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A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear friends,

As citizens of a nation that has celebrated more than two centuries of democratic government, one would assume that a national election day would be an occasion of great joy and celebration. As sharers in a society that has produced the greatest material abundance ever known in human history, we might think that the day we choose our national leaders would present a holiday to mark our national unity.

Yet as Election Day 2016 approaches, tens of millions of us will begrudgingly cast a vote without much enthusiasm. Millions more will not even exercise the right and privilege of casting a vote. And still millions more will celebrate that their side has won and should now impose their mandate, their will, on the “losers.”

Since 1976 the Catholic Bishops of the United States every four years have issued a call to Catholics to responsible citizenship. The 2007 document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, was reissued in 2011 with an introductory update and reissued yet again in 2015 to reflect a current state of affairs.

Bishop Richard Pates, the chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the U. S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, addressed some political realities in an article in the August 13, 2012 issue of *America* magazine. He notes that one political party “has for at least a half century recognized that government has a legitimate role in helping the poor and vulnerable but these days more often will grab headlines through their efforts to redefine marriage or by trying to determine which church activity is ‘religious’ or by attempting to force Catholic institutions to provide employee health coverage for sterilizations and contraceptives, including abortion-inducing drugs.” Sounds simple. Straightforward.

But Bishop Pates then observes that another political party “has for the last fifty years opposed the abortion approving Supreme Court decision and espoused family values but now makes headlines by advocating the slashing of federal programs, including those for the poor, and proposing anti-immigrant legislation.” Sounds simple. Straightforward.

The most recent publication of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizen-*

BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● SEPTEMBER 2016

- SEPT 8** 11:00 a.m. ● Opening School Day Mass – Brescia University
- SEPT 9** 3:30 p.m. ● Christening of the "Loree Eckstein" towing vessel – Paducah Waterfront
- SEPT 11** Mount St. Joseph Picnic – Maple Mount
- SEPT 12** 12:00 - 4 p.m. ● Meeting, USCCB Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People
- SEPT 14** 8:45 a.m. ● Staff Mass and Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)
12:00 p.m. ● Lunch meeting with the FOCUS missionaries from Murray State University
- SEPT 17** 5:30 p.m. ● Catechists Commissioning Mass and Dinner – St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah
- SEPT 18** 11:00 a.m. ● New Pastor Installation, Fr. Brian Roby – St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
2:00 p.m. ● Diocesan Marriage Celebration – St. Stephen Cathedral
- SEPT 19** 9:45 a.m. ● Priest Personnel Board Meeting – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● Priests' Council Meeting – MCC
- SEPT 20** 8:00 a.m. ● School Mass – St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
- SEPT 21** 8:30 a.m. ● Diocesan Finance Committee Meeting – MCC
6:00 p.m. ● Mass, Central Deanery Faith Formation Gathering – St. Francis Borgia Parish, Sturgis
- SEPT 22** 10-2:00 p.m. ● Presbyteral Day – MCC
- SEPT 23** 5:00 p.m. ● VOCARE – Owensboro Convention Center
- SEPT 25** 2:00 p.m. ● Diocesan Sophia Awards Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral
- SEPT 26-29** Catholic Extension Mission Bishop's Conference – Chicago, IL

Congratulations to Bishop Martin Holley, from the Diocese of Washington, who was appointed by Pope Francis as the fifth bishop of Memphis, upon the retirement of Bishop Terry Steib, SVD. Welcome from the Diocese of Owensboro!

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ship seeks to underscore some old and some more recent concerns that voters should consider as they form their consciences and exercise their obligation to vote. These include:

- The ongoing destruction of over one million innocent lives each year by abortion.
- Physician assisted suicide.
- The redefinition of marriage – the vital cell of society – by the courts, political bodies, and increasingly by American culture itself.
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources which harm both the environment and the poor.
- The deadly attacks on fellow Christians and religious minorities throughout the world.
- The narrowing definition of religious freedom, which threatens both individual conscience and the freedom of the Church to serve.
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the poor, at home and abroad.
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis that makes nations complicit in dividing families and separating children and parents.
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.

Every election year there are calls for religious leaders to simply condemn specific politicians or parties. At the same time, there is a growing movement with the United States to change the law that prohibits church institutions and individual church leaders from more partisan participation lest they forfeit their tax exempt status. Imperfect as this law and system may be, I am not inclined to go in these directions. Addressing principles and values that

assist us all in conscience formation seems like the proper application of our Church's teaching authority.

But the Catholic bishops of our nation call for citizens to be informed about all issues and to weigh them carefully in light of the Gospel. And then to vote! All issues are not equal in weight. However we may vote we may feel that we are complicit in some ongoing wrong. Many of us will not feel warm and contented after we have voted because, regardless of which candidate or party wins, there are likely to be vital moral issues decided in a way we find offensive.

Hundreds of millions of the world's people never have an opportunity to express their moral convictions to their governments. Their votes, even if cast, may not really be counted. In the United States of America we have a vote.

On the day after the 2016 elections the media will

make much of how the Catholic vote went. Likely the divide will not be wide if recent elections are an indicator. We pray that all of these voters will have prayed for God's guidance and informed themselves of Gospel and Church teaching. People on each side will find the results alarming. But one thing I hope we can all agree is alarming is the number of Catholics who will not vote at all.

Vote! It is a citizen's duty! It is a Christian's duty.


This article is an adaptation of an article by Bishop Medley published in the October 2012 issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic.



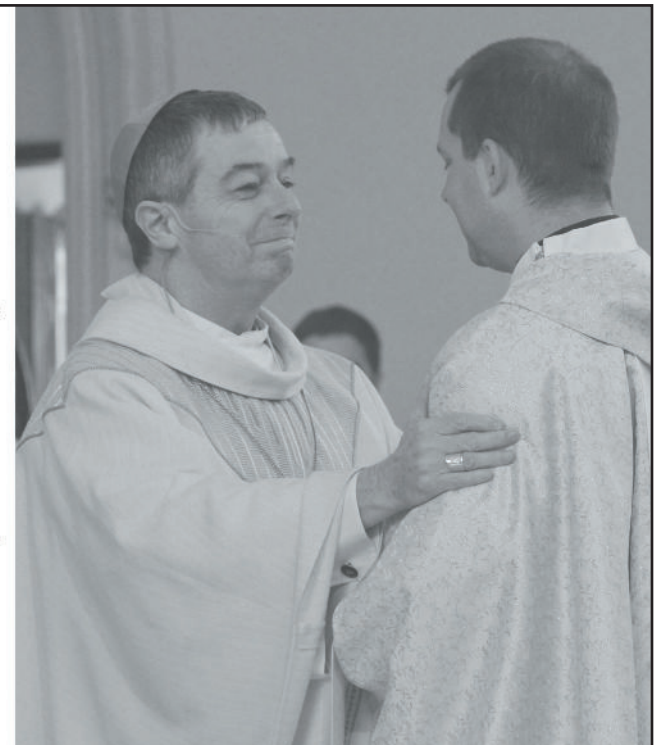
Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

A vocation is something to celebrate.

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Healing the walking wounded

Rachel's Vineyard of Ky. helps post-abortive persons



This statue of the Sorrowful Mother is in the chapel of the Passionist Nuns in Whitesville, where Rachel's Vineyard of Kentucky retreats are sometimes held. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Fr. Ben Cameron knows there are “literally millions of walking wounded men and women” suffering the aftereffects of abortion.

“There is a tremendous grief that people suffer related to abortion,” he said.

Fr. Cameron's primary mission is to offer parish-based missions as a priest of the Fathers of Mercy, a missionary preaching religious congregation based in Auburn, Ky. But in addition, Fr. Cameron helps lead retreats through Rachel's Vineyard of Kentucky, which offers weekend retreats for women and men who have been impacted by abortion.

According to their website, HopeAfterAbor-

tionKY.com, “Rachel's Vineyard” refers to the woman in Jeremiah 31:15-16 who weeps for her children:

“Thus says the Lord: In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning, of bitter weeping! Rachel mourns her children, she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: Cease your cries of mourning, wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward, says the Lord... There is hope for your future, says the Lord...”

Fr. Cameron became involved in post-abortive ministry after preaching at many women's retreats, and “seeing more and more of a need (to help) women who had abortions,” he said.

Many people he ministered to “knew they were forgiven, but were looking for more, even if they didn't know what,” said Fr. Cameron.

His congregation's superior told him about Rachel's Vineyard, and Fr. Cameron received permis-

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Living the Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy was established by Pope Francis to last from Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016. The Western Kentucky Catholic is celebrating this holy year by featuring a series highlighting individuals who live the Works of Mercy around the Diocese of Owensboro. This month's article takes the spiritual work of “comforting the sorrowful” and shows how Rachel's Vineyard of Kentucky seeks to comfort and heal those suffering from abortion.



Learn More

Rachel's Vineyard of Kentucky

To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard of Kentucky, visit hopeafterabortionky.com or contact Debbie at (270) 570-4717.

All communication is strictly confidential.

sion to attend a Rachel's Vineyard retreat – required of all people, post-abortive or not – who would like to lead a Rachel's Vineyard.

Fr. Cameron said the retreat was “such a powerful experience” that he asked permission from his superior and Bishop John J. McRaith to establish Rachel's Vineyard of Kentucky.

The first Rachel's Vineyard of Kentucky retreat was held in 2006. Since then, Fr. Cameron said both men and women from at least five different states have participated in the fully-confidential retreats.

Debbie Ward is a longtime volunteer with Rachel's Vineyard of Kentucky. While she is not post-abortive herself, she has long felt the call to minister to those who are.

Ward said attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat in preparation for volunteering “really opened my mind to the great sorrow, the magnitude of sorrow” of post-abortive women and men.

She explained that Rachel's Vineyard participants

can come in all stages of healing and grief.

“Some are already healing; others are afraid,” she said, adding that non-Catholics and those outside Kentucky are welcome, and those more distantly involved with an abortion – such as a grandparent or sibling – are welcome, too.

Many of the retreats are held at the retreat house on the property of the cloistered Passionist Nuns in Whitesville, which Ward says is special due to a beautiful statue of the Sorrowful Mother in their chapel.

Ward said she sees the statue as a symbol of the great sorrows that can be consoled by God.

Fr. Cameron said there are numerous signs of post-traumatic stress disorder, “many of which are found in people who are post-abortive.”

“Even if they are suffering from just a few of the signs, we want them to heal,” he said. “We want to walk with them in that journey, to know that they're not alone.”

Places of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Owensboro

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

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

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

Chapel of Mercy, St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah

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

Fathers of Mercy Chapel of Divine Mercy, Auburn

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

Marian Shrine at St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green

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

St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady

4711 Highway 105 S, Hardinsburg
Contact: Parish office, (270) 756-2093

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

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

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



Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy

The Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy was founded by Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM, to help women and men who have been spiritually and emotionally wounded by abortion, and who wish to embrace their call to become holy. To learn more, visit ConfraternityofOurLadyofMercy.org or write to:

Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy
c/o Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM
806 Shaker Museum Rd.
Auburn, KY 42206



Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

*Hurting from abortion?
Know someone who is?*

Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women and men suffering from the effects of abortion.

Next Retreat: September 16-18, 2016
Location: Passionist Retreat House,
Whitesville, Kentucky

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Healing the trauma of abortion – one weekend at a time.

