson said that "being able to receive the Body and Blood of Christ again under both species on this Corpus Christi feast was also a glorious gift to us all! It was a day of multiple revivals!"

Tom Johnson, who took on the role of Kentucky state deputy for the Knights of Columbus on July 1, attended the procession as well. He attended both to participate in the solemnity's celebrations but also to finally meet in-person with the leadership of St. Joseph Parish, with whom the Knights have been partnering to help tornado survivors.

"I am happy to be able to participate in this (kick-off of) the Eucharistic Revival," he said. Plus, "it's been wonderful just to talk to Fr. Riley."

Johnson said Fr. Riley and Christie Scarbrough, St. Joseph's business manager who has also been leading local assistance efforts, "have been very helpful" during the joint endeavor.

Johnson said the Kentucky Knights of Columbus have collected more than \$430,000 for those impacted by the tornadoes, and have distributed about \$350,000 "so far." He added that they have been working with other parishes around Kentucky, too, to help funds reach those in need. ■

Pedigo shares story of homelessness



FILE PHOTO
Harry Pedigo

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Harry Pedigo knows what it's like to be homeless, and the executive director for St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter and the Daniel Pitino Shelter is using his platform to advocate

for those in need in Owensboro.

Pedigo spoke at the weekly Owensboro Rotary Club meeting Wednesday at the Winchester Center on Kentucky Wesleyan College's campus, sharing the story of how he overcame 15 years of homelessness and later found a position from which he could help others in similar situations.

"What I didn't know was coming to Owensboro was all part of God's plan," said Pedigo, a Bardstown native who was originally headed to Campbellsville but ended up in Daviess County and entered the Owensboro Regional Recovery substance abuse program. "It was all designed for me to be here."

With two kids who were counting on him back home, Pedigo started taking college classes. Eight years later, he earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Louisville in 2020.

In the meantime, he'd started volunteering at St. Benedict's in 2012, and it wasn't long until Pedigo realized how much the stories he heard reflected his own path.

"I was homeless, but I was in denial," he said. "At 29, I never had my name on a lease, never owned a car. I slept underneath porches, in the backseat of cars, on my parents' couch, with a friend – wherever I could go, that's where I stayed – but I never had my own place to call home. God knew what he was doing taking me through this journey."

Through help from the shelter, along with transitional home opportunities that allowed him to build independence, Pedigo found his footing – and now he's able to help those following in his footsteps.

"Today, I get to manage that home," he said. "How rewarding is that? How cool is that, actually? I think, sometimes, how did I even end up where I'm at today?"

"I think God really knew what he was doing. I've taken everything in my life, and I've taken everything that research says, and I've taken all the studies, and I've listened to the people because they're the most important. They know what they're talking about, they just don't know how to do it."

And, Pedigo added, both shelters continue to grow as homelessness remains an ever-expanding issue.

"As the pandemic continues to sweep – because we've not seen the true fallout from it yet – we're seeing our numbers increase," he continued. "I'm getting calls from families of six, eight and 10. It's almost unheard of. There's no family shelter within 10 states that can accommodate a family of eight. These are things we're thinking of right now: How do we prepare for this? Because it's coming. Homelessness is definitely on the rise here in

Owensboro.

"We're just so blessed that we can be a small piece of a solution, and we hope we can continue doing that through the facilities we have and our services."

More importantly than anything, Pedigo noted, was how to view those struggling with homelessness – and he urges anyone who wants to help to simply stop by for a visit.

"It really changes your perspective when you engage with them on a different level besides seeing them on a street corner or seeing them at a bus stop or seeing them come in the emergency room or seeing them under an overpass," he said. "There's something different about engaging with them. What you find is the humanity part of it. They're just like us. They bleed, they hurt, they've been through their own struggles and traumas, and they're in a crisis situation.

"I would tell people to make sure they're helping the local organizations. Don't hand money out to the homeless and think you're helping the homeless, because you're not helping that way. Come by one of the shelters for a tour is the best way. I want to get them in the door. If I can get you to invest (in your heart), that'll make you a lifetime supporter and lover of the homeless." ■

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To learn more or support St. Benedict Homeless Shelter for men or women or the Daniel Pitino Shelter, visit <https://stbenedictsowensboro.org> or <https://pitinoshelter.org>.

Four Catholic school principals to start this fall

BY WKC STAFF

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Owensboro recently announced four new principals who will be starting in our diocesan schools this fall. The Western Kentucky Catholic asked them a few questions to introduce them to the diocese and help readers get to know them.



Rhonda Callaway
Principal of John Paul II School in Morganfield

What do you most look forward to about your new role?

I am passionate about student learning and I look forward to being a part of faith integration during their learning.

What is your favorite way to pray?

In the moment but always first thing in the morning.

What are your greatest hopes for the future of Catholic education in our diocese?

To increase our enrollment and preserve the dignity of a high quality education for our students.



Todd Johnston
Principal of St. Paul Catholic School in Grayson County

What do you most look forward to about your new role?

Working with students within the Catholic religion.

What is your favorite way to pray?

Usually in a quiet place where I can be by myself.

What are your greatest hopes for the future of Catholic education in our diocese?

That it continues to grow and becomes a large part of our students' lives.

Laura Cecil
Principal of Mary Carrico Catholic School in Knottsville



What do you most look forward to about your new role?

Working with the families and staff of the St. William and St. Lawrence communities.

What is your favorite way to pray?

I love the silence of the morning and using the prayer process from Dynamic Catholic along with a daily devotional to ponder.

What are your greatest hopes for the future of Catholic education in our diocese?

That it continues to grow and thrive to develop the faith within our communities.

Jennifer O'Reilly
Principal of St. Romuald Interparochial School in Hardinsburg



What do you most look forward to about your new role?

I am excited to serve the St. Romuald community and lead students as they become disciples of Christ through academic excellence, faith formation and servant leadership.

What is your favorite way to pray?

My favorite time and place to pray is while enjoying the beauty of nature.

What are your greatest hopes for the future of Catholic education in our diocese?

My greatest hope for Catholic education is that all students will develop as disciples of Christ promoting the message of the Gospel.

Jeannie Howard of Mary Kendall joins Counseling Assistance Program with Catholic Charities



COURTESY OF MARY KENDALL CAMPUS

Jeannie Howard recently joined the list of counselors available through CAP (Counseling Assistance Program) of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro.

BY SARA LEWIS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Diocese of Owensboro is excited to welcome Jeannie Howard to the CAP (Counseling Assistance Program) program through Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro.

