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A Word from Bishop Medley

Editor's note: On Aug. 16, 2018, Bishop Medley released the below statement in response to the current situation affecting the Catholic Church in the United States. He requested that this statement be run in the September 2018 issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic in place of his regular column.

Sin is real. In our own lives and in our contemporary society we may strive to find another word, another way, to portray the willful disdain for God and God's ways. Maybe a word with a little less sting. But sin is real.

I find myself addressing again the embarrassing and shameful reality that the sin of sexual abuse is still being discovered among bishops and priests. It has been sixteen years since the Catholic Church of the United States publicly acknowledged that far too many priests for far too long had acted as sexual predators and harmed young people. In 2002 the

bishops of the United States adopted The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in the wake of revelations that hundreds of priests

across the country had preyed upon thousands of children and youth. The pledge of the Catholic Church at that time was "promise to protect, pledge to

heal." This pledge came about primarily because of the incredible faith and courage of those who had been victims of abuse by priests. Painful as these revelations have been, the victims' courage called the Church to contrition and healing. These encounters have not always been the Church's finest moments. Ongoing revelations from the State of Pennsylvania and the reported immoral behavior of an American cardinal underscore that the work is not complete.

To protect the vulnerable the Catholic Church set in place safe environment guidelines that sought to make any Catholic church, school or institution the safest place imaginable for young people. And this has worked well. Since 2002 there are reported each year fewer instances of children sexually exploited in the care of the Church and her priests, teachers, ministers, employees and volunteers. We are dealing with the brokenness of humanity, but even one instance in the entire country is abominable. I would have liked to suggest that the exposure of the sins of the Church have proven to make children safer across all of society, but I am not at all sure that the evidence would support such a finding. I also would have wished to report that even these rarer instances of abuse within the Church have not ever happened in the diocese of Owensboro. But they have. We continue to strive to respond promptly to any concerns and have acted to remove abusers from any positions of responsibility and authority.

The promise to heal is a promise to continue to

To report suspected abuse call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, please call: 270-852-8380 to speak with the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information.

invite victims to come forward and allow the Church to provide support, counseling and comfort. This promise is fulfilled first when victims speak about their exploitation and know they will be treated with respect and dignity. The Diocese of Owensboro stands ready to offer assistance to victims to find healing and peace, no matter how long ago that abuse may have taken place.

I invite all people to join me in prayer for anyone wounded and hurting. In our faith we do believe that Jesus Christ is a healer and looks kindly on those who have been harmed. ■



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro



BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 2018

SEPT 2	11 a.m. Installation of Fr. Julio Barrera as pastor – Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam	SEPT 11	9:30 p.m. Mass – St. Joseph School, Bowling Green 5 p.m. Vespers and dinner for priests, religious and their parents – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro	SEPT 17	10 a.m. Priest Personnel Meeting – MCC 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting – MCC
SEPT 4	11:30 a.m. Lunch meeting with presbyterate (Age group 2)	SEPT 12	8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council meeting – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)	SEPT 18	10 a.m. Presbyteral Day – MCC
SEPT 6	11 a.m. Mass at Brescia University	SEPT 13	1:45 p.m. Mass – Owensboro Catholic Middle School	SEPT 19	9 a.m. Diocesan Staff Day – MCC
SEPT 8	11 a.m. Mass for Silver Jubilee of Sr. Anthonia Asayoma, OSF – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro	SEPT 14	6 p.m. VOCARE – Owensboro Convention Center	SEPT 20-23	National Encuentro – Grapevine, Texas
SEPT 9	9 a.m. Installation of Fr. John Okoro as pastor – St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis 2 p.m. Sophia Awards Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro	SEPT 16	2 p.m. Institution into Ministry of Acolyte, Spanish speaking permanent diaconate candidates – SS. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville	SEPT 25-26	RCRI Conference – Chicago
				SEPT 27	11:30 a.m. Lunch meeting with presbyterate (Age group 3)
				SEPT 29	4:45 p.m. Mass – Marian Conference, Owensboro Convention Center
				SEPT 30	2 p.m. Diocesan Marriage Celebration – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro



Across the Diocese

Bishop Medley's monthly Across the Diocese video series has returned from its summertime break. In his August 2018 video, Bishop Medley interviews the new assistant superintendent of the Diocese of Owensboro's Catholic Schools Office, David Kessler. Watch the video at vimeo.com/285365006.

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‘Humbling’

Sophia Awards to celebrate 20 years of honoring wisdom

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Ginny Knight-Simon has countless stories of the people she encountered during her role as director of the Diocese of Owensboro’s Office of Wisdom.