Alive and well: FOCUS missionaries say young adults bring hope for Catholic Church

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Sam Rasp and Helen Beckert know that young adult culture – anywhere from 18-35, broadly speaking – is pretty different from when their parents and grandparents were young adults.

They also know that young adults have a lot to give society and the Church if they are guided on the right path.

“A lot of people say that youth and young adults are the future of the Church,” said Beckert, a 22-year-old parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson. “But we are the Church. When we have multiple generations involved, that’s what makes the Church come alive.”

This fall Rasp and Beckert will serve as missionaries with the Fellowship of Catholic University



Helen Beckert

Students, or FOCUS. FOCUS is a campus outreach program that helps college students grow in discipleship and encourages them to pursue a relationship with Jesus.

Rasp, a 22-year-old St. Stephen Cathedral parishioner, will serve at Wright State University in Ohio, and Beckert will serve at Murray State University in Kentucky.

Rasp said millennials’ parents and grandparents certainly experienced challenges in their own coming-of-age process, but this generation has some new challenges.

“Our generation, our culture, is more prone to have relationships based on a quick text or Facebook message,” said Rasp.

Beckert said the overarching concern is that millennials have not been encouraged to be “vulnerable with our weaknesses,” which goes beyond social media pitfalls.

“There is a decline of authentic relationships and friendships,” she said.

That’s where FOCUS and parish-based young adult ministries come in, she explained.

“Youth and young people are at a unique stage,” said Beckert. “You are forming habits to affect the rest of your life.”

She said that investing in millennials at this “critical point” helps them “dive into a relationship with Christ.”

Rasp recommended having events to get 18-35-year-olds involved in Church life, such as Theology on Tap, Bible studies and other opportunities to let them “ask the hard questions” about life and faith.

Importantly, he advised FOCUS’s method of “the personal invitation to get involved.”

Beckert said her generation is “very interested in serving others” and are drawn by opportunities to

do so.

“We want to be involved and give to others, but we don’t always have the context to do so within church,” she said. She said young adults are stereotyped as seeking what is “flashy and exciting – but that’s not true.”

Many times, they are “drawn by the actual truth of the Church, drawn to the traditions and the beauty,” she said.

Rasp said some people believe the “young Church is dying,” but pointed out the several million participants of World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland.

“Hopefully people will see what we’re doing, and this will encourage other generations,” he said.



Sam Rasp



Learn More

Helen Beckert and Sam Rasp have asked that all readers pray for their mission and for the students they’ll serve in the years ahead. To learn more about the mission of FOCUS, visit focus.org and focusoncampus.org, call (303) 962-5750 or email info@focus.org.

Ursuline sisters say farewell to annual picnic

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Photos courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph Archives Office.



Preparing for the 1982 picnic, Sister Helen Ann Stuart, Sister Nazaria Mattingly, Sister Agnese Coomes and Sister Francis Xavier Miles slice tomatoes.



Sister Elaine Byrne is happy to serve Classic Coke in this 1985 picture.



A light moment at the 1988 picnic, featuring Sister Mary Timothy Bland, Sister Gia Mudd and Sister Lorraine Lauter.

It was the year 1971 when several Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph put their heads together with several alumnae to plan a fundraising picnic to support retired sisters.

Following the outdoor tradition of Loyalty Day – which had started in 1967 – the picnic was established on Sept. 19, 1971 with the promise of delicious barbecue and the invitation to all parishes to come and participate.

According to a history written by the founders, 4,500 pounds of mutton, 500 pounds of chicken and eight kettles of burgoo were sold at that first picnic – as well as sisters’ handmade craft items and raffle tickets.

Over the next 40-plus years, the Mount picnic became known as “the only picnic that involves all parishes,” as their ad states in *The Western Kentucky Catholic*.

The upcoming Sept. 11, 2016 picnic will be the Ursulines’ 46th picnic, but this year will be bitter-sweet. On July 14, 2016 the sisters announced that this will be the final Mount picnic.

Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU, congregational leader for the Ursuline sisters, told *The Western Kentucky Catholic* that it has become increasingly difficult for the sisters to hold the picnic, with both the sisters and the picnic volunteers advancing in age.

Many are now unable to help with the year-long preparations for the picnic and work the booths on picnic day, she explained: “It’s not so much for the

picnic day – because we have all kinds of volunteers for that day – but for behind-the-scenes.”

A press release from the Ursulines’ communications office said that while the picnic is a “much loved event by the thousands of people who attend from all across the Diocese of Owensboro and beyond,” the logistical challenges of holding a picnic are growing.

“Finding new volunteers to supplant those who have stepped down is a yearly concern,” the press release stated, adding that the annual raffle will remain, “as long as it remains a viable fundraising option.”

Sister Stenger said that the Ursulines will “continue to raise funds for the sisters’ retirement fund,” but will be utilizing new outlets to do so.

“God always gives us new ideas when we need them,” she said, “so we will do what we need to do to continue to support our sisters.”

Nostalgic?

Want share more memories and explore more into the Diocese of Owensboro’s rich history? Contact the Archives Office at (270)683-1545, ext. 333, or email heidi.caudill@pastoral.org.

A bittersweet goodbye

Sisters, volunteers reminisce as picnic tradition draws to a close

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Photos courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph Archives Office unless otherwise noted.

Sister Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, will never forget the 1971 Mount St. Joseph picnic where they “really had barbecue and burgoo.”

Workers began cooking the meat for burgoo in the middle of the night, “and we had to cut off the meat at 4 a.m.” said Sister Boone, referencing the process in which the cooked meat is then shredded and mixed into massive vats for the savory stew-like dish.

She said she had decided to wear old clothes to work on the preparations, and planned to change before the picnic-goers arrived.

“But at 9:30 p.m. that night I was still in my old clothes!” she said, also remembering that no one had thought to bring spoons to serve the burgoo. “It



The 1984 picnic was a success despite the rain, which resulted in these sisters wearing various raingear to serve dinner, unload trucks, work the barbecue pit, stir burgoo and much more.

was the most incredible thing.”

Over the next few years the food preparation was ironed out and the picnic became known for what Sister Mary Agnes VonderHaar, OSU, called “our famous burgoo.”

She and Sister Boone paused their picnic preparations on Aug. 5 to share some stories with The Western Kentucky Catholic, after the July 14 announcement that this 46th picnic will be the final Mount picnic.

Established to contribute to a fund for retired sisters, the picnic has brought in generous financial assistance for many years.

But according to a press release from the Ursulines’ communications office, many picnic volunteers are “advancing in age and the Ursuline sisters are also at a point where many cannot continue to work on preparations and serve in the booths on picnic day.”

The press release stated that the accompanying raffle will continue, and that plans are underway to create “new avenues for the many wonderful friends of the Ursuline sisters to help continue to raise the money that the picnic will no longer provide.”

The announcement is bittersweet, especially since Sister Boone explained that the picnic was about more than making money.

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A sign for the Mount St. Joseph Quilt Club in 1990 explains that membership is \$5 and entitles you to 12 chances. Displaying the sign are Sister Mary Bernice Uhing and Sister Margaret Ann Wathen.



At the 1999 picnic, Anglo men from St. Martin Parish in Rome and Hispanic men from St. Peter Parish in Stanley stir the burgoo kettles.

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She said that Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith – a devoted picnic-goer at the Mount – always told them: “It’s the community-building aspect of the picnic, whether we make a penny or not.”

Sister VonderHaar said the picnic traditionally drew “people from all over western Kentucky – you didn’t have to be Catholic to come,” and said the picnic is like “a family reunion.”

Sister Boone and Sister VonderHaar said that the picnic had a great following, even in rainy weather, and even if that meant dressing in raingear.

“Everyone was wet but everyone was happy,” said Sister VonderHaar, remembering a particularly soggy picnic year that included some sisters cutting holes in clean garbage bags to wear over their clothes.

Suzanne Reiss, Carol Hill and Brenda Semar are Ursuline lay associates, and have helped assemble gift baskets for the picnic’s silent auction for many years. This year they estimate 120 baskets will be displayed at the auction.

“We have learned so much from the sisters,” said Hill, a resident of Grayson County. “They taught us from grade school up.”

Semar, also of Grayson County, said that in the weeks leading up to the picnic they develop a system for their tasks: “We attend Mass and then have breakfast with the sisters, and then get to work.”

Semar added that the sisters always thank them for their help: “Work isn’t work with the sisters.”

“It’s joy,” said Hill.

Reiss, originally from Louisville but now living in Waynesville, Ind., said her favorite part of picnic volunteering over the years is that “I have become friends with these two ladies.”

“We hope it’s going to be another good year,” she said.



Bishop John J. McRaith, a regular at the Mount St. Joseph BBQ picnic for many years, drives a tractor pulling picnic-goers in 2008. WKC file photo.

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 2016-2017 Quilt Club Tickets **NOW AVAILABLE!**



Sister Cecelia Joseph Olinger

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Serving for the love of Jesus

EDITOR'S NOTE

Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be canonized a saint of the Catholic Church by Pope Francis on Sept. 4, 2016. The reflection below is written by one of our diocesan priests, Fr. Ray Clark, who had the opportunity to meet Mother Teresa in Los Angeles.

BY FR. RAY CLARK, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

“What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later” (John 13:7).

These words of Jesus to Peter at the Last Supper as Jesus washed the feet of the disciples perhaps describe the experience of the evangelist John. As Jesus washed their feet, John may not have understood the meaning of this action. Only after Jesus’ death and resurrection and as the years passed did he understand Jesus’ words and actions.

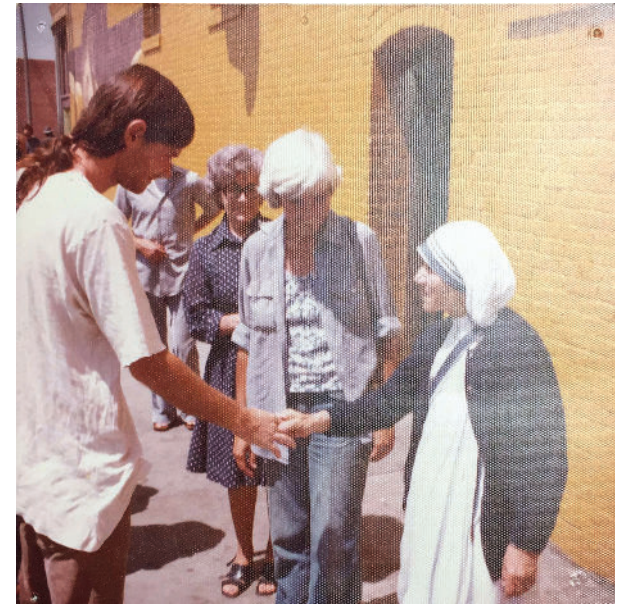
Mine has been a similar experience. In 1978, I served as a member of the Catholic Worker community in Los Angeles. The community operated a soup kitchen on the Skid Row of Los Angeles. My role was to gather vegetables and fruit from the nearby produce houses, to use at both our soup kitchen and at a free market run by the Missionary Brothers

of Charity, the men’s order founded by Mother Teresa.

Mother Teresa visited the Missionary Brothers of Charity and came to our soup kitchen as well. Our soup kitchen was known on the street as the Hippie Kitchen, and my dress fit that description. As I was introduced to Mother Teresa, she said to me: “Do it all for Jesus.”