Howard is an active member of Precious Blood Parish in Owensboro, which she joined five years ago after growing up at Immaculate Parish in Owensboro. Howard is currently the committee chair for Precious Blood's family and social life committee. A licensed professional clinical counselor, Howard is also

trained in "Love and Logic" parenting. Howard is the adoption services director for the Mary Kendall adoption program, where she has worked for the past 20 years.

While Howard's caseload currently only consists of children, she is able to accept CAP clients of all ages.

CAP is a network of counselors in the Diocese of Owensboro who are available to see clients at a reduced rate through collaboration between the diocese, parishes and clients. Any parishioner in the Diocese of Owensboro can see any counselor on the CAP list at a reduced rate. However, even if a parishioner does not qualify for CAP because they have insurance or health benefits through an employer that pays for mental health therapy or counseling, the CAP list is a good place to check for anyone in the diocese who is looking for counseling services.

"We are always thrilled to announce new CAP counselors, and we couldn't be more excited to have Kentucky United Methodist Children's Home as a community partner in our CAP program," said Susan Montalvo-Gesser, director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro. "They have been serving families and children for decades and have such a great presence and reputation in our community. We look forward to working together."

The Mary Kendall Home in Owensboro was opened in 1904 by the Women's Christian Association (WCA), led by Mrs. Mary Kendall. The home was opened as a rescue for women

and children. The Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes acquired The Mary Kendall Home in 1984, renaming it the Mary Kendall Campus of the Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth. The home continues to serve women, youth, and children in the Kentucky area today. ■

For more information about CAP, or to find a list of counselors, visit owensborodiocese.org/counseling.

Sara Lewis is the administrative assistant for the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Evangelization & Discipleship, Office of Marriage & Family Life, and Office for Ongoing Formation for Priests.

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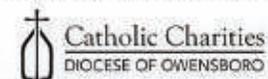


Catholic Charities collaborates with several counselors who offer their services at a reduced rate for parishioners of the Diocese of Owensboro.

For a list of counselors ready to speak to you, visit

owensborodiocese.org/counseling.

Confidentiality assured.



Ursuline Sisters install new Leadership Council



COURTESY OF DAN HECKEL

During a July 17 ceremony, the new Ursuline Leadership Council reads St. Angela's words that "we regard ourselves as ministers and servants, knowing that we have more need to serve, than you have to be served by us." From left are Sr. Ann McGrew, OSU, councilor; Sr. Monica Seaton, OSU, councilor; Sr. Martha Keller, OSU, assistant congregational leader; and Sr. Sharon Sullivan, OSU, congregational leader.

BY DAN HECKEL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph installed their new Leadership Council on July 17, 2022, mixing a combination of veteran leaders with some fresher voices.

Sr. Sharon Sullivan, OSU, is serving as congregational leader, six years after she left the same office, where she served from 2010-16. The native Texan becomes only the second sister in the community's history to be elected to nonconsecutive terms as leader, and the first in 85 years.

Sr. Sharon is celebrating her 40th year as an Ursuline Sister this year, with most of her time in ministry serving at Brescia College/University in Owens-

boro. She completed her tenure at Brescia, where she was a special education professor and coordinator of the special education and middle school programs.

Sr. Martha Keller, OSU, was elected as assistant congregational leader. She is a native of Whitesville and is serving in her 46th year as an Ursuline. Sr. Martha has served as a teacher, parish minister and director of vocation ministry. From 2012 until her election, she served as a pastoral associate at St. Jerome Parish, in Fancy Farm. She was instrumental in leading relief efforts for people in Mayfield following the deadly Dec. 10, 2021, tornado that devastated the town.

Sr. Monica Seaton, OSU, was elected as first councilor. Sr. Monica is a native of Owensboro,

where she attended St. Stephen Cathedral as her home parish. She is the community's youngest sister, serving in her 20th year. Sr. Monica served as a teacher, and since 2016 has been the director of vocation ministry for the Ursulines. She will continue in that role while on the Council.

Sr. Ann McGrew, OSU, was elected as the second councilor. The Grayson County native previously served as a councilor from 2004-2010. Now in her 57th year as an Ursuline, Sr. Ann brings a wide variety of ministry experience to her role. She has been a teacher, parish minister and secretary to the Council. She was also director of novices and of the temporary professed, and she served in the ministry formation program at Brescia. She is a spiritual director and a founding member of the Spiritual Direction Training Program at Maple Mount. She was director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center from 2010-16. She will continue to serve as Motherhouse treasurer while on the Council.

The sisters will serve four-year terms. The outgoing Council – Srs. Amelia Stenger, Pat Lynch, Pam Mueller and Judith Nell Riney – were not eligible for re-election.

The Ursuline Sisters have served in Daviess County since 1874, and as an independent community with their Motherhouse in Maple Mount since 1912. The Ursuline Sisters serve in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Chile, South America. ■

Dan Heckel serves as the director of mission advancement/communications for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount, Ky.

Ministry leaders from around Diocese of Owensboro complete training at Saint Meinrad



COURTESY OF SAINT MEINRAD

This summer's graduates of the Parish Catechetical Leadership Institute at Saint Meinrad.

BY DR. JEFF ANDRINI, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Ongoing ministry formation is always a blessing!

This July more than a dozen ministry leaders from the Diocese of Owensboro participated in the Parish Catechetical Leadership Institute (PCLI) at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Ind. Dcn. Bob Higbee, Shirley Higbee and Ben Teer from our diocese all received their certificate of completion from the three-year program and the others are in year one or two. Approximately two dozen other ministry leaders across the diocese have completed the weeklong training for three sum-

mers. PCLI has been in existence for the past seven years. Those who complete the process earn their Advanced Diocesan Certification.

The focus of the Institute is to help leaders develop a holistic understanding of ongoing formation and develop skills as a catechist and pastoral leader. The four areas of competence are covered, which are human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral. Time is spent in each of these areas and the development of a self-directed learning plan is encouraged. The participants are encouraged to join the monks for Mass and Vespers each day; there are other elements of prayer, silence and rest that help foster a retreat-type

atmosphere. The intellectual component is strong and encourages participants to have a working understanding of the 2020 Directory for Catechesis and live as missionary disciples as leaders in the Church.