But one story sticks out to her as particularly poignant.

“One person received the nomination for a Sophia Award,” remembers Knight-Simon, adding that sadly, the woman was on her deathbed on the day of the awards Mass and ceremony.

The woman’s family was present at the Mass to receive the award in her stead. But they also approached Knight-Simon after Mass and asked if she would personally go and present the woman with the award.

Of course, said Knight-Simon.

“She was so happy,” said Knight-Simon in an Aug. 8, 2018 interview with The Western Kentucky Catholic. “She said, ‘I got to see my award.’”

Knight-Simon sat and talked with the woman for a long time.

Before Knight-Simon said good-bye, the woman asked her to place the award on a shelf at the foot of her bed so the woman could see it as she lay there.

The woman passed away shortly after Knight-Simon left.

“She was waiting to see that award,” Knight-Simon realized.

This year, the beloved tradition of the Diocese

of Owensboro’s Sophia Awards hits 20 years. The annual Mass, where the awards are given by Bishop William F. Medley, will be held this year on Sept. 9, 2018 at 2 p.m.

Those eligible for Sophia Awards are anyone 65 or older who have not previously received a Sophia Award, and who lead lives of stewardship – giving of their time, talent and treasure. People can be nominated on past outstanding contributions and can be homebound. Recipients have included married couples, single people, priests and religious. Posthumous nominations are also accepted.

Cathy Hagan is the administrative assistant in the diocese’s Office of Stewardship, and oversees and organizes the Sophia Awards nominations and Mass. She took on the role when Knight-Simon retired in 2012.

“From the beginning it was a success,” said Hagan in an Aug. 1, 2018 WKC interview, crediting Knight-Simon’s “outgoing, talented” personality.

In 1999, the United Nations declared it to be the International Year of Older Persons. That same year, said Hagan, Pope St. John Paul II issued a Letter to the Elderly.

This was one of the inspirations for the diocese’s establishing an Office of Wisdom, which for many years hosted bus trips and “Wisdom Days” of formation for older people. Today’s Sophia Awards – “sophia” means “wisdom” in Greek – grew out of this initiative.



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After receiving the Sophia Award on Sept. 27, 2009, Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, speaks with Bishop John J. McRaith and Fr. Mike Clark.

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MEL HOWARD | WKC
Bishop John J. McRaith gives the Sophia Award to Bob and Sharrie Cinnamond of Whitesville on Sept. 16, 2007.

“When you get old you feel like your ideas are dismissed because you’re old,” Knight-Simon told the WKC. “This is a good opportunity for the diocese and the parishes to honor their elders.”

Every spring, Hagan sends out requests for Sophia nominations in order to prepare for the awards in the fall.

Letters are then mailed out from the Office of Stewardship notifying the nominees, and include a



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
Bishop William F. Medley smiles as he gives the Sophia Award to Fr. Robert Drury on Oct. 4, 2015.

card on which they can mark “accept” or “decline to accept.”

Occasionally, people decline the award, insisting “I’m not deserving,” said Hagan, who will sometimes call the nominees personally to tell them, “but you are.”

“They don’t realize it’s their very presence in their community” that makes them worthy of the Sophia Award, said Hagan. “It’s not what you’ve done; it’s who you are and how you live your faith.”

Nominees may attend the Sophia Awards Mass and receive the award in person from Bishop Medley, but it is not required.

“If they can’t make it to the Mass, we can send it and their pastor makes sure they get it,” said Hagan.

She said that including the 2018 Sophia Awards recipients, a total of 1,178 awards have been given over the past 20 years. This includes many married couples, who jointly received the award.

It is also a gift that keeps on giving.

“Those who are nominated and receive the award are more likely to nominate someone else to receive it,” said Hagan.

Hagan said the Sophia Awards are a “favorite” part of what she does in the diocese.

“Just the joy on their faces,” said Hagan. “The recognition that they have made a difference and that someone is finally seeing the good works and the wisdom they have shared with their parish, is humbling.” ■

‘Truly homegrown’

St. Jerome’s parish picnic provides more than politics



LAURA CLARKE | WKC

Richard Hayden (left) and Russell Ellegood (right) lift some mutton from the barbeque pit on Aug. 4, 2018.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Aug. 4, 2018, crowds flocked to the far west end of Kentucky for St. Jerome Parish Picnic’s famous barbeque and slightly more infamous political speeches.

But for all of the media attention given to the afternoon politics – which only lasted a few hours

– the annual event in Fancy Farm remained what it has for the past 138 years: a parish picnic.

“It started not as a political thing but as a family get-together,” said Denis Wilson, a parishioner and member of a committee dedicated to preserving the St. Jerome School and Museum.