I recoiled at her words. I was serving the poor solely out of love for humanity. Her words offended my agnostic sensibilities. But within a year I would leave the Catholic Worker community because I had no means of spiritual renewal amid Skid Row’s dehumanizing environment. In time, I would return to faith in Jesus and find a means of spiritual renewal.

Mother Teresa is recognized as a prophet of our



Ray Clark (left) meets Mother Teresa in 1978.

time. A prophet, both in the Old and New Testaments, is one who speaks and performs the Word of God. A prophet is recognized by the enduring value of the word they speak. Though I could not understand her words at the time, Mother Teresa’s words speak to me today still – to do everything for the love of Jesus.

Fr. Ray Clark serves as director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Diocese of Owensboro.



St. Joseph faculty, staff prep at Fathers of Mercy

On Aug. 4, the faculty and staff of St. Joseph School in Bowling Green gathered for their annual retreat day. The retreat was held at the motherhouse of the Fathers of Mercy religious community in Auburn.

Jan Lange, principal, writes: “Our school theme this year is MERCY: Making Everything Reflect Christ in You, and the theme for our retreat was also Mercy.”

Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM, facilitated the retreat. Photo courtesy of St. Joseph School.

Bishop Medley learns about language, culture at Spanish program

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Bishop William F. Medley says his favorite part of his intensive Spanish program over the summer was “getting to know people from all over the country.”

His eight-week program, held at the Mexican American Catholic College (MACC) in San Antonio, Texas, was an intense language and cultural studies experience.

Bishop Medley said that he decided to attend the program due to the growing population of Hispanic Catholics within the diocese, and having a desire to better serve these communities.

Though he had taken French and Latin in school, Bishop Medley never studied Spanish.

Together with other priests, seminarians and novices from across the country, Bishop Medley attended “six-plus hours of class every day in language and culture,” though they took several breaks throughout the day.

He said that while his Spanish classes were going on, some Spanish-speaking religious sisters were taking an intensive English course on campus.

Bishop Medley explained that since MACC is a

Catholic college, Mass was offered every day – but alternately in English and in Spanish. On the Spanish days, the priests took turns saying Mass in Spanish, and on the English days, the sisters took turns lecturing in English.

Besides language experiences, Bishop Medley and his classmates attended discussions and lectures on the legal struggles of immigrants coming to the United States. They learned that even individuals who arrive on U.S. soil legally undergo many struggles, as well as racial profiling.

Bishop Medley told The Western Kentucky Catholic that his difficulty in learning Spanish was not as tough as the experiences of immigrants to the U.S.

“Even if I went to Mexico City, the odds are pretty good that someone would speak English,” he said. But for individuals coming to the United States, “when applying for jobs, speaking with a child’s teacher or working with a supervisor, they probably won’t speak to you in Spanish.”

The bishop said that many of the Diocese of Owensboro’s English-speaking priests have participated



Happily back home in Kentucky, Bishop Medley recently tweeted this picture of himself wearing his cowboy hat obtained in Texas, while visiting with the Diocese of Owensboro’s seminarians.

in intensive Spanish programs, and currently any seminarian for the diocese must undergo a Spanish immersion program.

“I would definitely recommend the MACC program,” he said, adding that it is “good that all seminarians and priests can have this opportunity.”

To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan website (owensborodiocese.org/safe). The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Chair, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Rhonda Gillham, Ed Hodskins, Mary Beth Hurley, Tony Kraus, Mike Marsili, Leslie Phelps, Kelly Roe, Lanny Thomas, and Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

Blessed Mother Parish to hold free Catholic speaker series

Editor's Note: Last year Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro began Spirit Alive, a Catholic speaker series which was met with great success. Below is an edited version of an interview between the WKC and Nicholas Hardesty, Blessed Mother's director of religious education.

BY THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC STAFF

WKC: What was the response to Spirit Alive last year?

NH: All three talks were well attended. Scott Hahn's flight got cancelled due to the fog and he wasn't able to make it, so people had to settle with me. But, even after realizing that, a lot of people stayed, and I was really touched by that. I think the response to this year's series will be even better. Plus, Scott Hahn's coming back! A lot of people are really excited about that.

WKC: Tell us a little bit about each of the three speakers you'll have this fall.

NH: Our first speaker is Fr. Eugene Hensell. He'll be at Blessed Mother on Sept. 17 to talk about the parables of Jesus. If you can find someone who graduated from St. Meinrad, ask them about Fr. Eugene. They'll tell you that he was one of their favorite professors

Our second speaker is Meg Hunter-Kilmer. She graduated with a theology degree from Notre Dame, taught high school theology for five years, and then realized that God was calling her to give talks all over the country and the world for free, and to whomever would listen. We look forward to her coming on Nov. 5 to speak about her up-and-down relationship with Mary.

The final speaker is Scott Hahn. He was just as disappointed – as we all were – that he could not make it into Owensboro last year, and definitely wanted to come back. Everyone pray for good weather on Dec. 10!

WKC: On the topic of Dr. Hahn, will his three talks be the same as those planned last year?

His talks will be the same: "The Lamb's Supper," "Evangelizing Catholics," and "The Healing Power of Confession." We hope that readers will invite someone in their life who might be interested in the Catholic faith, or who is a fallen-away Catholic. Be sure to get here good and early; check-in starts at 7 a.m.

WKC: What else should we know about Spirit Alive 2016?

This year we will be providing daycare during each speaker's presentation, so drop off the kids and come join us! The whole series is free! You can register now for all three talks by going to blessed-motherchurch.com and clicking on the ad towards the top of the page. Just print out the PDF that is emailed to you once you register. Someone will be at each door of the church to scan it when you arrive.

Bluegrass on Beshear pro-life music event scheduled for Oct. 9

BY JEFF SMITH, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The third "Bluegrass on Beshear – Pickin' Life" music fest is Sunday, Oct. 9, from 1:30 – 6 p.m. at 307 Island Cove Lane at Lake Beshear, near Dawson Springs, Ky. Laura and Jeff Smith and Knights of Columbus Council 15181 co-sponsor the concert. Funds raised benefit faith-based life-affirming pregnancy care centers in Madisonville, Benton and Hopkinsville.

Admission is free. The Knights accept donations and raise funds by selling food, t-shirts and canoe rentals. In 2014 the first event raised \$2,500 and earned Kentucky's K of C Culture of Life Service Award. In 2015 the event raised \$6,000 and entertained more than 300 people.

Co-sponsor Laura Smith said they are thrilled to add Hopkinsville's K of C council as a partner and Alpha Alternative Pregnancy Care Center as a beneficiary.

Alpha Alternative recently obtained a mobile care unit and the Hopkinsville Knights are raising funds to outfit the van with an ultrasound machine and help defray its operating costs.

"This van can provide many towns in our area with state of the art pregnancy services," said Smith. "B on B is a great day of music to celebrate life, raise money and increase awareness of these life-saving ministries."

Information about this year's event can be found on bluegrassonbeshear.com and [facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear](https://www.facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear).



On Sunday, Aug. 14 Bishop William F. Medley celebrated morning Mass at the chapel of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph in Maple Mount, which is one of the six Year of Mercy pilgrimage sites established in the Diocese of Owensboro. In this photo, Bishop Medley reads the Gospel during the Mass. Photo by WKC.

Remaining 2016 parish picnics

Sept. 9-10: Friday 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. *Holy Name of Jesus Fall Festival, Henderson*

Sept. 10: Serving at 4:45 p.m. *St. Agnes, Uniontown*

Sept. 10: Serving at 11 a.m. *St. John the Evangelist, Paducah*

Sept. 11: Booths open at 10:30 a.m.; serving at 11:30 a.m. *Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount*

Sept. 17: Serving from noon-5 p.m. *St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro*

Sept. 17: Serving from 4-8 p.m. *Christ the King, Madisonville*

Sept. 17: Serving at 4 p.m. *St. Columba, Lewisport*

Sept. 18: Serving at 11 a.m.; (St. Lawrence picnic grounds) *Saints William and Lawrence, Philpot*

Sept. 18: Serving at noon *St. Leo, Murray*

Sept. 24: 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Honeyfest Chicken Dinner, silent auction and raffle

St. Elizabeth, Clarkson

Sept. 24: Raffle and barbecue cookout 2-4 p.m. *Immaculate, Owensboro*

Sept. 25: Serving at 11 a.m. *St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville*



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Spirit Alive!

2016 Catholic Speakers Series



Fr. Eugene Hensell

Sat., Sept. 17, 2016 at 9AM in the church

“The Parables of Jesus and Why You Should Care”

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus teaches primarily through parables. These can sometimes be difficult to understand, but they are worth exploring because they address the challenges of Christian living. Fr. Eugene will unlock Jesus' parables for us so that we can be equipped to face these challenges.

Meg Hunter-Kilmer

Sat., Nov. 5, 2016 at 9AM in the church

“Mama’s Family: Life with the Blessed Virgin Mary”

Jesus gave his mother to us to be our mother. So how do we learn to love Mary? And what difference does it make, anyway? Meg Hunter-Kilmer will share the explanations and experiences that have strengthened her relationship with the Blessed Mother.

Dr. Scott Hahn

Sat., Dec. 10, 2016

A day of inspiring talks to kick off the season of Advent:

7:00 AM Check-in and refreshments

8:00 AM “The Lamb’s Supper”

9:15 AM “Evangelizing Catholics”

10:30 AM “The Healing Power of Confession”



FREE ADMISSION

Space is limited for each event
Register now to reserve your seat

Register online at
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

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

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

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

The \$20 fee includes dinner.

2016

Sept. 6 - Sister Marietta Wethington - *Discernment A Way of Life*

Oct. 4 - Sister Vivian Bowles - *The Power and Pleasure of a Pleasing Personality*

Nov. 1 - Sister George Mary Hagan - *Thomas Merton*

Dec. 6 - Sister Pam Mueller - *Gift, A Theological Reflection*

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Jan. 3 - Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan - *Exploring Teilard de Chardin's Universal Vision of Life*

Eucharistic Adoration

Second Sunday of each month: **Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11** (Note: There is no Adoration on Sept. 11 – Picnic Day) | 3 p.m.-5 p.m. The time has been extended to two hours during the Year of Mercy.

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel Adoration will conclude with evening prayer. Adoration also takes place every Friday from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

What's Your Story? Memoirs & More

Feb. 7 - Sister Ruth Gehres - *Language: Gift and Mystery*

March 7 - Sister Vivian Bowles - *Belief and Expectations*

April 4 - Sister Amelia Stenger - *The Environment and Our Health*

May 2 - Sister Mary Matthias Ward - *Mary, The Mother of God...The Mother of the Church*

June 6 - Sister Ann McGrew - *Mandalas*

July 11 - Sister Marietta Wethington - *Centering Prayer*

Aug. 1 - Sister Ann McGrew- *Lectio Divina*

Saturday, Nov. 5 | 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Kristine D. Adams

Fee: \$30 (includes lunch)

Everyone has a story.....what's yours?