There are many ways to earn Advanced Certification in the Diocese of Owensboro, but this is one that is comprehensive and available over three summer sessions. If you are new to ministry or are looking for a way to grow as a catechist and ministry leader in your setting, consider joining an new group for year one next July 16-20, 2023. The diocese supports ongoing formation for ministry leaders and 50% of the fee is paid through the Office of Faith Formation. Please contact Dcn. Jay VanHoosier, Director of Faith Formation, for further information at jay.vanhoosier@pastoral.org. And congratulations to our newest graduates! ■

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Sprucing up St. Charles Cemetery



COURTESY OF ANN RENFROW

Karina Romero, youth and young adult minister of St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, Ky., Demi Smith and Hannah Ramos, both of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bowling Green, Ky., work on the St. Charles Cemetery grounds in Livermore, Ky.

BY ANN RENFROW, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

St. Charles Parish in Livermore, Ky., was blessed with the help of the youth and young adult groups of St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, Ky., and St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green, Ky., on June 20, along with St. Charles parishioners. There was much tree trimming, pick up and disposal of brush, as well as preparation of the ground for new rose bushes, and re-setting of the cemetery sign.

Thank you Karina Romero, youth and young adult minister of St. Stephen Cathedral; Vince Carrico of St. Stephen Cathedral; and Cecilia Morris, Hanna Ramos, and Demi Smith all of St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green.

Also a thank you to John and Marcia Logsdon and Leon Durbin all of St. Charles, Michael Baldwin, and for the support of Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal, pastor of St. Charles.

Ann Renfrow belongs to St. Charles Parish in Livermore, Ky.

Fr. Hostetter speaks on caritas at Associates and Sisters Day 2022



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Fr. Larry Hostetter, the president of Brescia University and the keynote speaker for Associates and Sisters Day, talks with Sr. Ruth Gehres, OSU, during the June 25 event. Sr. Gehres was president of Brescia from 1986-1995.



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Seated at the front table during June 25 Associates and Sisters Day at Mount Saint Joseph are Sr. Karla Kaelin, OSU (left), and Sr. Michael Ann Monaghan, OSU.

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF

The Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium in Maple Mount, Ky., came alive on Associates and Sisters Day on June 25. A crowd of Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and Ursuline Associates listened to presentations, watched videos, enjoyed lunch, and saw two women make their commitments as new Associates – Carolyn McCarty of Hawesville and Therese Wilhite of Owensboro.

Fr. Larry Hostetter, the president of Brescia University in Owensboro and the keynote speaker for Associates and Sisters Day, shared his vision of a Caritas Center at Brescia in his presentation. Caritas is the Latin word for “love,” and the dream for the Caritas Center at Brescia – where Fr. Hostetter has been president for 15 years – grew out of the desire for the university to express its Catholic identity while recognizing its diversity, he said. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATTENTION!

Tornado survivors in Hopkins County, KY, who need to speak with a Catholic Charities case manager:

You may go to the Hopkins Co. Long Term Recovery Group located at 200 W. Arcadia Ave. in Dawson Springs, KY (old city hall).

Hopkins County Disaster Recovery Case Managers Office Hours

Monday 9AM-3PM Stacy Menser (270) 702-5037 stacy.menser@pastoral.org
 Tuesday 9AM-3PM Vicki Duncan (270) 702-5041 vicki.duncan@pastoral.org
 Wednesday 9AM-3PM Kristy Sisk (270) 702-4962 kristy.sisk@pastoral.org
 Thursday 9AM-3PM Lori Wooton (270) 702-4984 lori.wooton@pastoral.org
 Friday By appointment only

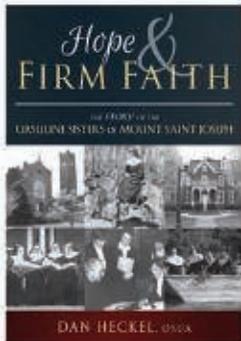


2022 Parish Picnic Schedule in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Parish picnics and cooking teams are a longstanding tradition in the parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro. 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
AUG. 2	Serving at 4 p.m., drive-thru only	St. Martin, Rome
AUG. 6	Serving noon-2 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
AUG. 6	Serving from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUG. 13	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
SEPT. 10	Serving at 10 a.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT. 17	Serving at 4 p.m.; drive-thru only	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT. 17	Serving from 4-8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT. 18	Serving at 11 a.m.	Mary Carrico School (St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, 6119 St. Lawrence Rd., Philpot)
SEPT. 24	Serving from 1-3 p.m., drive-thru only	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT. 24	Serving 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Honeyfest Dinner at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson
SEPT. 25	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

A new book: "Hope and Firm Faith" tells the unique story of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph



In a new book that will be available in August, the ministries and adventures of the Ursuline community are chronicled through the eyes of the Ursuline Sisters who lived them, using their own words from letters they sent.

You will learn about many amazing women who managed to forge their own identity while devoting their lives in service to God and the Church.



To preorder your copy of "Hope and Firm Faith:"

Order online at ursulinesmsj.org/hope-and-firm-faith-book. Or to order by mail, send us your name, address, phone number and email. Indicate if you would like your book signed by the author.

The cost is \$37.10 (includes sales tax) plus \$10 for shipping.

Make check payable to "Ursuline Sisters" and mail your check and information to:

Book Order, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356



AUGUST 2022 BULLETIN BOARD

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.

Belonging to Love: Prayer and Conversations online Aug. 11

Do you want to deepen your experience of God's presence and action in your life? If so, consider joining in the prayer and conversations with an Ursuline Sister and a spiritual director, brought to you by the Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Ministry. These monthly online sessions include time for inspiration, meditation, and meaningful conversation. This contemplative prayer program takes place on the second Thursday of the month. These are free online Zoom presentations -- donations are appreciated. Our next program is on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. CST. To register to receive the link, email doreen.abbott@maplemount.org or sign up online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/> Future Belonging dates will be Sept. 8 and Oct. 13.

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. 28-29. 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, expired in July, but you can contact them to see if other rooms are available.) 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.msj@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.

St. Martin rummage sale Sept. 22-24

St. Martin Parish in Rome, Ky., will be having their annual Rummage Sale on Sept. 22, 23, and 24. Rain or shine in the parish hall. Come buy some great stuff that you didn't know you needed but that you definitely want! More information: Nicole Gray at nicole@grayskymusic.com.