He spoke to The Western Kentucky Catholic on Aug. 4 while standing in the basement of the



LAURA CLARKE | WKC

St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm hosted its 138th picnic on Aug. 4, 2018.

school-turned-museum, where he had been showing visitors various items on display from Fancy Farm history.

Wilson explained that like many parish picnics, “generations of families” put together the different aspects of the picnic, from cooking meat to baking desserts to selling food.

However, St. Jerome is unlike many other par-

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LAURA CLARKE | WKC
Barbeque pit volunteers chat in the morning of the Aug. 4, 2018 St. Jerome Parish Picnic.



LAURA CLARKE | WKC
Bishop William F. Medley offers a prayer prior to the 2 p.m. political speeches at St. Jerome Parish's annual picnic on Aug. 4, 2018.

ishes, which were established to serve a preexisting community.

In the case of Fancy Farm, “the community grew up around the parish,” said Wilson of the region, which remains predominantly Catholic.

For Wilson, the community, the parish and the picnic share a consistent theme: “It’s truly home-grown; my wife brought four pies in!” he said.

Russell Ellegood, keeping an eye on the smoked meat on the barbeque pits, told the WKC that the total amount of meat cooked that day would total more than 18,000 pounds. He said he has been doing this “for as long as I can remember.”

Ellegood explained that before the meat is placed on the pits (around 8 a.m. on Friday), St. Jerome’s pastor, Fr. Darrell Venters, celebrates Mass, “then blesses the meat.”

If that is not indicative enough of a Catholic event, there’s also the tradition of the Diocese of Owensboro’s current bishop offering a prayer before the start of the political speeches.

“I have seen people come from other counties, and from other countries,” said Ellegood, explaining that besides welcoming curious visitors, the picnic also serves as a homecoming for Fancy Farm natives who have since moved away.

He reflected on the question of whether to call it the “St. Jerome Picnic” or the “Fancy Farm Picnic,” noting that the terms are nearly synonymous: “If you ask people where you go (to church), you say Fancy Farm.”

Ellegood said the community feel of the picnic is catching, which includes non-Catholics volunteering as well. When new people move to the area, they inevitably get involved with the picnic.

“Everybody pitches in,” he said. “It’s just community.” ■

Kentucky school example of embracing the different, loving one's neighbor



CNS PHOTO | TYLER ORSBURN

Fifth-grader Alexa Medina poses for a photo March 29 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Henderson, Ky. She's a member of the social studies and language arts academic team and said her mom volunteers in the school's cafeteria and during used book sales. "I'm happy that they brought me here," she said describing her parents' move from Des Moines, Iowa. "I like that it's not really big and it's quiet around here."

BY TYLER ORSBURN
CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

HENDERSON, Kentucky (CNS) — When it comes to sizable Hispanic populations, Henderson isn't Los Angeles or New York City.

Nestled in the western part of the Bluegrass State, the Ohio River faithfully meanders by smooth fields of corn, soybean and patches of woods. Its most

famous resident is naturalist and artist John James Audubon.

"Coming to Henderson, that's where I learned I was Latino!" Abraham Brown, director of Latino ministry for Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, jokingly said about moving from the Lone Star State. "Because down there in Texas everybody looked just like me, spoke just like me. So, coming here was a

challenge at the beginning."

Brown moved to Henderson 15 years ago to work for a denim company. But when it closed, the Catholic parish, which is part of the Diocese of Owensboro, asked him to help with the growing Latino community.

Now he works with Latinos from 13 countries, and has seen the Spanish Mass turnout increase from 20 to 30 per week to 100 to 150, he said.

"We do have a very proactive approach for integration," Brown told Catholic News Service. "Not just assimilating but actually sharing of their own values and culture (through dance, food and worship) with our community."

Father Anthony Shonis, associate pastor at Holy Name of Jesus, credits the late Owensboro Bishop John J. McRaith for helping this assimilation.

"Toward the end of the 1980s, you might start seeing Hispanics at the Dairy Queen or Walmart," the bilingual pastor told CNS while sitting in the rectory dining room. "Bishop McRaith (during that time) sought funding and wrote grants so that all priests where Spanish was spoken had an 'ayudante.'"

An "ayudante" is a bilingual helper who is respected in both the Hispanic and Anglo community that helps migrants meet both their parish and well-being needs. "They're a bridge builder," Shonis said. "This person is worth their weight in gold."

Brown, Shonis' "bridge builder" says the Latino population in western Kentucky, southern Indiana

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and southern Illinois has doubled in the past five years. “A lot of people say that, ‘Oh, it’s just because there are a lot of job opportunities.’ But job opportunities without a welcoming spirit, it (integration) doesn’t work.”