Take a moment, ask yourself: Has my work or travel brought unusual people and situations into my life? Do parts of my life read as "survivor" journals? Will my challenges ... milestones ... obstacles ... discoveries be lost, if I don't record them? This two-hour workshop is offered in the pristine environment of Maple Mount, with all materials provided. The interactive multi-media presentation explores various techniques to enable discovery. In addition, participants receive

original, take-home memory-prompting materials ... timely for review with family members through Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae Memorial Mass

Sunday, Nov. 6 | 11 a.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel

This Mass is celebrated in remembrance of all deceased classmates, faculty, family and friends of Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Junior College, Maple Mount. The names of those who have passed away in the previous year are read during the Mass. Attendees are invited to stay for lunch in the Motherhouse dining room. Please RSVP to Marian Bennett at (270) 229-2006 or alumnae.msjs@maplemount.org.

Advent Day of Prayer

Saturday, Dec. 10 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Led by Monsignor Bernard Powers

Fee: \$25 (includes lunch)

This Advent Day will prepare us for this holy time of waiting.

Advent Evening with Bishop Medley

Tuesday, Dec. 13 | 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Led by Bishop William Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro

Fee: \$20 (includes meal)

This Advent Evening will prepare us for this holy time of waiting.

St. Gerard Life Home

Providing housing and services to pregnant women and their babies

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

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Come walk with us -

- *As we remember those who are no longer with us -*
- *As we face each day with our loss -*
struggling for understanding, peace and a sense of purpose -
- *As we are thankful for those who are still with us -*
asking for strength to meet each day with courage and hope -
- *As we open our eyes and ears and hearts - as individuals*
and communities - to let those who are struggling know -
that it is OK to not be OK -

We are survivors. Come walk with us.

9th Annual ORSPC

LifeSavers Walk

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Owensboro HealthPark
1006 Ford Avenue

Registration: 9:00 a.m. *Music Provided by:*
Walk Begins: 10:00 a.m. Jeff "Wildman" Hardesty & Skylar Cain

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SEPTEMBER

- 6 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: **Discernment**
- 8 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 11 46th Mount Saint Joseph BBQ Picnic
- 16 Owensboro Primary Care Retreat
- 17 Music Ministers (Diocese of Owensboro)
- 19-23 Runaway Quilters
- 23-25 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 30-2 Gennesaret Weekend Retreat

OCTOBER

- 4 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: **Pleasing Personality**
- 8-9 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 10-14 Priests Retreat (Diocese of Owensboro)
- 13 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 15 **Marian Retreat Day**
- 17-21 **Spiritual Direction Training (Week 5)**
- 18-20 Chix with Stix
- 24-27 Quilt Guild
- 28-30 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

NOVEMBER

- 1 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: **Thomas Merton**
- 3-4 Academy of Young Leaders
- 4-6 **Yarn Spinners Weekend**
- 5 **What's Your Story**
- 10 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 11-13 Ordained Deacons Retreat Weekend
- 18-20 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

Center-sponsored programs are **BOLD**. Please call to register or to schedule an event. **270-229-0206**
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Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

SEPTEMBER 2016 BULLETIN BOARD

■ Register for Cursillo de Cursillos

The Cursillo de Cursillos experience is offered to Catholics who have already been through a Cursillo and who desire to become effective Christian leaders. Make the decision today to attend our Dec. 1-4, 2016 Cursillo de Cursillos at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center at 8001 Cummings Rd., Maple Mount, KY, 42356. Registration is on our website at cursillo-owensboro.org. Cost to register for the weekend, meals included, is \$200 per person. For registration by USPS mail, call Mary Hagan at (270) 240-4778 or email at haganm95@yahoo.com. De Colores!

■ Gennesaret retreat Sept. 30-Oct. 2

The Gennesaret Retreat Ministry of the Diocese of Owensboro is a weekend retreat experience hosted at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center. Anyone who is seriously ill with a chronic health condition may be a candidate for the Gennesaret retreat experience. The retreat is open to people of all faiths, though it remains faithful to the Roman Catholic tradition in its format, style and prayer experience. Our next retreat will be Sept. 30-Oct. 2. If you are interested in working on the retreat or if you or someone you know would like to make the Gennesaret Retreat, please contact Amy and Tom Payne at (270) 686-7739 or apayneat2251@hotmail.com.

■ Register for 2016 Mid-South Catholic Leadership Conference

Looking for a way to reinvigorate yourself in your ministry? The Nov. 6-9 Mid-South Catholic Leadership Conference not only offers the expertise of speakers known nationwide, but is held in the beautiful, relaxed setting of Lake Barkley State Resort Park. Speakers will include Fr. Denis Robinson; Sister Mary Angela Shaughnessy; and Dr. Ray Guarendi. Tuesday evening session features keynote speaker Bishop John Stowe of the Diocese of Lexington. Register at owensborodiocese.org/leadership-conference.

■ Disabilities Awareness Committee requests nominations for award

The Disabilities Awareness Committee is happy to announce the start of The Sister Audrey Mary Gold Award. This award recognizes achievement for a person who works to ensure that others are included in parish life regardless of disability. The committee is looking for nominees and will be awarding the Sister

Audrey Mary Gold Award on All Saints Day, Nov. 1. More information may be found at owensborodiocese.org/gold-award/. If you know of someone who fits the criteria, please send an email to nominate the person, or group, on or before Oct. 1 to Richard Murphy, Director for the Office of Social Concerns, at richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

■ Register for Gasper's Christmas/New Year's Camp

Camp takes place Dec. 29-Jan 1 and is open to eighth grade and high school teens. For more information or to register, visit gasperriverretreatcenter.org, call (270) 781-2466 or email gasperriver@hotmail.com.

■ Rosary Chapel Feast Day Celebration

On Oct. 9 Rosary Chapel in Paducah will host a feast day celebration following their 10:30 a.m. Mass. For more information, please call (270) 444-6383.

■ 'A scout is reverent'

This year's annual Boy Scout Retreat will take place at Gasper River Retreat Center Friday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016. Our focus this year will be on the Year of Mercy. Details regarding this retreat are available on owensborodiocese.org/scouting. This upcoming year's Mass with the conferral of Religious Emblems with Bishop Medley presiding will take place on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral. At this Mass, scouts from throughout the diocese will receive their religious emblems that they have earned throughout the year. For Cub Scouts, Webelos Boy Scouts and Venturing Crew Members that would be Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altari Dei, Pope Pius XII, and Light is Life for Eastern Catholics. Girl Scouts can receive the Family of God; I Live my Faith; Mary, the First Disciple; and The Spirit Alive emblems. Now is the time to begin in order to complete the requirements in time for the Mass with conferral of the Religious Emblems. See the "links" section of the Scouting page of the diocesan website for more information on each emblem.

■ St. Alphonsus Scrapbook Crop

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in our brand-new parish hall! Located at 7925 State Route 500, Owensboro, KY 42301. Lunch, supper, snacks and drinks are provided and two tickets for

the prize items! Cost is \$40 per person (18 and over only please). Grand prize: \$100 Hobby Lobby gift card. Other prizes in the works! Register by Sept. 1, 2016 to be entered in a drawing for "Queen of the Crop." Contact Jackie McCarthy for more information or to register: (270) 302-7025.

■ Alzheimer's Association September program

Title: Dementia Conversations. Registration required; call 1-800-272-3900 to register. This program shares tips for breaking the ice and having difficult conversations around some of the most common issues that arise when someone shows signs of Alzheimer's or dementia, like doctor visits, deciding when to stop driving, planning for the future and building a care team that works and communicates well to reduce some of the stress that can accompany a disease like Alzheimer's. \$5 donation suggested. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. Sept. 20, 2016, 10-11:30 a.m., Health Park, Classroom B, 1006 Ford Dr., Owensboro, KY.

■ Oct. 27 is annual Right to Life banquet

Annual Right to Life of Owensboro banquet is Oct. 27 at the Owensboro Convention Center Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 a person, \$50 a couple. Tables may be purchased for \$200 each; seats eight people. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Call (270)685-4922 or email rtlo1973@att.net to purchase tickets or for more information.

■ St. Michael's in Sebree feast day festival

St. Michael Parish in Sebree invites you to join them for the celebration of their Patron Feast Day and Annual Festival on Sunday, Oct. 2 beginning with a procession at 10:30 a.m., bilingual Mass followed by a fundraising event with games, competitions, inflatables, prizes and lots of great food for sale!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Study: A Father Who Keeps His Promises

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



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

Sept. 8 • Oct. 13 • Nov. 10 • Dec. 8

Feel free to attend any and all sessions.

Led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU.

\$10 per class (includes lunch)

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Prayer Services for the November Elections

Mon, Sept 5, 2016—6:30 to 8 p.m.

Mon, Oct 3, 2016—6:30 to 8 p.m.

Mon, Nov 7, 2016—6:30 to 8 p.m.

Rosary, Mercy Chaplet & other prayers.

Sermons by Fr. Louis Caporiccio, CPM

Passionist Monastery, Whitesville, KY

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You are cordially invited to the 75th Anniversary celebration of the

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Saturday, October 15, 2016, 2:00pm (CDT)
St. Stephen Cathedral

Followed by:

75th Anniversary Celebration

Doors open at 5:30pm (CDT)

Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club

Buffet Dinner - Live Music - Cash Bar - Silent Auction

ROY KYLE AND THE HOT ROD CRUISERS

Tickets are \$45.00/person – Limited seating

No one under 21 admitted.

RSVPs for the Mass and ticket purchases for the celebration must be in by September 15th.

Contact Kim at the Glenmary Center:
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See flyer at glenmarysisters.org for more info.

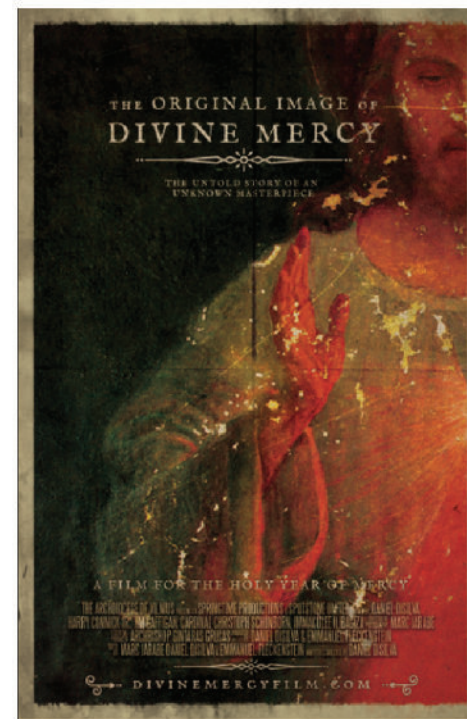
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Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mis queridos amigos,

Como ciudadanos de una nación la cual ha celebrado más de dos siglos de gobierno democrático, uno supone que el día de la elección nacional sería una ocasión de mucha alegría y celebración. Como parte de esta sociedad que ha producido una gran abundancia material, tal vez pensaríamos que el día en que escogemos a nuestros líderes nacionales se debe celebrar cómo un día feriado para marcar nuestra unidad nacional.

Sin embargo como se acerca el Día de Elecciones del 2016, millones de nosotros vamos a votar sin mucho entusiasmo. Millones más ni siquiera ejercerán su derecho y privilegio de votar. Y aún millones más celebrarán que su lado ha ganado y ahora debe imponer su mandato, su voluntad, sobre los “perdedores”.