Eucharistic Mission: My God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Sunday thru Tuesday evenings, Sept. 25-27, 2022 at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah, Ky., at 6:30 p.m. Time for Eucharistic Adoration and confessions each evening after the mission talk. Fr. Joseph Mary Brown, CSJ, a native from Bardstown, Ky., belongs to the Congregation of St. John (an active-contemplative community founded in France in 1975). Father now serves as the Superior of the Community's English-speaking Novitiate House in Princeville, Ill. For more information call the parish office 270-554-3810.

Bittel family history book available for purchase

Louisville resident, Larry Dean, a Bittel descendant, along with his Chicago-based cousin and co-author, Amelia Kelly, have published a genealogy book titled "The Bittel Family From Vinningen, Rhineland, Pfalz, 1672-2020." It traces the lineage of George Buettel, 1672-1719, and focuses on the family of his great-

great-great-grandson, George Jacob Bittel and wife, Barbara Schrempf; and includes the allied families of Ebelhar, Bell, Wink, Weaver, Hurm, Snyder, Reisz and many others, who settled in Owensboro and vicinity in the 1880s. Dean says they were some of the earliest members of the Catholic churches in the Owensboro area, and some of the churches feature beautiful stained glass windows gifted by some of the families. The book, which entailed more than 25 years of research, names 985 descendants, has 272 pages, 100 illustrations, and includes much local history and lore about Owensboro and environs. It is listed online at Abebooks.com or can be ordered from Larry Dean 3019 Kaye Lawn Dr., Louisville, KY 40220, (502) 491-0690, or legacybooks@iglou.com.

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/>

We are only just beginning to make abortion unthinkable



CNS PHOTO/DAVE HRBACEK, THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT Marie Keating of St. John Neumann in Eagan, Minn., holds a pro-life sign at a June 24, 2022, rally in downtown St. Paul. More than 200 people gathered as the Supreme Court the same day overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade abortion decision in its ruling in the Dobbs case on a Mississippi law banning most abortions after 15 weeks.

BY CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

Amid the sea of signs carried at the many rallies following the Dobbs v. Jackson Supreme Court decision, one was particularly striking: "MAKE ABORTION UNTHINKABLE."

It is both an ambitious and admirable goal because it signals that this is not the end of the struggle, but in many ways, the beginning. It extends the effort to end abortion well beyond the question of legality, now pointing more to the conversion of hearts and minds.

Since the 1970s, the movement to change abortion laws has claimed much of the energy and resources among the pro-life community, which has now been successful in taking Roe v. Wade down

from its perch as the law of the land. But those legal battles were merely a means to an end. The ultimate goal has always been to protect the innocent life of the developing child in the womb. Making abortion unthinkable is essential if we are ever able to achieve the ultimate goal.

There is no one who considers herself pro-life who can't have an impactful role in this effort. The most critical question is ... are we each willing to do what it takes to make abortion unthinkable?

For instance, are we prepared to assist the poor and marginalized, to serve them and help provide for their basic needs, but also to advocate for an end to systemic and generational poverty?

Are we willing to confront racism and the limits it places on families of color to have lives of dignity and value? Will we support paid family leave, adequate health care resources, equal pay for equal work and early child care assistance?

Will we send emails, make calls, take part in peaceful marches and get involved in groups who tackle these challenges? Will we stand alongside those with whom we don't agree because we know that advancing the cause of protecting the innocent unborn is worth it?

Will we spend our personal time volunteering in programs where teens or women come looking for help with an unexpected pregnancy? Would we try to start programs of advocacy and support where they may be needed ~ our local parish or school, for instance? Will we come up with ways to support pregnant teens although their families might react violently or punitively to the news of a baby coming?

Are we willing to put aside judgment and criticism and just serve those in need?

Will we all come to recognize the unlimited value of building a truly pro-life culture in our homes, our communities, our institutional structures?

Because of the personal experience I had in my own family with my daughter and grandson, I am a fervent believer that each of us can make a powerful difference; each of us can save lives. From the example we set with our families, to the material support we give those in need, and the ways we advocate for pregnant women and newborns ... there is so much we each can do.

Abortion was rejected as an option for my 16-year-old daughter when faced with a pregnancy for which she was not prepared. Though she was afraid, she knew her family would help her and always love her. Because of her family's assistance and her own determination, she was able to finish high school, and then get her bachelor's and master's degrees. She became a teacher and is now a successful business owner. In addition to her son, she has a husband, a stepson and a newborn baby.

There was nothing special about our family. There was nothing we did that can't be done by every family, or those helping the pregnant woman when a family won't. This is the message that needs to reach girls and women who think that abortion is their only option. We must affirm in our every action that all human life is precious and full of potential.

It is only then that we stand a chance to make abortion unthinkable. Let's get started. ■

This editorial was originally published July 8 on the website of The Monitor, the monthly magazine of the Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey. It was written by Rayanne Bennett, associate publisher.

August 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.

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Charles & Amy Taylor, 25
David & Martha Lashbrook, 61
Drew & Jeannette Ward, 54
Harold & Rhonda Staples, 51
James & Alma Topper, 52
John & Rose Meister, 51
Marvin & Martha Hayden, 54
Raymond & Theresa Payne, 62
Ron & Mereda Hicks, 50
Steve & Brenda Hagan, 53

Christ the King, Madisonville

David & Ellen Walters, 63
Doug & Patricia Pilson, 54
Frank & Barbara Schnapf, 54
James & Judy Donley, 54
Paul & Gwen Bergman, 56
Ron & Marsha Segebarth, 54
Tommy & Carol Richardson, 56

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Armando & Holivia Sandoval, 51
Beau & Kace Watkins, 10
Ben & Denise Johnston, 40
Bill & Judy McClellan, 59
Chris & Laveta Daniel, 40
Danny & Darlene Willett, 40
Danny & Janie Jacobs, 58
David & Jo Ettensohn, 59
Gerardo & Maria Gonzalez, 25
James & Michelle Heisler, 40
James & Sylvia Weis, 66
Jimmy & Debbie Hagan, 51
John & Renae Book, 25
Keith & Diane Utley, 53
Larry & Cecilia Abbott, 40
Mike & Kay Smith, 50
Mitchell & Megan Rabe, 5
Robert & Gayle Paff, 54

Thomas & Mary Duncan, 56
Thomas & Sandra Rugg, 50
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Dan & Anne Mosier, 25
Dietmar & Ana Kuttelwascher, 25
Jack & Carole Hoeft, 50
Jason & Melissa Bond, 25
John & Jocelyn Knepler, 53
John & Lisa Dix, 40
Tony & Shelly Rhoades, 40
William & Darlene Sims, 58
William & Linda Brian, 54