One place where it has worked is the school. Situated near a barbershop and about a block-and-a-half from the steeple, the downtown school has native Spanish speakers in every grade.

And Susana Solorza is the ladle that stirs the vernacular melting pot. The El Paso, Texas, native said she’s the only K-8 Spanish teacher in the district, and if her seventh and eighth grade students earn B-averages for both years, they’ll rake in a “Spanish I” high school credit.

“What I’m trying to do is shake the stereotypes Caucasians have of Latinos by speaking to them in English and letting them hear me speak Spanish to other students,” she said describing part of her teaching technique. “By being their teacher, letting them get to know me through music, (food) and talk about my family (which helps break the stereotypes).”

For her Hispanic students, she shows them there’s a teacher like them and brings some normalcy to what is different about them. “I think having a teacher to fill that cultural gap, the linguistic gap, is very important because our families are here, and they want to be involved, and they try to be involved, and they want to see their students succeed,” Solorza told CNS.

“Probably something that the Hispanic community has added most to our school is the diversity and knowing that just because someone is different doesn’t mean they’re weird,” Scottie Koonce, principal at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School said describing how students sometimes view life. “And probably the thing Hispanics have added to our



CNS PHOTO | TYLER ORSBURN
Susana Solorza, a Spanish teacher at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Henderson, Ky., reads along with a student during a school Mass March 28.

community is that they’ve taught the kids that Catholicism isn’t local, it’s global.”

Koonce went on to describe how the students love acknowledging the Latino celebrations of the Day of the Dead and Las Posadas. “I feel like our kids are starting to understand each other better, and that’s really where it starts - because if the kids start understanding each other better and respect each other it carries over to the adults.”

“Pope Francis has said, ‘You have to take risks and go across barriers,’” Shonis said describing wide city streets and railroad tracks. “This effort of going to the other side can never end. And this is the foundation of Catholic schools, to bring minorities into the mainstream.” ■

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Hospitality**
- 8 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 8-9 Eastbridge Arts Festival@The Mount
- 13 Focus on Faith Revelation Book Study**
- 17-21 Runaway Quilters
- 26-27 Teen Leadership Conference
- 28-30 Gennesaret Retreat

OCTOBER

- 1-5 Owensboro Diocese Priests Retreat Week
- 3 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Entertaining Angels**
- 6-7 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 11 Focus on Faith Revelation Book Study**
- 13 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 15-19 New Spiritual Direction Training Class**
- 19-21 Spiritual Directors Reunion & Retreat**
- 20 Marian Retreat Day**
- 22-26 MSJ Quilt Guild
- 23-25 Chix with Stix
- 26-28 Retreat Weekend for Married Couples**

NOVEMBER

- 2-4 Yarn Spinners Weekend**
- 3 Diane Earle Piano Concert**
- 6 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Touch of Beauty & God**
- 8 Focus on Faith Revelation Book Study**
- 9-11 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 16-18 Pope Francis and Prayer Retreat**

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Weekend of October 26-28

Retreat Directors: *Bridget Brennan and Jerry Shen*

This married couple has presented retreats for married couples throughout the country and are the authors of two books about marriage.

You will be invited to reflect on your marriage journey, and in that reflection, come to understand more clearly how God works in and through ordinary married lives. God is Love, and we who dwell in Love dwell in God and God in us. There will be a blend of presentations and time on your own for reflection and prayer. Please join us for a "step away" from the rushed lives so many of us live. The retreat begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday.

*Fee: \$360 per couple which includes meals and overnight accommodations.
Take 10% off if paid in full by Sept. 26.*

To register, call 270-229-0200

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SEPTEMBER 2018 BULLETIN BOARD

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.

Marriage enrichment program at Blessed Mother

Blessed Mother Parish will offer a program for married couples, the "Beloved" marriage enrichment over six sessions on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The first class will be Sept. 23 and the last class will be Nov. 4, off the two Sundays for Fall Break. The cost of the book is \$25. For more information about the program or to register, please contact 270-683-8444 or stop by the parish office.

A Scout is Reverent

The beginning of a new school year is a good time to begin working on Religious Emblems for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and others. These include for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei and for Boy Scouts: Ad altare Dei and Pope Pius XII and Light is Life (Eastern Catholic) and for Girl Scouts and others: God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive, and Missio. After earning these emblems, Bishop Medley will award them at a Scout Mass in March 2019. For an introduction to these and a presentation by the Catholic Committee on Scouting at your next meeting, please visit owensborodiocese.org/scouting.