Desde el 1976 los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos cada cuatro años han hecho un llamado a los católicos a una ciudadanía responsable. El documento del 2007, Formando la Conciencia para ser Ciudadanos Fieles, fue publicado de nuevo en el 2011 con una actualización en la introducción y otra vez de nuevo en el 2015 para reflejar el estado actual.

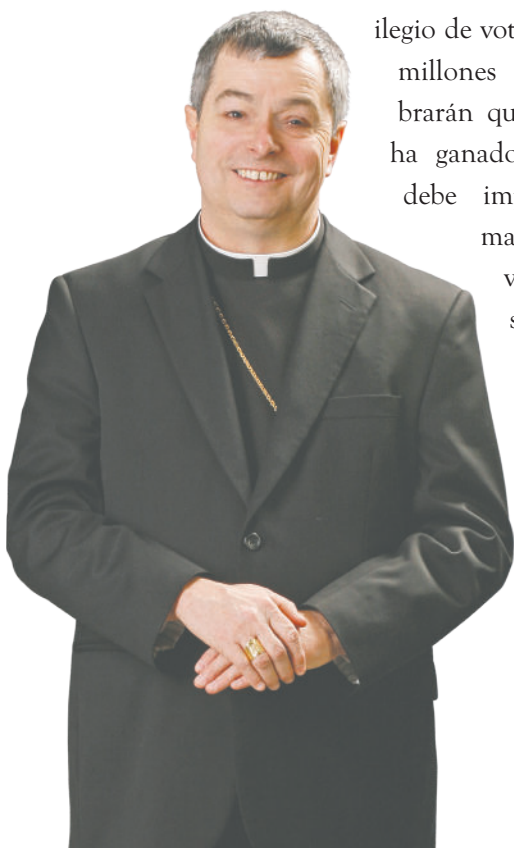
El Obispo Richard Pates, presidente del Comité de Justicia y Paz Internacional de la Conferencia Católica de los Obispos de los EEUU, habló de algunas realidades políticas en un artículo en la revista América del 13 de Agosto del 2012. Notó que un partido político “por más de la mitad de un siglo ha reconocido que el gobierno tiene un papel legítimo en ayudar a los pobres y vulnerables...pero hoy en día con más frecuencia prefieren llamar la atención de los medios de comunicación con sus esfuerzos de redefinir el matrimonio o con determinar cuál actividad de la iglesia es “religiosa” o con intentar forzar las instituciones católicas a proveer seguro médico a sus empleados que cubre esterilizaciones y anticonceptivos, incluyendo drogas que causan abortos.” Parece sencillo. Claro.

Pero el Obispo Pates después observa que otro partido político “por los últimos cincuenta años se ha opuesto a la decisión de aprobar los abortos por la Corte Suprema y ha apoyado valores de la familia...pero ahora llama la atención de los medios de comunicación con su apoyo de quitar la mayoría de programas federales, incluyendo a los que benefician a los pobres, y proponiendo legislación anti-inmigrante. Parece sencillo. Claro.

La publicación más reciente de Formando la Conciencia para ser Ciudadanos Fieles busca subrayar algunas preocupaciones antiguas y algunas más recientes que los votantes deben considerar mientras forman sus consciencias y ejercen su obligación de votar. Estos incluyen:

- La destrucción continua de más que un millón de vidas inocentes cada año por el aborto.
- El suicidio ayudado por el médico.
- La redefinición del matrimonio – una parte fundamental de la sociedad – por las cortes, los cuerpos políticos, y cada vez más por la misma cultura americana.
- El consumo excesivo de bienes materiales y la destrucción de los recursos naturales que hacen daño al ambiente y a los pobres.
- Los ataques mortales a nuestros hermanos Cristianos y minorías religiosas a través del mundo.
- La definición cada vez más reducida de la libertad religiosa, la cual amenaza la conciencia individual y la libertad de la Iglesia para servir.
- Las políticas económicas que fallan en priorizar los pobres, aquí y en otros países.
- Un sistema de inmigración fracasado y una crisis mundial de refugiados por lo cual los países se hacen cómplices en dividir familias y a separar a los niños de sus papás.
- Las guerras, el terror, y la violencia que amenazan cada aspecto de la vida y dignidad humana.

Cada año de elección se hacen llamados a los líderes religiosos que deben simplemente condenar políticos y partidos específicos. Al mismo tiempo



hay un movimiento creciente con los Estados Unidos para cambiar la ley que prohíbe instituciones de las iglesias y líderes individuales en la iglesia de participar más plenamente en lo político o perderían su estatus exento de impuestos. Aunque esta ley y este sistema tienen sus imperfecciones, yo no me inclino a ninguna de estas direcciones. Me parece que hablar de los principios y valores que nos ayudan a todos a formar la conciencia es la aplicación apropiada de nuestra autoridad de enseñanza como iglesia.

Pero los Obispos católicos de nuestra nación llaman a los ciudadanos estar informados sobre todos los asuntos y balancearlos con cuidado a la luz del evangelio. Y después ¡votar! Todos los asuntos no tienen el mismo peso. A pesar de quien gana nuestro voto podríamos sentir que somos cómplices en algún mal. Muchos de nosotros no vamos a sentirnos contentos después de haber votado porque, sin importar cual candidato o partido gane, habrá asuntos morales fundamentales que se quedan decididos de una forma que nos parece ofensiva.

Cientos de millones de personas a través del mundo nunca han tenido la oportunidad de expresar sus convicciones morales a sus gobiernos. Sus

votos, si es que hay, tal vez ni se cuentan. En los Estados Unidos tenemos un voto.

El día después de la elección presidencial del 2016 los medios de comunicación hablarán mucho de cómo votaron los católicos. Basado en otras elecciones recientes, lo más seguro es que se va a dividir casi iguales. Rogamos a Dios que todos estos votantes habrían suplicado a Dios su ayuda y se habrán informado por el evangelio y la enseñanza de la Iglesia. Personas de los dos lados se quedarán inconformes con los resultados. Pero una cosa que espero es que nos inquiete es la cantidad de católicos quienes ni siquiera van a votar.

¡Voten! ¡Es el deber de un ciudadano! ¡Es el deber de un Cristiano!

(Este artículo fue adaptado de un artículo del Obispo Medley publicado en la edición del Católico de Kentucky Occidental de Octubre 2012.)



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

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

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

sitio web diocesano (www.rcdok.org/safe).

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

EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA SEPTIEMBRE 2016:

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| SEPTIEMBRE 8 | 11:00 a.m. • Misa del Espíritu Santo, Misa de Apertura – Universidad de Brescia |
| SEPTIEMBRE 9 | 3:30 p.m. • Bendición del “Loree Eckstein” navío de remolque – A la orilla del río, Paducah |
| SEPTIEMBRE 11 | El Picnic de las Ursulinas del Monte San José |
| SEPTIEMBRE 12 | 12:00-4:00 p.m. • Reunión, Comité para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes del USCCB |
| SEPTIEMBRE 14 | 8:45 a.m. Misa y Reunión del Personal • MCC
12:00 p.m. Almuerzo y Reunión con los misioneros de FOCUS de la Universidad de Murray State |
| SEPTIEMBRE 17 | 5:30 p.m. • Misa y Cena para Comisionar los Catequistas de Paducah – Parroquia de Santo Tomas Moro, Paducah |
| SEPTIEMBRE 18 | 11:00 a.m. • Instalación del Nuevo Párroco, Padre Brian Roby, Santa María del Bosque – Whitesville |
| SEPTIEMBRE 19 | 9:45 a.m. • Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC
1:30 p.m. • Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC |
| SEPTIEMBRE 20 | 8:00 a.m. • Misa Escolar, Santa María del Bosque – Whitesville |
| SEPTIEMBRE 21 | 8:30 a.m. • Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – MCC
6:00 p.m. • Misa – Evento de Formación de la Fe del Decanato Central Parroquia San Francisco Borja, Sturgis |
| SEPTIEMBRE 22 | 10-2:00 p.m. • Día Presbiteral – MCC |
| SEPTIEMBRE 23 | 5:00 p.m. • VOCARE – Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro |
| SEPTIEMBRE 25 | 2:00 p.m. • Misa Diocesana de los Premios de Sofía – Catedral de San Esteban |
| SEPTIEMBRE 26-29 | Conferencia de los Obispos de las Misiones de Catholic Extension – Chicago, IL |

El Obispo Medley aprende el idioma y cultura en el programa de español

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El Obispo William F. Medley dice que su parte favorita del programa intensivo de español durante el verano fue “conocer a personas de todo el país.”

Su programa de ocho semanas, llevado a cabo en el Colegio Católico México Americano (MACC) en San Antonio, Texas, fue una experiencia intensa de estudiar español y cultura.

El Obispo Medley dijo que decidió asistir al programa por la cantidad creciente de Católicos hispanos en la diócesis y su deseo de servir mejor a estas comunidades.

Aunque tomó clases de francés y latín en la escuela, el Obispo Medley nunca estudió español.

Junto con sacerdotes, seminaristas y novicios de todo el país, el Obispo Medley asistió a “más de seis horas de clase cada día sobre el lengua y cultura,” aunque sí les daban varios descansos al día.

Mencionó que mientras estaba en sus clases de español, al mismo tiempo había hermanas religiosas que hablaban español que estaban tomando un curso intensivo de inglés en el colegio.

El Obispo Medley explicó que como MACC es un colegio católico, se ofrece la Misa cada día – pero alternando en inglés y español. Los días de español, los sacerdotes tomaban turnos celebrando la misa en español, y en los días de inglés, las hermanas tomaban turnos leyendo para la Liturgia de la Palabra en inglés.

Aparte de experiencias de lenguaje, el Obispo Medley y sus compañeros asistieron a discursos y pláticas sobre las luchas legales de los inmigrantes que vienen a los Estados Unidos. Aprendieron que aún individuos que llegan a la tierra de los EEUU legalmente tienen muchos retos y además de discriminación racial.

El Obispo Medley dijo al Católico de Kentucky Occidental que su dificultad en aprender español no fue tan difícil como las experiencias de los inmigrantes a los EEUU.

“Aún si yo fuera a la Ciudad de México, la probabilidad es muy alta que alguien podría hablar en inglés,” dijo. Pero para la gente que llega a los Estados Unidos, “cuando están aplicando para el trabajo, hablando con el maestro de sus hijos o trabajando con un supervisor, la probabilidad es que le van a hablar en español.”

El obispo dijo que muchos de los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Owensboro han participado en programas intensivos de español y actualmente cualquier seminarista para la diócesis tiene que pasar por un programa de inmersión al español.

“Definitivamente recomiendo el programa de MACC,” dijo, añadiendo que es “bueno que todos los seminaristas y sacerdotes tengan esta oportunidad.”



Feliz por estar de regreso en Kentucky, el Obispo Medley recientemente subió esta foto en Twitter de sí mismo usando su sombrero que consiguió en Texas cuando estaba visitando a los seminaristas de la Diócesis de Owensboro.



La Iglesia de San Miguel en Sebree te invita a su Celebración Patronal anual y Kermes el domingo 2 de octubre de este 2016 comenzando con una Procesión a las 10:30am, Misa Bilingüe seguida de una Kermes con juegos, concursos, premios y mucha exquisita comida de venta.