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Larry & Mary Martin, 60
Teddy & Margie Seiler, 52

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Johnny & Elizabeth Wix, 54

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Dallas & Margaret Powers, 52
Dan & Shirley Hagman, 62
James & Brenda Adkins, 54
John & Lynn Powers, 25

Immaculate, Owensboro

Al & Rose Clark, 66
Bill & Hattie Potts, 64
Bill & Sue Hill, 67
Donald & Janet Head, 52

Edward & Nannette Parish, 52

Gary & Bonnie Roberts, 55
James & Sharon Murphy, 57
John & Margie Wathen, 67
Leslie (Buzz) & Patsy Van Meter, 57

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Al & Judy Mattingly, 51
Denny & Kristie Miles, 25
John & Margaret Kutsor, 60
Kenneth & Johanna Boarman, 60
Matthew & Felicia Glenn, 5
Mike & Linda Todd, 54
Richard & Jenna Kamuf, 5
Thomas & Cindi Reisz, 52

Wayne & Laura Edge, 52

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Bill & June Johnson, 62
Paul & Tancy Payne, 54

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Thomas & Melissa Larimore, 10

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Jack & Frances Pullen, 54
Mike & Julia Ward, 53

Sacred Heart, Hickman

Gerald & Mary Harris, 55
Jimmy & Barb Blanton, 57
Jimmy & Pat Cooley, 62

Sacred Heart, Russellville

David & Cathy Scott, 10
Frank & Mary Jane Kondracki, 55

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Anthony & Virginia Livers, 60
Charles & Nancy Clements, 51
Scott & Elizabeth Berry, 25

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You are invited! The Diocese of Owensboro to host fall 2022 Eucharistic conference

BY DR. JEFF ANDRINI, OFFICE OF
EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

All 78 parishes and 17 schools are invited to a special event for all parish ministry leaders, catechists, teachers and volunteers. The event is titled, “Living a Eucharistic Life as Missionary Disciples” and it will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 at the Owensboro Convention Center. Several afternoon breakout sessions will be held at Brescia University and the event will include English and Spanish-speaking sessions.

The event is from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and begins with a bilingual Mass at 9 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Medley. The focus will be to draw attention to the Eucharistic Revival and present a roadmap for growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

Jesus invited a small group of followers to live in community, journey with him on his mission and formed them in the kingdom of God. As followers of Jesus, they would spend time with him daily and see firsthand what he did and how he responded to people in need. They would hear him interact with others and learned from his parables, stories and dialogue. We know they were slow to understand and often failed, but they eventually got it and their lives were transformed. Through the Holy Spirit they became like their master, went on mission, and started what has become the world’s largest religion.

Two thousand years later and Jesus’ mission continues. And this mission is the very purpose of the New Evangelization within the Catholic Church! After Jesus’ resurrection, the early Church

received the Spirit and sent out leaders to proclaim the Gospel message. These fear-filled simple folks were transformed through their relationship with God and they lived the mission of Jesus in word and deed.

Our keynote presenters for our fall conference will help us understand how to live the mission of Jesus today! Special guests are Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*; and Dr. Gerardo Salazar and Dr. Dora Tobar, our Spanish presenters. They, along with other several other ministry experts, will lead us in a day of community, leadership development and vision that will energize all of us! Please join us and invite other members from your parish.

For more information, visit owensborodiocese.org/evangelization or email jeff.andrini@pastoral.org or sara.lewis@pastoral.org.

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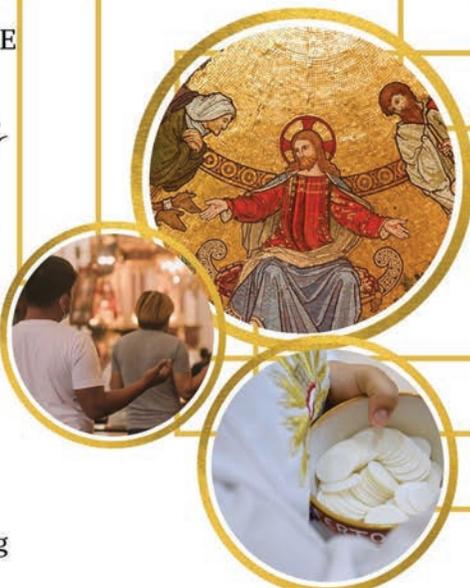
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Dr. Jeff Andrini is the director of the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship and can be reached at (270) 683-1545, ext. 360. He is available to support parishes in a variety of ways and is currently booking fall and winter dates in a parish or parish clusters for the Encounter Love/Encounter Jesus events. Email him with any questions, ideas or for further information on any upcoming events at jeff.andrini@pastoral.org.

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Archival growth brings in fascinating new additions to be explored in months to come



COURTESY OF ARCHIVES
The Mount Saint Joseph Museum is seen after the rehousing of its contents.

BY EDWARD WILSON, ARCHIVES

Each year, The Western Kentucky Catholic (WKC) takes a small two-month hiatus in June and July. I have been told this is the result of Mel Howard's, the publication's founding editor, preferred schedule to focus on his farm over the summertime. This schedule makes me feel as though the paper starts a new season following the break. There are several new additions to the archives that should make this next 10 months of articles quite interesting.

A great deal has happened in our country in the past two months. I would have liked to write this August article to celebrate the victory for life that was recently won. However, feeling that this day was soon to come, I wrote an article on our diocese's battle on behalf of life for the January 2022 issue of the WKC. This being the case, I will, instead, begin this 10 month stretch of articles with

an update of the numerous, large developments in the archives.

I divide my time as archivist between the McRaith Catholic Center (MCC) and Mount Saint Joseph (MSJ). There have been significant archival developments at both. Firstly, at the McRaith Catholic Center a new room has been made for the secondary stacks. The secondary stacks is where many of the larger artifacts are housed. These are the things that would be in a museum. They are interesting to look at and have fascinating stories. These are more appealing to most people than flat file documents. During this move a safe that was in the secondary stacks was to be moved. This safe has remained locked for probably over a decade and its contents were unknown by the previous two archivists. The safe will be rehoused where there is more need for it in the MCC, but the contents are all going to remain at home in the archives. I was the lucky archivist who got to welcome them back into the open world. The safe was filled with incredible artifacts, some having to do with priests, some having to do with bishops and some having to do with 19th-century steamboat captains. Yes, you read that right. The safe was a true treasure trove with numerous items fit for their own articles.