Galatians Bible study at Immaculate Parish

Parish of the Immaculate will be hosting a Bible Study on the book of Galatians on Mondays beginning Sept. 10 for 8 weeks. This class is using materials from Ascension Press and led by Jeff Cavins (via DVD). Participants may choose from classes at 10 a.m or 6:30 p.m. Cost for the book and online access is \$26. Contact Diane Willis 683-0689 or dwillis@immaculateparish.org for more information or to sign up.

Holy Name Fall Festival Sept. 21-22

Holy Name School is off to a GREAT start for the 2018-2019 school year. We're well under way with plans for our annual Fall Festival which will be Sept.

21 and 22 this year. This festival is attended by people from the entire tri-state area. Everyone is welcome to this family friendly event. Friday, Sept. 21 will open at 5 p.m. and feature the Holy Name Men's Club fish dinners and old fashioned family bingo. Saturday, Sept. 22 is open from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and features Men's Club bbq chicken/pork chop dinners, and a live auction. Both days will have unlimited carnival rides, game booths, food booths, a haunted house, and raffle tickets. The grand prize for the \$10 raffle ticket is \$5,000.00. Tickets can be purchased at the school or church office and at the event until the drawing Saturday night. Don't miss out on a chance to win big, have family fun, and all the funnel cake and lemon shake-ups you can handle.

The Holy Land: 10 Days

Jan. 29-Feb. 7, 2019. Hosted by Fr. Tony Stevenson. Featuring: Round-trip airfare from Nashville; first class/selective hotels; breakfast and dinner daily; comprehensive sightseeing with a professional English speaking tour guide to: Haifa, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, ride on the Sea of Galilee, and more. For a brochure with complete details contact: Fr. Tony Stevenson - St. Anthony Church - 1654 South Highway 79 - Hardinsburg, Ky. 40143. Phone: 270-257-2132. Leave a message and phone number.

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

Sept. 4: Sr. Pam Mueller – Hospitality. Hospitality means the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend.

Oct. 2: Sr. Jacinta Powers and Sr. Monica Seaton – "Entertaining Angels: Living the Works of Mercy in our Everyday Lives." Let your intentions be pure and do all for the glory of God.

Nov. 6: Sr. Ruth Gehres – will talk about how and where we experience beauty with her presentation, "The Touch of Beauty, The Touch of God."

Dec. 4: Sr. Ann McGrew – "Advent and the O Antiphons." During the final days of Advent, the Church prays the O Antiphons. Each one highlights a title of the Messiah and the prophecy of Isaiah.

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

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room, followed by the presentation in a conference room. Please join us for these enlightening events. To register, contact Lisa Sills: 270-229-0206 or lisa.sills@maplemount.org.

"Focus on Faith" Book study on Revelation Sept. 13

"Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation and Applying its Lessons Today," is the focus of a monthly book study at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The class continues Thursday, Sept. 13 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The study of Michael Barber's book will be led by Sr. Ann McGrew. The \$20 fee per class includes lunch. Feel free to attend even if you missed earlier classes. Contact Lisa Sills: 270-229-0206 or lisa.sills@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org. Remaining meeting dates: Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

Yarn Spinners Nov. 2-4

Whether you are an experienced yarn spinner, weaver, rug hooker, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount weekend retreats at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Enjoy relaxing time to work on your projects and the fellowship of those who appreciate these traditional skills. For information on room rates, costs, etc., contact Sister Lisa Sills: 270-229-0206 or lisa.sills@maplemount.org.

Dr. Diane Earle piano concert Nov. 3

Dr. Diane Earle is a professor of music and Artist in Residence at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro. She will be giving a free concert in the Madonna Room at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. Dr. Earle has multiple degrees in piano performance and has performed nationwide and abroad. She has been a Kentucky Arts Council featured artist and principal pianist for the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra. Her favorite book is the Bible. The public is invited.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae Memorial Mass Nov. 4

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

Praying the rosary for our nation

Join St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah and Catholics from around the diocese and the United States for a Rosary Coast to Coast on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 at 3 p.m. Central Time. Everyone is encouraged to gather and pray the rosary at this time in order that the rosary may be prayed across the United States in unison.

Scotland, Ireland golf tour with Fr. Hostetter

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

'Power In My Hands' film

A story of Hope and the Power of Prayer. This 80 minute film will represent the faces of America and propose the simple and yet profound power of the rosary for all people of all ages to usher in an era of peace, harmony and most of all hope. Showings of the film "POWER IN MY HANDS" will be in the St. John's Cafeteria at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah, on the following days:

- Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 21 at 8:15 a.m. (after the 7:30 a.m.

Mass).