Las Ursulinas despiden a su picnic anual

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Fue el año 1971 cuando varias Hermanas Ursulinas del Monte San José colaboraron con varias mujeres que habían estudiado en su colegio para planear un evento para recaudar fondos para apoyar a las hermanas jubiladas.

Después de su tradición del Día de Lealtad - que comenzó en 1967 - el picnic fue establecido el 19 de septiembre de 1971 con la promesa de carne asada y la invitación a todas las parroquias de venir y participar.

Según la historia escrita por sus fundadores en ese primer picnic se vendieron 4,500 libras de carne de borrego, 500 libras de pollo y ocho calderas de un caldo tradicional que se llama burgoo - además de las manualidades hechas por las hermanas y boletos de rifa.

A través de los siguientes 40 años, el picnic de las Ursulinas fue conocido como “el único picnic que involucra a todas las parroquias,” como dice su promoción en el Católico de Kentucky Occidental.

El picnic que se aproxima para el 11 de Septiembre del 2016 será el picnic 46o, pero este año será algo agrídulce. El 14 de julio del 2016 las hermanas anunciaron que este sería el último picnic de las Ursulinas.

La Hermana Amelia Stenger, OSU, líder de la congregación para las hermanas Ursulinas, comentó al periódico Católico de Kentucky Occidental que ha sido más y más difícil para las hermanas llevar a

cabo la festividad anual ya que las hermanas al igual que los voluntarios están ya mayores y avanzando en edad.

Muchas personas ya no pueden ayudar con los preparativos de todo el año para el picnic ni tampoco trabajar en los puestos el mismo día del picnic. Ella explicó: “No es tanto por el mero día del picnic - porque tenemos muchos voluntarios ese día - pero es por todo el trabajo que no se ve.”

En un comunicado de prensa de la oficina de comunicación de las Ursulinas mencionó que aunque el picnic “es un evento muy estimado por las miles de personas que asisten a través de toda la Diócesis de Owensboro y más allá,” los retos de la logística de organizar el picnic siguen creciendo.

“Encontrar nuevos voluntarios para suplir a los que han salido es cada año una preocupación,” dijo el comunicado de prensa, pero también aclaró que la rifa anual va a seguir “mientras sea una opción que sirve para recaudar fondos.”

La Hermana Stenger mencionó que las Ursulinas “seguirán recaudando fondos para el fondo de la jubilación de las hermanas,” pero utilizarán otros medios para hacerlo.

“Dios siempre nos da nuevas ideas cuando las necesitamos,” dijo, “entonces haremos lo necesario para seguir apoyando a nuestras hermanas.”



En el picnic de 1999, hombres anglos de la Parroquia de San Martín en Rome y hombres hispanos de la Parroquia de San Pedro en Stanley menean las calderas de burgoo. Foto por cortesía de la Oficina de Archivos.



Preparando para el picnic de 1982, la Hermana Helen Ann Stuart, la Hermana Nazaria Mattingly, la Hermana Agnese Coomes y la Hermana Francis Xavier Miles pelan y cortan tomates. Foto por cortesía de la Oficina de Archivos.

Plan Pastoral 2016-2018 de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Misión

Por tanto, vayan, y hagan discípulos a todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a obedecer todas las cosas que les he mandado. Y les aseguro que estaré con ustedes siempre, hasta el fin del mundo.

(Mateo 28: 19-20)

Declaración de Visión 1:

¡Vayan!

Todas las parroquias y ministerios diocesanos representarán a una Iglesia conocida por ser misericordiosa, abierta y acogedora para todos.

Objetivo: Desarrollar e implementar un plan para satisfacer las necesidades de los inmigrantes.

Estrategias:

- Evaluar las necesidades de los inmigrantes en diversas comunidades parroquiales.
- Desarrollar planes locales para satisfacer las necesidades de los inmigrantes.
- Proporcionar educación continua para que los sacerdotes avancen hacia una mayor comprensión de la diversidad cultural e integración.
- Las oficinas diocesanas proporcionarán materiales traducidos para programas y recursos ofrecidos por la oficina.
- La Diócesis de Owensboro será anfitriona de una celebración multicultural anual, incluyendo liturgia y convivencia.

Objetivo: Desarrollar e implementar ministerios para aquellos que están separados y divorciados.

Estrategias:

- Proporcionar grupos de apoyo para aquellos que están separados o divorciados.
- Proporcionar recursos educativos a las parroquias sobre las enseñanzas de la Iglesia relacionadas con el divorcio, matrimonio nuevo y recepción de los sacramentos.
- Proporcionar recursos educativos a las parroquias sobre la declaración de la Iglesia del proceso de invalidez (anulación).

Objetivo: Mejorar el ambiente de bienvenida en la Eucaristía Dominical.

Estrategias:

- Desarrollar un auto-estudio para las parroquias a fin de evaluar y fortalecer su nivel de bienvenida y apertura en la Eucaristía del domingo.
- Desarrollar un manual de bienvenida que proporcione una comprensión básica de la hospitalidad, junto con las mejores prácticas que las parroquias han encontrado eficaces.

Objetivo: Profundizar la participación ecuménica.

Estrategias:

- Patrocinar servicios conjuntos de oración y devoción, y ofrecer recursos a las parroquias para eventos locales.
- Promover las relaciones con otras tradiciones de fe.

Declaración de Visión 2:

Hagan discípulos

Fomentar un sentido de discipulado entre los católicos de todas las edades, ayudando a todos a descubrir su vocación y renovar su papel como guardianes de las muchas bendiciones que hemos recibido de Dios.

Objetivo: Fomentar un sentido de discipulado entre los católicos de todas las edades.

Estrategias:

- Establecer una Nueva Oficina de Evangelización a través de la reorganización de las responsabilidades del personal diocesano.
- Formular materiales de catequesis sobre el tema del discipulado concentrándose en la evangelización de todas las edades.
- Proporcionar capacitación para el discipulado.
- Equipos parroquiales y consejos pastorales parroquiales dedicarán días de oración y reflexión sobre “la parroquia como una comunidad evangelizadora”.
- Proporcionar herramientas de predicación sobre el discipulado.

Objetivo: Capacitar a los católicos de todas las edades para discernir su vocación.

Estrategias:

- Fortalecer los programas de preparación matrimonial para ayudar a las parejas a explorar su llamado a la vocación del matrimonio.
- Proporcionar información a las parroquias y las familias sobre la manera de discernir y apoyar las vocaciones.
- Proporcionar materiales y programas catequéticos que ayuden en la comprensión y el discernimiento de las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida consagrada.

Objetivo: Implementar una iniciativa diocesana completa de administración del tiempo, talento y tesoro.

Estrategias:

- Implementar un plan de estudios para enseñar la espiritualidad de la administración en armonía con la carta pastoral de los obispos de Estados Unidos, “Administración, una respuesta de Discípulo” en todos los niveles de la vida parroquial.
- Desarrollar un programa para un proceso de administración a través de la Diócesis.
- Desarrollar un plan de estudios para enseñar administración del medio ambiente sobre la base de la reciente carta encíclica del Papa Francisco “Laudato Si” a todos los niveles de la vida parroquial.

Declaración de Visión 3:

Enseñen

La Iglesia deberá proporcionar una amplia gama de ministerio promoviendo la dignidad de la persona humana y la importancia de la familia y la celebración de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo.

Objetivo: Proporcionar recursos para decanatos Formación/parroquial en la santidad de la vida humana.

Estrategias:

- Proporcionar recursos para la formación del decanato/parroquia en la santidad de la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural.
- Recopilar datos para determinar los marginados en medio de nosotros y de los ministerios de ayuda que ya funcionan en la diócesis.
- Sensibilizar a los católicos sobre las necesidades de los pobres y marginados.
- Desarrollar programas de liderazgo para capacitar ministros en trabajar con los pobres y marginados.
- Ofrecer programas de educación para los pobres y marginados para hacer frente a los retos que enfrentan.
- Ofrecer programas de capacitación de la enseñanza social católica en una amplia escala.

Objetivo: Fomentar la importancia de la familia.

Estrategias:

- Ofrecer programas para fortalecer la vida familiar.
- Desarrollar o identificar programas que ayudan a las familias a aprender cómo hacer un presupuesto y hacer frente de manera responsable a sus finanzas.
- Estudiar y aplicar los resultados del Sínodo sobre la Familia.

Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.

Sábados – 7:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101
Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes (270) 777-5925

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

Misa en Guthrie, KY - 6:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335
o Roberto Cruz (270) 498-8559

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134
Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420
Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Contacto: Padre Julio Barrera (270) 885-8522 o Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

Parroquia San José, Leitchfield

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

109 West Walnut Street, Leitchfield KY 42754
Contacto: Padre Steve Hohman (270) 784-1520

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431
Contacto: Padre Juan Vaughan (270) 821-5494

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066
Contacto: Hermana Eloisa Torralba (270) 356-0339

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261
Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071
Contacto: Padre Eugene Batungbacal (270) 753-3876

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303
Contacto: Hermana Pilar Hinojosa (706) 936-3525

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001
Contacto: Hermana Celia Sanchez (423) 883-5757

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276
Contacto: Hermana Patricia Sullivan, OP (270) 726-6963

Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY 42164
Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455
Contacto: Patti Gutiérrez (270) 302-2782 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737



Durante la VBS del Año de la Misericordia en San Miguel grupos pequeños rotaron entre ver una película sobre el hijo pródigo, hicieron manualidades artísticas con cartulina y unas "cuentas" de obras buenas, juegos y tiempo en la iglesia donde aprendieron sobre el Papa Francisco, el Año de la Misericordia, Santa Faustina y las Obras de Misericordia.

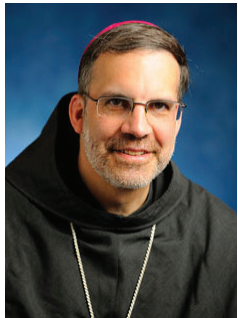
Las catequistas de San Miguel en Sebree guían un juego mientras llegan todos los niños para la Escuela Bíblica de Verano entre el 25 y 26 de julio.



A Time to Speak – Kentucky should not step backward on Medicaid

BY BISHOP JOHN STOWE, OFM CONV., SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Editor's Note: Bishop Stowe of the Diocese of Lexington writes this article on behalf of Kentucky's four bishops, including Bishop William F. Medley, Diocese of Owensboro.



All people, regardless of their circumstances, should have access to comprehensive, quality and affordable health care. The Catholic Church extends its teaching beyond matters of belief to include how we are to live those beliefs and apply them

in everyday life. This goes beyond the sphere of individual morality and extends to the common good.

The church's positions in the public arena are born of our faith but are proclaimed in a pluralistic society as a voice advocating for the common good, and advocating especially for the most vulnerable, beginning with the unborn and extending through every stage of human life.

When the Catholic Church speaks about health care it is from the perspective that health care is not a privilege, but a right. Access to health care is an essential requirement for the protection of the life and dignity of every person.

The Catholic community in Kentucky brings its experience of direct service to the sick and uninsured in emergency rooms, homeless shelters and on the doorsteps of our parish churches. In our hospitals we see patients whose sicknesses frequently have advanced to a critical point precisely because they lacked preventative medical attention. Having

no health insurance, or inadequate basic coverage, means premature death. The Medicaid expansion and Kynect significantly reduced the number of uninsured coming to our institutions. This allowed for more attention to preventative medicine, education for staying healthy, and continued contact with patients so that they did not need to return to hospitals or emergency rooms. Kentucky should not take a step backwards.