Adding even more to its collection was the MSJ archive. As was previously announced, the 1874 academy building at the Mount is to be demolished. Attached to this is a wing that was added in 1882; it contains the Mount's old museum. It too is to be demolished. The contents of the museum are under the jurisdiction and protection of the archives. We have cleared out the museum and the contents are currently in transitional housing within the archive wing of the Lourdes building at the Mount.

So, that is what has been happening in the archives for the past two months. From a nearly 200-year-old mysterious lock of hair to a 150-year-old taxidermy parrot that belonged to a saintly, local priest; there are plenty of interesting artifacts to come. I am excited to bring you new stories to help grow your knowledge and love of our beloved diocese's history. ■

Edward Wilson is the director of the Diocese of Owensboro's Archives and the Archives of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. Comments and questions may be sent to edward.wilson@pastoral.org.

Not just a mission trip

Youth serve local areas in Eucharist-centered mission experience



RILEY GREIF | WKC

(Left photo) The youth and adult leaders of Mission: Eucharistic Life, which took place June 19-24, 2022 in the Owensboro and Henderson areas, smile for a photo outside Brescia University on June 21. (Right photo) Youth carry supplies into the basement of the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro during Mission: Eucharistic Life.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Eli Kroeger made a point of heading to Mission: Eucharistic Life immediately after finishing his week of summer camp at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

He recognized that continuing the powerful spiritual experience from the diocese's Catholic youth camp, into his volunteer work with the week-long mission project, would be good for him – as well as for the people he would serve.

Kroeger, a rising freshman who belongs to St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro, said he “came straight from Gasper because I knew if I came straight from Gasper it would be a good experience and get me

closer to God.”

Kroeger was one of 28 youth participating in Mission: Eucharistic Life (nicknamed “EL”), which took place from June 19-24 and provided an opportunity for high school youth to serve, pray and reflect while volunteering in Daviess County and surrounding areas.

The program was hosted by the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Charities, Brescia University and the Glenmary Sisters.

For EL adult leader Beth Probus, the experience was “not just a mission trip but a project where we teach, show and share.”

Probus, who serves as the youth minister at Holy

Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, said the youth participants came from a wide array of previous mission experiences – and that that was a good thing.

“Some had been on a mission trip before and others didn't know what they were getting into,” said Probus.

Yet, throughout the weeklong experience, “several youth found ways to become more personal with God,” she said.

Plus, EL provided a way for the kids to learn basic life skills like how to properly paint a room or build a wooden ramp for a house.

“I love the teaching moments – that's my favorite,” said Probus.

Luke Estes, a rising freshman who belongs to

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(Left photo) Youth paint a porch during the inaugural week of Mission: Eucharistic Life, which took place June 19-24, 2022 in the Owensboro and Henderson areas. (Right photo) A youth wears gloves to garden outside St. Stephen Cathedral during Mission: Eucharistic Life.

Immaculate Parish in Owensboro, said he grew spiritually through EL.

He appreciated “the opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the speakers who talked about our faith and how we can get deeper in our relationship with God.”

Mallory Powers, a rising freshman who belongs to St. Alphonsus Parish in St. Joseph, said she loved “getting out and helping people and seeing the joy of the people.”

Her sister, Abbie Powers, a rising sophomore, said they went to help at CareNet Owensboro one day. She said she learned a lot from the example of the women who operate the agency, which provides resources and education to women experiencing crisis pregnancies.

“It makes me hold myself to a higher standard because seeing these people do such great good – it showed me how a regular person can do great things,” said Abbie Powers.

Their work crew teammate, rising sophomore Kaylie Dant, also from St. Alphonsus, added that they also visited a 96-year-old woman’s house to “paint the rails on her front porch, power washed the house and trimmed the bushes.”

Youth volunteer Connor Moore, a St. Pius X parishioner who graduated

from high school this past spring, said one day his team “built a deck together for an elderly person.”

This was a particularly special project, since the person was then able to walk out of their house for the first time in years.

Colton Wallace, a rising freshman who also belongs to St. Pius X, said he learned the value of hard work thanks to EL.

“It has been pretty cool that we can all work together,” he said, adding that he enjoyed getting to know his teammates better too.

Vince Carrico, a rising sophomore who belongs to St. Stephen Cathedral, said his favorite part was “seeing how joyful the people we are serving are.”

He said he was also moved when the people realized the youth wanted “to help, and not for money.”

Matt Knight, the youth and young adult minister at St. Pius X, was another adult leader leading work crews throughout the week.

One of the highlights for Knight was getting to encounter his own fellow parishioners. He said the youth visited and helped out at a few St. Pius X parishioners’ houses, and that other St. Pius X parishioners joined the mission experience to assist at certain times during the week.

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A youth collects weeds into a trash bag outside St. Stephen Cathedral during Mission: Eucharistic Life, which took place June 19-24, 2022 in the Owensboro and Henderson areas.

“Normally we’ve done missions out of state, but this was an opportunity for (local people) to see us in action,” said Knight, who has led three out-of-state mission trips from his parish.

Probus said she hopes the impact of this week continues through the youths’ lives.

“Because this mission trip, any mission trip, should be a life-changing experience to open your eyes and see what needs to be done,” she said. “It just filled them with so much joy – that that’s why we do this.”

Parishes represented at EL were St. Alphonsus in St. Joseph, St. Pius X in Owensboro, Holy Name of Jesus in Henderson, St. Mary of the Woods in Whitesville, St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, and St. Joseph in Bowling Green. ■



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The work crew helping to mulch outside Hospice of Western Kentucky takes a popsicle break during Mission: Eucharistic Life, which took place June 19-24, 2022 in the Owensboro and Henderson areas.



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A youth gives a thumbs-up while his work crew team power washes the exterior of Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Owensboro during Mission: Eucharistic Life, which took place June 19-24, 2022 in the Owensboro and Henderson areas.

Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Todos los años, la mayoría de nosotros conocemos a uno o a varios estudiantes que se gradúan de la universidad, la escuela preparatoria o la escuela secundaria. Incluso podríamos observar una graduación de kindergarten. Es un honor para mí asistir a cuatro graduaciones cada año, en la Universidad de Brescia, la Escuela Preparatoria Trinidad en Whitesville, la Escuela Preparatoria Santa María en Paducah y la Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro.