For further information call the Parish Office at 270-554-3810.

That Man is You program comes to Immaculate

The newest venture for the men of Owensboro is a program entitled THAT MAN IS YOU. THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY) is program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of saints to develop a vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, TMIY seeks to form authentic leaders capable of transforming themselves, their homes and a greater society. TMIY is currently is Season 4 at St. Stephen Cathedral. Immaculate will begin with Season 1. All men from the diocese are invited to this informative and spiritual program. TMIY begins Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Immaculate Parish and runs for 13 weeks. Gathering will begin at 6 a.m. with a mini breakfast, a video will be shown at 6:30 a.m. and discussion will take place from 7-7:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up, contact Ernie Taliaferro or Diane Willis, dwillis@

immaculateparish.org or 270-683-0689.

Men's ICON Retreat

Join men from around the diocese for a men's retreat at Gasper River Retreat Center on Saturday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Sept. 16. The retreat will dive into, unpack and process the topics of prayer, who you are as a man made in God's image ("icon") and your mission to love. Cost is \$75 and includes lodging and meals. Online registration at <https://owensborodiocese.org/mens-icon-retreat/>.

Branson Christmas Extravaganza!

The Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Stewardship presents Branson "Christmas Extravaganza" featuring Daniel O'Donnell on Nov 1-4, 2018. \$799/person. This tour is sure to bring out the magic of Christmas with five Christmas shows. Enjoy your chartered comfortable bus ride, beautiful hotel accommodations and nine delicious meals. Payment will be due Sept 17. Call early to hold your reservation-these tours will fill up fast! Insurance is available for \$44. For more information, contact Faith in Travel at 270-389-1002 or email sophiajourneys@gmail.com.

Mary Mother of the Church,

Model of All Christians

"A Day of Reflection"



Sunday - October 28, 2018, 2:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Bowling Green, KY 42101

Stewart receives Educator of the Year



COURTESY OF BISHOP WILLIAM F. MEDLEY
Danielle Stewart receives the Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year award from the bishop.

On July 27, teachers and administrators from Catholic schools across the Diocese of Owensboro gathered for an in-service, titled “Living as Missionary Disciples: Year of Encounter.” This gathering was in keeping with the diocese’s “Living as Missionary Disciples” initiative, which began in 2017, spearheaded by the Office of Evangelization. In addition to prayer, talks and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, participants celebrated 29 colleagues who had achieved 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 45 and 50 years of service. Danielle Stewart, a second-grade teacher at Christ the King School in Madisonville, was the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year Award. Stewart has taught at Christ the King for 35 years.



COURTESY OF GRADY EBELHAR
Kenneth’s children who received the chalice at the Mass were Grady Ebelhar, Jerry Ebelhar, Lynn Ebelhar, Shirley Kent, Gloria McCarty and Bernadette Monday.

THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO
MARIAN CONFERENCE
“MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH”
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

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FR. DONALD
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COURTESY OF DANNY MAY

Family Day at Gasper

On Sunday, Aug. 19, 45 families, totaling 185 people, gathered for Family Day at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green. This free event was sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro’s Office of Marriage and Family Life, and included Mass with Bishop William F. Medley, family-centered talks, a meal together, and many fun camp activities. For more events and resources like this, visit owensborodiocese.org/office-of-marriage-family-life.

A life remembered; a family honored

The family of the late Kenneth Ebelhar was honored on Sunday, July 14 at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho, when given a chalice by the fourth degree Knights of Columbus Council #6101. Kenneth had joined the Knights of Columbus in 1967 and was a charter member. He became a fourth degree member in November 1969. He served as the financial secretary for his first 25 years in the council. Kenneth died on April 27, 2018. Fr. Shaiju Thomas and Fr. Richard Powers celebrated the July 14 Mass in honor of Kenneth and his family, and the chalice was presented to the family at the end of the Mass. The chalice was then presented to Fr. Richard Powers who had arranged to have it sent to Christ the King Church in a poverty-stricken area of Haiti.

Embracing those who suffer a miscarriage

New volunteer-driven ministry offers support, resources

BY DANNY MAY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The pain of suffering a miscarriage is difficult to navigate, especially if you don't have someone to talk with who has been through the experience before. Now, thanks to a caring group of volunteers, the Diocese of Owensboro has resources to offer those who are experiencing a miscarriage.

This new miscarriage ministry came about when a group of concerned moms who have all gone through miscarriages themselves contacted the Office of Marriage and Family Life with the idea to develop an informative brochure that would be distributed to all parishes in the Diocese. That same information is now available on the Marriage and Family Life webpage (owensborodiocese.org/office-of-marriage-family-life).