Many lower-income individuals and families in Kentucky will lack the resources to meet the financial burdens of their health care under Governor Bevin's health care plan. For these families, an increase of premiums, cost-sharing charges and a lock out period will be significant barriers to obtaining coverage or seeing a doctor, much less a dentist or eye doctor.

State budgets reveal the values of the governing administration; they should also reveal the values of the people. Disregard for the vulnerable weakens the common good. A genuine reform of health care in Kentucky should result in health care that is accessible and affordable for all, and not place more restrictions on accessing it. Health insurance options must protect the lowest income enrollees from onerous cost sharing, not increase their burden. The mere complexity of the proposed plan will create new barriers to care precisely when the need is to continue expanding access.

We invite all Kentuckians to join us in rejecting the proposed changes and work for health care that will:

- Promote and defend human dignity from conception until natural death;
- Attend to the whole person (body, mind and spirit), while pursuing a genuine pluralism that respects freedom of religion and conscience;
- Care for poor and vulnerable persons, regardless of race, ethnicity, economic or social or legal status;
- Practice a careful stewardship of resources by restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of those who must pay for health care (from "Poverty at the Crossroads," Bishops of Indiana, 2015).

Let the Commonwealth of Kentucky continue to advance in the care of so many chronic ailments that affect our population. We should oppose the governor's plan and continue on the path of expanded access to the health care necessary for our communities.

Considering Adoption?

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

‘Be a leader’ – St. Edward parish thrives through parishioner’s memory

BY SUSIE FENWICK, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Years ago, St. Edward parishioner Mary Ann Hobbs was preparing to lead a Bible study for the Fulton parish.

Her nervousness was evident, so fellow parishioner Theresa Simon Haddad reached out and encouraged her.

“You don’t have to be a teacher,” Haddad told Hobbs. “Be a leader.”

This was before Haddad’s own strong voice was silenced through ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, which progressively weakens the individual’s muscles and often, voice.

Haddad was not a Fulton native. She was born in Lebanon and moved to Missouri with her family at age eight, with her first job as a “voice” being an interpreter for her parents.

Haddad moved to Fulton after meeting and marrying Jack Haddad.

Jack Haddad once reminisced about their meeting: “The first time I laid eyes on Theresa she was wearing a red dress standing at the kitchen sink washing dishes with her mother. When she turned around and looked at me and smiled, I knew I was a goner.”

The Haddads raised their three daughters – Lori, Christy and Jackie – to carry their own voices in their community and parish. Today their daughters, now married, transmit the same passion and faith to their children.

In her busy vocations as a wife, mother, RCIA leader, teacher, CCD coordinator, visitor of the

homebound and adult Bible study facilitator, Haddad stood out from the crowd in her dedication to service.

Her brother George Simon, a sub-deacon in the Maronite rite, called her a “gift of God with a vocation to please.”

“She was always independent and showed leadership at an early age,” said Simon. “She was never afraid to talk to anyone and she didn’t care if someone was put off by her words... God would take care of it.”

Her diagnosis with ALS did not stop Haddad. Ironically, the first manifestation of the disease was the loss of her voice. Not one to be easily muted, she had resorted to communicating by Magna Doodle and later by iPad.

She succumbed to the disease on Sept. 8, 2013, bringing the parish community to a pause after so many years of reliance on her guiding voice.

But her advice to Hobbs echoed her example to everyone: “Be a leader.”

In time, St. Edward’s healed and began to learn to live life without “Theresa.”

Today the parish still feels the void left by Haddad’s death. But the Bible study that she encouraged so many years ago continues to be a mainstay of parish life in Fulton.

Thankful for the blessing of Haddad’s voice, St. Edward members continue to find their unique voices and challenge themselves to serve.

Susie Fenwick attends St. Edward Parish, Fulton.

Marian Retreat Day

Presented by
Monsignor Bernard Powers

Saturday,
October 15

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$25 (includes lunch)

This retreat will focus on Mary and will include opportunities for solitude as well as communal prayer, recitation of the rosary, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Liturgy.

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
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Mount Saint Joseph
Conference and Retreat Center

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Join Bishop Medley & Celebrate Your Marriage!

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 18 at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro for the annual Marriage Celebration.

Mass begins at 2 p.m. with a reception immediately following in the Fr. Vaughan Community Center.

All are invited and families are welcome, we only ask that those coming RSVP to Charlotte Hedges at (270)683-1545 or charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org.

Sponsored by the Diocese Family Life Office

VOCARE 2016 is almost here: Will you join us?

BY DR. FRED LITKE, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

We are less than a month away from VOCARE 2016 and I hope you've made plans to join us at the Owensboro Convention Center on Sept. 23.

We are pleased to have Andy Day as our guest speaker this year. Day is originally from Owensboro and now lives in Florida as the southeast regional director of FOCUS, Fellowship of Catholic University Students. There are five students from the diocese who are involved in FOCUS this year.

A common question I hear as I speak to others about VOCARE is what does the word mean? VOCARE literally means, "to call" in Latin. We use the term to refer to this annual diocesan celebration of vocations - the event of the year for the diocese.

This evening was designed to celebrate all vocations, including those to marriage, priesthood, religious life, and committed single life. It provides an opportunity to honor, recognize and thank all of our priests who have answered the call; the women and men who have entered into a religious order; the seminarians who are discerning priesthood; and those couples who have married and are raising Godly families in the Church.

At VOCARE, members of our diocese are given the opportunity to contribute to the seminarian education endowment fund, which pays for the tuition

and formation of our future priests. Our diocese is unique in that we handle 100 percent of the cost of educating our seminarians. Our uniqueness is made possible due to the generous donations from those who give to this fund: you.

Pope Benedict XVI said, "Without our priests, we can no longer be Catholic because we can no longer have the Sacraments." But what else does a priest do?

- Priests pray with and for the people of God
- Priests teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Priests celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- Priests feed the people of God with the Body and Blood of Jesus
- Priests baptize
- Priests witness marriages
- Priests visit the sick
- Priests bury the dead
- Priests counsel and guide
- Priests fight for the souls of God's people
- Priests defend people of God from the enemy
- Priests care for the dying
- Priests bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus

I believe that the best reason to honor our priests comes in a quotation from St. John Vianney, "Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not

have the Lord."

We hope you join us at VOCARE 2016 by purchasing a table of eight for \$500, tickets for two for \$125, or individual tickets for \$65. You can register and pay on our website by visiting owensborodiocese.org/vocare or by calling Kathy Rasp at (270)683-1545. Our social hour begins at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. We would love to have every parish represented at VOCARE. Will this be the year?

Dr. Fred Litke serves as associate director of the Office of Vocations in the Diocese of Owensboro.




Upcoming Come & See weekends

Single Catholic men, ages 18-35, who are interested in a possible monastic vocation are invited to attend a Come & See weekend Sept. 23-25, 2016, on the campus of St. Meinrad Archabbey. To learn more or register, email vocations@saintmeinrad.org or call (812) 357-6318.

Come and see what the priesthood is all about during the Oct. 21-23 weekend for high school men at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary on the campus of Marian University in Indianapolis. For more information, contact Fr. Jason McClure in the Diocese of Owensboro Vocations Office at (270) 683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, or contact your parish priest.

Both of these weekends provide men an opportunity to visit and see what a day in the life at the monastery or seminary would look like. Both are free events with no obligation.

Contact our Office of Vocations

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Sister Stephany Nelson joins the Ursuline sisters

BY DAN HECKEL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Sister Barbara Jean Head, (left), was one of many sisters to congratulate Sister Stephany following her entrance. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

Stephany Nelson became Sister Stephany on July 16, when she officially joined the Ursuline Sisters as a novice during a ceremony in the Motherhouse Chapel.

For the past two years, Sister Nelson has served as a postulant with the Ursuline sisters, learning about the community while maintaining her job as a first-grade teacher at St. Joseph Catholic School in Bowling Green, Ky. As a novice, she will spend the next year living at Maple Mount in what is known as her “canonical year” and will work with Sister Ann McGrew, director of novices.

“The canonical year is the toughest year of your life,” Sister McGrew said. “There is a lot of inner work. Stephany’s job is to live as an Ursuline Sister to the best of her ability.”

The Catholic Church’s canon law says the purpose of the novitiate is for the novice to better recognize her vocation and what part she can play in the

community, Sister McGrew said. The Ursuline Sister formation handbook says it is a time to instruct the new member into the basic requirements and help integrate her religious vocation into the total mission of the Church.

After seven years as a teacher and preparing for the next school year, Sister Nelson concedes her biggest adjustment may be not knowing what is coming next.

She and Sister McGrew will travel to the St. Louis area once a week beginning in September to take part in an intercommunity novitiate program.

“When I was novice director in the 1980s, we went to one in Melbourne, Ky.,” Sister McGrew said.

“We think it will be a rich experience for her, she will be with women and men in the same phase as she is,” said Sister McGrew. “If you’re in a class by yourself, you don’t get the experience of hearing what others think.”

Novices are not in the same place in their spirituality as sisters who have been in the community for many years, Sister McGrew said. There are 12-15 people in formation in the class, which is led by a Dominican Sister.

The canonical year is also a learning experience for Sister McGrew, who was last novice director from 1985-92. She will work with Sister Nelson on her prayer experience, her understanding of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and her ability to live in community with the sisters.

“It’s a time of mutual discernment,” Sister McGrew said.



New congregational leader Sister Amelia Stenger, (right), and outgoing congregational leader Sister Sharon Sullivan present the offertory gifts to Bishop William Medley and Fr. Ray Goetz. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

New Leadership Council installed for Ursuline sisters

The Leadership Council that will serve the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph from 2016-2022 was installed July 17 during Mass in the Motherhouse Chapel at Maple Mount, Ky.

Sister Amelia Stenger was installed as congregational leader, with Sister Kathleen Condry to serve as assistant congregational leader. Council members are Sister Pam Mueller, Sister Judith Nell Riney and Sister Pat Lynch.

During her reflection, Sister Stenger urged the Ursuline Sisters to recommit themselves to the promises they made to God and for the Ursuline community.

“We are a community dependent and interdependent on each other,” Sister Stenger said. “When one of us is called to feed the hungry, teach a second grader or interpret for a pregnant Hispanic mother, we are all there with that sister. We are together in a special way.”

Cathedral Preschool is a Christian tradition of caring and learning

BY DONNA TARANTINO, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Cathedral Preschool staff gathers at the playground as Fr. Jerry Riney offers a blessing for the new school year. Photo courtesy of Cathedral Preschool.

Cathedral Preschool has been serving Christian families in our community since 1986. The preschool, located adjacent to St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, welcomes children ages three, four and five to learn and grow in a Christ-centered, caring environment.

This state-licensed preschool helps prepare children for kindergarten through a program in which all areas of learning—physical, spiritual, emotional, and intellectual—are nurtured. The research-based academic curriculum, taught by our experienced and caring staff, integrates hands-on activities which stimulate the children’s natural

curiosity. The children play, learn, and grow in a loving atmosphere. Their natural wonder of God and His creation are encouraged through enrichment lessons, activities, and weekly Bible stories.