Durante el año escolar visito todas las escuelas católicas para celebrar la Misa con los estudiantes y la comunidad. En los grados de primaria, a menudo puedo pasar por salones individuales para visitas breves donde me lanzan preguntas profundas, así como "¿Cuántos años tenía usted cuando supo que quería ser obispo?" Esa es una pregunta fácil de responder: "Tenía 57 años cuando el Papa Benedicto me mandó decir que iba a ser obispo".

Pero las preguntas y respuestas con los alumnos no se limitan a los más pequeñitos. En mi segundo año como obispo en el 2011, decidí hacer un experimento con lo que llamo "Conversaciones con los seniors". Visité las clases de último año ("los seniors") de nuestras tres escuelas preparatorias católicas sabiendo que para la mayoría de ellos la estructura que han conocido desde el kindergarten daría paso a la universidad o a la fuerza laboral. Les recordé que en el futuro nadie los pondría en fila para ir a la Misa cada semana, probablemente nadie les daría tiempo de clase para ir a confesarse, y que sus clases futuras, probablemente no comenzarían o terminarían con una oración. Mi experimento fue exitoso y a excepción de los años con restricciones por la pandemia

he disfrutado de estas visitas anualmente.

En mis conversaciones con los seniors, también les digo que esta será probablemente su última visita obligatoria con un obispo. Estoy interesado en sus pensamientos y preguntas al momento en que ellos hacen una de las transiciones más grandes de la vida. Las reglas básicas son simples: pueden preguntarme cualquier cosa siempre y cuando que la pregunta sea respetuosa; pueden también expresar puntos de vista distintos a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia siempre y cuando también escuchen respetuosamente mi respuesta.

En ocasiones, si alguna de esas clases tarda en comenzar, yo planteo un par de preguntas iniciales. ¿Qué es lo que más les hace sentir orgullosos de su identidad como católico, lo que les consuela más? Por el contrario, ¿qué es lo que tiene la Iglesia o sus enseñanzas que los detiene, o que les cuesta aceptar o comprender?

A la primera pregunta escucho que los jóvenes valoran el sentido de comunidad y pertenencia que ofrece la Iglesia. Algunos comentan que sus familias siempre han sido católicas desde generaciones de antaño. Escucho de ellos que sienten como un consuelo que se encuentra en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia. Se valora la experiencia de la Iglesia como voz de la justicia, muy especialmente la defensa de la Iglesia de toda vida humana como sagrada, especialmente la vida en el útero. Los retiros y los días de reflexión que las escuelas han brindado son memorables, al igual que las experiencias de los campamentos de verano en el Campamento Juvenil Católico del Río Gasper.

Los desencantos dentro de la Iglesia católica no

CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY AGOSTO DE 2022

4 DE AGOSTO	11:30 a.m. Almuerzo con Sacerdotes de Grupos 5 y 6
6 DE AGOSTO	Picnic de San Jerónimo – Fancy Farm
8 DE AGOSTO	1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – Centro Católico McRaith, Owensboro
9 DE AGOSTO	11:30 a.m. Almuerzo con Sacerdotes de Grupo 3
10 DE AGOSTO	11:30 a.m. Almuerzo con Sacerdotes de Grupo 4
13 DE AGOSTO	9 a. m. Reunión de formación de la Junta de Revisión Diocesana
14 DE AGOSTO	12 p.m. Celebración del Bicentenario – Parroquias de San Guillermo y San Lorenzo, Condado de Daviess
16 DE AGOSTO	11:30 a.m. Almuerzo con Sacerdotes de Grupo 2
18 DE AGOSTO	11:30 a.m. Almuerzo con Sacerdotes de Grupo 1 3 p.m. Reunión por Zoom con los Sacerdotes
23 DE AGOSTO	10 a.m. Horas de oficina en Paducah – Hospital Mercy Health Lourdes, Paducah
24-25 DE AGOSTO	Reunión de la Conferencia Católica de Kentucky y Reunión de los Obispos de la Provincia – Louisville
28 DE AGOSTO	11:30 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia del Espíritu Santo, Bowling Green
31 DE AGOSTO	8:30 a.m. Misa escolar para la Escuela Católica María Carrico – Parroquia San Guillermo, Knottsville

son tan diferentes a los expresados por demás católicos en general. Vuelvo a escuchar de la profunda herida y escándalo que ha vivido la Iglesia por la tragedia de los abusos sexuales en parroquias y escuelas. Doy la bienvenida a la oportunidad de reconocer nuevamente el terrible fracaso de la Iglesia en este sentido, pero señalo también, las grandes refor-

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mas que hemos implementado para garantizar que los niños y adolescentes estén seguros. Afirmo mi creencia de que hoy no hay un lugar más seguro para niños y adolescentes que una iglesia o institución católica. Sin embargo, admitimos que el pecado no termina y habrá fracasos en el futuro.

Como reflejo de su generación, algunos están confundidos por la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre las cuestiones LGBT+. Francamente, en su mayor parte, esta generación ha "seguido adelante" con esta pregunta y no puede comprender la vacilación de la Iglesia para hacer lo mismo. Aunque me esfuerzo por articular el fundamento de la enseñanza de la Iglesia, la cultura ha redefinido las preguntas. Ahora bien, ciertamente no hay unanimidad en estas preguntas y, a veces, detecto algunos resentimientos dentro de las clases de estudiantes. Insisto en que ninguno de nosotros tiene todas las respuestas y nuestro diálogo

debe proceder siempre con caridad y compasión. Podemos aceptar las diferencias sin condenas.

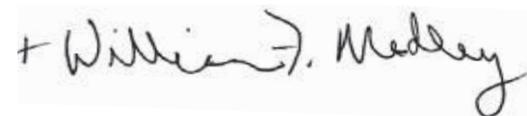
A veces hablamos sobre la anticoncepción artificial y la fertilización in vitro. Algunos estudiantes están bien informados de que estas preguntas todavía se debaten entre los científicos y teólogos católicos.

A menudo se presenta el lugar de la mujer en la Iglesia. En el último medio siglo, las mujeres de nuestra sociedad han logrado avances tremendos y las mujeres jóvenes en particular cuestionan la exclusión de las mujeres del ministerio ordenado. En su mayoría, las mujeres jóvenes que cuestionan la práctica de la Iglesia son tolerantes, pero muchas están impacientes por ver signos de algún cambio.