The brochure and webpage includes a concise overview of Church teaching on the subject, prayer suggestions, scripture references, and resources to help those dealing with loss.

Stephanie Carrico turned to friends with similar experiences to get the process started.

"Miscarriage is something people used to not talk about, but the lives of these babies deserve recognition," she said. "It's devastating to lose a child and parents need support."

Carrico says she felt much support from Natural Family Planning instructors and friends but realizes not all families have that network of support: "Creat-

ing a brochure for families with the knowledge we've gained from these experiences can help all those in our diocese to know what to do physically and spiritually during a miscarriage," she said.

Rachael Clark, who suffered a miscarriage in her first trimester, says she feels an "unspoken connection to other mothers who have experienced one as well. I was honored to be a part of creating this brochure because it is a way I could wrap my arms around a grieving or scared mother and walk with her through such a difficult process. Even though I can't physically help these moms, spiritually I feel this brochure is a way to remind women they aren't alone and their baby's lives, no matter how short, matter. They were created by God for a purpose."

Erin Jones was also glad to offer her input to hopefully help others: "After having to give your baby back to God after you've wanted this baby SO MUCH and loved this baby with all your heart, it's natural to feel some resentment and probably anger towards God. But thankfully, God loves us through it. I learned through firsthand experience that God draws the broken-hearted closest to Him."

In addition to the brochure and webpage, if someone suffering a miscarriage needs a listening ear and some accompaniment, they can contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life to be put in touch with this group of ladies who will be glad to offer support, understanding, compassion, and prayer.

According to Rachael Clark, "One of the hardest

parts of miscarriage is that many times the parents are never able to hold their child. But this ministry reminds us that it is God who embraces both them and their unborn baby." ■

(Editor's note: The Office of Worship also has developed a resource designed for parents to help plan a memorial for their child who died before birth.)

Danny May is the director for the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Owensboro. Contact him at danny.may@pastoral.org.

Marian Retreat Day

Saturday,
October 20

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$25 (includes lunch)

Presented by Monsignor
Bernard Powers



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

To register, contact Lisa: 270-229-0206
lisa.sills@maplemount.org



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Bishop Medley asks for assistance, prayers, for Kerala flood victims

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Diocese of Owensboro is taking strides to assist those suffering from the historic floods in Kerala state, India.

In an Aug. 21, 2018 letter sent to the priests of the diocese, Bishop William F. Medley spoke of the extreme flooding affecting southwest India.

“Most of the Heralds of Good News priests serving in our diocese come from this region of India, and the flooding is having a direct and devastating impact on their families and loved ones,” wrote Bishop Medley.

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

In his letter, Bishop Medley said the situation in Kerala has been referred to as “the flood of the century,” with hundreds of people dead and “more than a million individuals displaced and living in camps.”

“The government of India estimates that the damage caused by the flooding and landslides will cost more than \$1.1 billion U.S. dollars,” wrote the bishop. “The loss of life and property is extensive and the human suffering profound.”

He said homes have been swept away by the flooding, food and clean water are scarce, and peo-

ple have lost all of their possessions apart from what they could carry to higher ground.

Bishop Medley said the Catholic Church in India – including the Heralds of Good News – have joined in relief efforts by opening parishes, schools and other Catholic institutions for displaced people.

The bishop asked that a special collection be held in the Diocese of Owensboro on the weekends of Aug. 25-26 or Sept. 1-2 to send to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) representatives providing assistance in Wayanad District – one of the worst-hit regions.

Donations are not limited to those two weekends, however. People of the Diocese of Owensboro may continue sending money by writing checks to “Diocese of Owensboro” with “Kerala relief” written in the memo line. The diocese will then forward the contributions to the Heralds of Good News and CRS.

“I am asking that you inform the people of your parish of the tragedy happening in Kerala and of our direct connection through the Heralds of Good News serving among us here,” wrote the bishop. “There is never a shortage of human need in our world. I pray that in this moment, when we observe the devastation of so many, we may all continue the rich Gospel tradition of responding to those in need.” ■

Gennesaret Retreat for the Chronic and Seriously Ill

September 28-30



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The Gennesaret Retreat is designed for persons whose medical conditions would otherwise hinder them from attending a weekend overnight retreat. Skilled medical staff will be on hand to assist each participant.

The word Gennesaret comes from the Gospel of Mark 6:53-55 when Jesus heals the sick. The retreat is being offered by the Diocese of Owensboro and hosted by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. There is no fee. These retreats are supported by donations.


Come and enjoy prayer, reflection and scheduled events in the peaceful setting of Maple Mount, Ky.