Following goals set according to the Brigance Kindergarten Screener, the teachers utilize a variety of programs and methods to help children improve listening skills, encourage independence, learn to follow routines, and much more. The Minds-in-Motion program supports the children’s physical and academic development.

Several fundraisers are held throughout the year to support the preschool; this year, proceeds will be applied to upgrade technology. Fundraisers will be announced through various media outlets, local Catholic parish bulletins, and the Cathedral Preschool website at cathedralpreschool.com. The preschool website may also be accessed from St. Stephen Cathedral’s website at ststephencathedral.org. All donations are gratefully accepted, deeply appreciated, and directly benefit the preschool.

Cathedral Preschool is proud of their excellent reputation, outstanding staff, low teacher-student ratio, positive feedback from parents, and high student retention rate. For enrollment or other information, visit the website or contact director Pam Weafer at pam.weafer@pastoral.org or (270)926-1652. The preschool staff is looking forward to a wonderful year at Cathedral Preschool—a loving learning center where each child is a special gift!

Donna Tarantino serves as St. Stephen Cathedral’s director of ministries & volunteers.



Catechists at St. Michael Parish in Sebree lead a game of Duck, Duck, Goose while kids gather for Vacation Bible School held July 25 and 26. Photo courtesy of St. Michael Parish.



During the Year of Mercy VBS at St. Michael Parish in Sebree, small groups rotated between a movie about the Prodigal Son, craft time making Good Deed Beads and a poster, game time and time in church. Photo courtesy of St. Michael Parish.



The annual Young Daughters of Saint Angela Summit, which brings together girls from the Y-DOSA chapters in Kansas and Whitesville, Ky., was Aug. 4-6, 2016, on the grounds of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. Eleven girls and five adults prayed together, worked and played with the sisters and enjoyed each other’s friendship during their time together.

September Wedding Anniversaries

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Scott & Anne Baumgardner, 10
William & Marian Bennett, 51
James & Kathy Wooldridge, 10
Kyle & Angie Rice, 10
Harvey & Doris Ferguson, 50
Dennis & Michelle Sandefur, 25
Eric & Cyndi Vaughan, 25
Christ the King, Madisonville
Joseph & Daisy Rocha, 50

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Wayne & Brenda Barnes, 53
Charles & Gladys Buckman, 55
Carroll & Margaret Fulkerson, 53
James & Robin Hancock, 25
Ronald & Joan Hockey, 57
Seth & Kathryn Sutton, 5

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Kenneth & Barbara Burch, 60
Robert & Frances Fiore, 59
Robert & Mary Graham, 57
James & Veronica Diemer, 54
Joe & Sally Liles, 53
Steve & Mary Anne Anderson, 25

Matthew & Ana Hire, 10
Peyton & Tara Mitchell, 10
Michael & Lea Wiacek, 10
Brian & Emily Buser, 5
Leonard & Darby Tusa, 5
Joseph & Caitlin Davis, 5

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Vic & Barbara Hagman, 51

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

John Edward & Marissa Mattingly, 5
Brandon & Christi Hagan, 10
John & Pat Kelley, 56
Louis & Jenny Hayes, 5

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Carl & Rosa Lee Coffey, 60
William M. & Linda C. Randolph, 51

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Herman & Barbara Duschl, 57

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Alvin & Mary Lyon, 51

Immaculate, Owensboro

Joseph William & Sherma Clark, 61

William & Mary Alice Weise, 60

Neel & Sarah Ford, 5

Nick & Ashley Edge, 5

James Wes & Tina Booker, 10

Marc & Katie Reardon, 10

James Nicholas & Shauna Horsman, 10

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Thomas & Erica Byrd, 10
Dorris & Joyce Collins, 56

St. Ann, Morganfield

Francis W. & Carol Hosman, 50
Paul P. & Bernice Chandler, 64
Earl G. & Emma Jean Duncan, 60

Leon & Eva Clara Hendrickson, 60

Bill & Janet Robertson, 56

St. Anthony, Axtel

Narvin & Laverne Whitworth, 55

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

David & Kathy Wooldridge, 10

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

Vince & Sondra Gavieres, 5

St. Augustine, Reed

Robert & Vickie Lacer, 50
Floyd & Linda Evans, 51

St. Charles, Bardwell

Lee & Mary Collins, 51

St. Columba, Lewisport

James & Pattie Toler, 67

St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

Bernard & Stella Payne, 51

St. Henry, Aurora

Thomas & Janet Moore, 54

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Andy & Kendra Hayden, 10
Glenn & Barbara Sue Wilson, 50
Howard & Jackie Elliott, 57

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Ed & NoNell Williams, 10

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Richard & Betty Wurth, 54
Paul & Jerri Durbin, 64
Lawrence & Geraldine Durbin, 51

Robert & Yolanda Neihoff, 53

Paul & Ellen Carrico, 58

Vernon & Dot Neihoff, 61

William C. & Barbara Hayden, 60

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Jose & Margarita Umazor, 5
George & Judith Martin, 50

St. Joseph, Central City

Jimmy & Barbara Brannon, 40

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Tim & Courtney Hayden, 10
Martin & Mary Smith, 40

St. Lawrence, Philpot

George & Catherine Payne, 55
Joseph & Nancy Payne, 56

St. Leo, Murray

Tanya Limas & Guillermo Hernandez, 5

James & Joan Carden, 52

Byron & Mary Cates, 65

Elwyn & Ellen Frazier, 67

St. Mark, Eddyville

Richard & Bonnie Wiening, 58
Milt & Rita Schroeder, 53

St. Martin, Rome

Jack & Dolores Beyke, 50

Charles & Juaretta Dockemeyer, 59

St. Mary, Franklin

Jim & Gail Briley, 55

Steve & Sharon Maloney, 53

St. Mary, LaCenter

Sylvio & Rita Mayolo, 57

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Bobby & Terry Knott, 57

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Andre & Jane Chustz, 56

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Chris & Selena Aud, 10

Rick & Karen Stiff, 40

Michael Scott & Ashlyn Morris, 5

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Myles & Ruth Ann Thomas, 30

James R. & Helen Gawarecki, 54

St. Paul, Princeton

Richard & Christa Strong, 40

St. Peter, Waverly

Robert & Bettye Bolds, 55

St. Pius X, Calvert City

John & Dolly Bardsley, 54

Brandon & Nikki Doughty, 5

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Russell & Audrey Fulkerson, 10
Dana Howard & Vincent Turpin, 10

Mike & Andrea Ayer, 25

Norman & Doris Johnson, 50

Ronald & Mary Strehl, 52

James & Barbara Coomes, 62

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Jeremy & Erin Rednour, 10

Joe & David Ann Priest, 51

Danny & Charlotte Shain, 10

Chuck & Joellen McGary, 51

Jeremy & Susan Hinton, 10

Dustin & Natalie Taul, 5

Donald & Alice Bland, 57

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Thomas & Leigh Ora Flood, 69

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

James & Paula Tichenor, 25

Mike & Margaret Dant, 51

Tim & Linda Dempsey, 25

St. Stephen, Cadiz

James & Sally Vollmer, 50

Achille & Eileen Biagi, 57
James & Betty McVey, 60
Richard & Sally Gust, 57
Stan & Fran Kostrzebski, 54

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Don & Susan Howard, 5
Patrick & Alma Lee Ward, 5
Thomas & Robin Booth, 25
Mike & Susan Fulkerson, 52
Pat & Donna McNulty, 51
John M. & Patsy Clayton, 59

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Sean & Jennifer Hansrote, 5
Steve & Kristy Schwetman, 10
Richard & Jamie Vieitez, 10
Bradley & April Shoulta, 5
Paul & Merceilo Roth, 10
Lee & Jill Weglarz, 10
Art & Kelly Azar, 25
Tim & Rosemary Shiben, 25
Rob & Judy Milford, 50
Gary & Janie Lamb, 51
Phil & Betty Higdon, 52

St. William, Knottsville

Paul & Ashley Haycraft, 5
Brandon & Tiffany Love, 5
Joseph Carl & Dorothy Payne, 5
Lewis & Jaclyn Varble, 10
Martin & Kelly Lanham, 10
Paul Richard & Marti Rhinerson, 25

Charles O. & Joyce Mills, 59

SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

James L. & Theresa Clouse, 59
Jack & Rose King, 63
Bobby E. & Theresa Pedley, 52
Ronnie & Virginia Ray, 52
Ralph & Emilee Ward, 50
Tim & Donna Wilkerson, 25
Nicholas & Karyn Lawrence, 10
Lance & Sarah Osborne, 10
Michael & Andrea Ayer, 25

SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Andrew & Annette Mongeon, 64
Paul & Anne Cummings, 53
William & Nancy Schaefer, 10

“Open your hearts...”

Throughout the country, there are two principle ways that most Dioceses are financially supported by their parishes. Part of the funding comes from an Annual Appeal and part from an assessment of parish income. In our Diocese, we have the Disciples Response Fund and an assessment based on parish income.

2016-2017 Annual Appeal Goal

Distribution of Your Gifts – Totaling \$600,000

5%	Poor & Indigent \$30,000	Spent on efforts supporting the poor and homeless
10%	Retired Priests \$60,000	Invested in the Charitable Trust Fund which in turn supports our retired priests with health benefits
10%	Parish Endowment \$60,000	Used to offset assessments to parishes
11.25%	Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp \$67,500	Subsidize the good works of the camp by providing operating income and dollars for scholarships
15%	Grant Pool \$90,000	Available through grants to financially assist Catholic parishes and organizations to carry out the mission of Christ
18.75%	Religious Education \$112,500	Fund the Office of Religious Education
30%	Seminarian Education \$180,000	Aid in paying formation of seminarians currently studying for the Diocese of Owensboro

Disciples Response Fund Commitment Weekend October 8-9, 2016

“Abran sus corazones...”

Hay dos maneras principales en las cuales la mayoría de las Diócesis reciben el apoyo económico de sus parroquias a lo largo y ancho del país. Una parte de los fondos provienen de un Colecta Anual y otra parte proviene de un porcentaje a los ingresos de las parroquias. En nuestra Diócesis contamos con el Fondo de Respuesta de los Discípulos y una recaudación del porcentaje de las parroquias.

Objetivo de la Colecta Anual del 2016-2017

Distribución de sus Donaciones - Total \$600.000

5%	Pobres e Indigentes \$30,000	Utilizados para ayudar a los pobres y personas sin hogar
10%	Sacerdotes Jubilados \$60,000	Invertidos en un Fondo Caritativo el cual provee seguro médico a nuestros sacerdotes jubilados
10%	Contribución de la Parroquia \$60,000	Baja la cantidad de dinero que cada parroquia aporta a la diócesis
11.25%	Campamento Juvenil Católico “Rio Gasper” \$67,500	Subsidia el buen trabajo del campamento proveyendo un ingreso operativo y dinero para becas
15%	Fondos Comunes para Donaciones \$90,000	Disponible a través de becas para asistir económicamente a organizaciones y parroquias Católicas en su objetivo de cumplir la misión de Cristo
18.75%	Educación Religiosa \$112,500	Financia la Oficina de Educación Religiosa
30%	Educación de Seminaristas \$180,000	Asiste en el pago de la formación de seminaristas que actualmente estudian para la Diócesis de Owensboro

El Fondo de Respuesta de los Discípulos Fin de Semana del Compromiso 8 y 9 de Octubre de 2016