Cuando he tenido estas conversaciones con los seniors cada año, me pasa que tengo el deseo de poder reunir a esos mismos grupos un año, cinco años o 10 años después. Seguramente sería interesante es-

cuchar las mismas voces cuando hayan crecido aún más en sabiduría y gracia. ■

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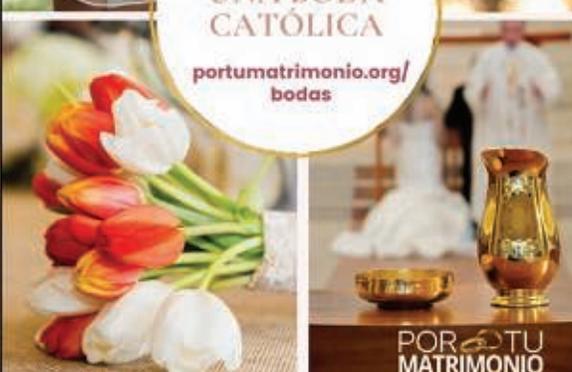
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Transformados y Renovados, que tuvo lugar el 25 de junio en la Parroquia Santa Rita en Louisville. Cuarenta y cinco feligreses de parroquias con ministerio hispano en la Diócesis de Owensboro asistieron.



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Durante su asistencia al Instituto OCP del 25 de junio: Transformados y Renovados en Louisville, el P. Basilio Az Cuc (extremo derecho), el vicario parroquial de la Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah, se encuentra junto al Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, director del Ministerio Hispano/Latino de la Diócesis de Owensboro, con feligreses, ministros de música y ministros litúrgicos de la Parroquia Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown y la Parroquia Santo Redentor en Beaver Dam.



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El Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez se toma una selfie con miembros del coro de la Parroquia San León en Murray y Mike Bogdan, director de música de la Diócesis de Owensboro, mientras asistía al Instituto OCP el 25 de junio: Transformados y Renovados en Louisville.

El 25 de junio, la Parroquia Santa Rita en Louisville fue sede del Instituto OCP: Transformados y Renovados, patrocinado por la Asociación Nacional de Músicos Pastorales y la Arquidiócesis de Louisville. El discurso de apertura, Cantemos al Señor: La Música en el Culto Divino, fue impartido por Jaime Cortez y habló sobre las directrices de los obispos de los Estados Unidos sobre la música litúrgica. Las sesiones de grupo exploraron varias habilidades musicales necesarias para el trabajo en la liturgia y la espiritualidad para los ministros de música. Cuarenta y cinco participantes de la Diócesis de Owensboro que ejercen su ministerio en las Misas en español en 10 parroquias de la diócesis asistieron al taller con el apoyo de la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano/Latino y la Oficina de Música. ■

Procesión del Corpus Christi

El 19 de junio de 2022, el Obispo William F. Medley precedió una procesión de Corpus Christi en la Parroquia San José en Mayfield, el lugar donde la Diócesis de Owensboro dio inicio al Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional, una iniciativa de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. La Parroquia San José siempre ha organizado una procesión para Corpus Christi. La de este año, sin embargo, fue aún más poderosa ya que la ciudad dañada de Mayfield se podía ver durante la procesión; Mayfield es uno de los lugares más afectados durante los históricos tornados del 10 de diciembre de 2021 en el oeste de Kentucky. ■



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(Arriba) Los niños que hicieron su Primera Comunión ese mismo día participan en la procesión de Corpus Christi del 19 de junio de 2022 en la Parroquia San José en Mayfield, Ky.



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(Abajo a la izquierda) Detrás de la procesión de Corpus Christi del 19 de junio de 2022 en la Parroquia San José en Mayfield se ven los restos de la ciudad de Mayfield, Kentucky, que fue devastada durante los tornados del 10 de diciembre de 2021 que azotaron el oeste de Kentucky y las regiones circundantes. Tapetes de aserrín, construidos por miembros de la parroquia, decoran los caminos que conducen a los altares. Una devoción tradicional en muchas culturas latinoamericanas, los tapetes de aserrín son "alfombras" de aserrín de colores que representan diversas imágenes religiosas para celebraciones como Corpus Christi, la Semana Santa y el Día de Muertos.

¿Pensando en una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa? Póngase en contacto con P. Daniel Dillard: daniel.dillard@pastoral.org

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107 13th Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Padre Julio Barrera (270) 274-3414

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green
434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101
Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes o Padre Corey Bruns (270) 842-2525

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Guthrie
7600 Russellville Road, P.O. Box 297, Guthrie, KY 42234
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (270) 265-5263 o (302) 438-7335

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin
403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY

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Contacto: Padre Tom Buckman o María Molina (270) 586-4515

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511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420
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Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville
902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Contacto: Sra. Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville
1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431
Contacto: Padre Carl McCarthy (270) 821-5494 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas (270) 881-7737

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield
702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066
Contacto: Hermana María Lina Ramos (270) 247-2843

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown
766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (706) 284-0996, o Padre Julio Barrera (270) 274-3414

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray
401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071
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Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro
609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303
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Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah
5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001
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Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville
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Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree
57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455
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El ministerio hispano/latino local da la bienvenida a nuevas hermanas y se despide de otras

POR EL PERSONAL DE WKC

Ha habido varias transiciones este verano entre las Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Ad Gentes, que son hermanas religiosas enviadas desde México para servir en el ministerio hispano/latino en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

En junio, la Hna. Gloria Ramos (de la Parroquia San José en Mayfield), la Hna. Yessica Vázquez Carro (de la Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah), y la Hna. María Luisa Morales (de la Parroquia San José en Mayfield) fueron a Miami para estudiar durante tres semanas intensivas con el Instituto Pastoral del Sureste (SEPI) y la Universidad Barry. Este programa está enfocado en estudiar el ministerio hispano e inglés.

En otras noticias, dos de las religiosas están partiendo la diócesis para nuevas asignaciones y dos nuevas hermanas están llegando para tomar sus lugares. La Hna. Esperanza Rivera partirá de la Parroquia San León en Murray y será reemplazada por la Hna. María Angélica López Rodríguez. La Hna. María Luisa Morales partirá de la Parroquia San José en Mayfield y será reemplazada por la Hna. María Lina Ramos.

Por favor, sigan orando por estas mujeres religiosas que han ejercido su ministerio con los feligreses hispanos/latinos de nuestra diócesis. ■



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Hermanas religiosas participantes del Instituto de Pastoral del Sureste (SEPI) durante sus estudios en junio de 2022.



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Varias hermanas de las Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Ad Gentes estudian con el Instituto Pastoral del Sureste (SEPI) y la Universidad de Barry en junio de 2022.