For more information or to register, call Amy or Tom Payne: **270-316-0403**



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 Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

Nota de la editora: el 16 de agosto de 2018, el Obispo Medley publicó la siguiente declaración en respuesta a la situación actual que afecta a la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos. Pidió que esta declaración se publique en la edición de septiembre de 2018 del Católico de Kentucky Occidental en lugar de su carta regular.

Una declaración del Obispo William F. Medley

El pecado es real. En nuestras propias vidas y en nuestra sociedad contemporánea podemos esforzarnos por encontrar otra palabra, otra manera, para retratar el desprecio voluntario por Dios y por los caminos de Dios. Tal vez una palabra con un poco menos de impacto. Pero el pecado es real.

Me encuentro de nuevo frente a la perturbadora y vergonzosa realidad de que el pecado de abuso sexual aún se está descubriendo entre obispos y sacerdotes. Han pasado dieciséis años desde que la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos reconoció públicamente que demasiados sacerdotes habían actuado durante demasiado tiempo como depredadores sexuales y habían lastimado a menores de edad. En el 2002, los obispos de los Estados Unidos adoptaron el Estatuto para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes a raíz de las revelaciones de que cientos de sacerdotes en todo el país habían atacado a miles de niños y jóvenes. La promesa de la Iglesia Católica en ese momento era "promesa de proteger, compromiso para sanar". Esta promesa se produjo principalmente debido a la increíble fe y valentía de aquellos que habían sido víctimas de abu-

so por parte de los sacerdotes. Por dolorosas que hayan sido estas revelaciones, la valentía de las víctimas llamó a la Iglesia a la contrición y la sanación. Estos encuentros no siempre han sido los mejores momentos de la Iglesia. Las revelaciones que se están dando en el estado de Pennsylvania y el comportamiento inmoral alegado de un cardenal estadounidense subrayan que el trabajo no se ha completo.

Para proteger a los vulnerables, la Iglesia Católica estableció pautas de ambiente seguro que buscaban hacer de cualquier iglesia, escuela o institución católica el lugar más seguro que se pueda imaginar para los menores de edad. Y esto ha funcionado bien. Desde el año 2002 se ha reportado cada año menos casos de niños explotados sexualmente al cuidado de la Iglesia y



EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY | SEPTIEMBRE 2018:

SEPT. 2	11 a.m. Instalación del P. Julio Barrera como párroco – Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam
SEPT. 4	11:30 a.m. Reunión con almuerzo con el presbiterado (Grupo de Edad 2)
SEPT. 6	11 a.m. Misa en la Universidad de Brescia
SEPT. 8	11 a.m. Misa de Jubileo de 25 años de la Hna. Anthonia Asayoma, OSF – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
SEPT. 9	9 a.m. Instalación del P. John Okoro como párroco – San Francisco Borgia, Sturgis 2 p.m. Misa de Premios Sofia – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
SEPT. 11	9:30 p.m. Misa – Escuela San José, Bowling Green 5 p.m. Vísperas y cena para sacerdotes, religiosos y sus padres – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
SEPT. 12	8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC)
SEPT. 13	1:45 p.m. Misa – Escuela Secundaria Católica de Owensboro
SEPT. 14	6 p.m. VOCARE – Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro
SEPT. 16	2 p.m. Institución al Ministerio de Acólito, candidatos al diaconado permanente de habla hispana – San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville
SEPT. 17	10 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
SEPT. 18	10 a.m. Día Presbiteral – MCC
SEPT. 19	9 a.m. Día del Personal Diocesano – MCC
SEPT. 20-23	Encuentro Nacional – Grapevine, Texas
SEPT. 25-26	Conferencia RCRI – Chicago
SEPT. 27	11:30 a.m. Reunión con almuerzo con el presbiterado (Grupo de Edad 3)
SEPT. 29	4:45 p.m. Misa – Conferencia Mariana, Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro
SEPT. 30	2 p.m. Celebración Diocesana de Matrimonios – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro

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Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam
Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (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 José, Central City
Cada Primer Domingo del Mes - 8:00 a.m.

113 South 3rd Street, Central City, KY 42330
Contacto: Padre Josh McCarty (270) 754-1164

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Elkton
Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin
Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia 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 Michael Charles Abiero (270) 885-8522 o Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

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

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

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield
Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 526-3723

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray
Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071
Contacto: Hermana Esperanza Rivera (270) 753-3876

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro
Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303
Contacto: Padre Basilio Az Cuc o Padre Jean Rene Kalombo (270) 683-5641

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah
Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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: Padre Ken Mikulcik (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: Alyssa Maty (815) 207-3208 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737

Picnic Parroquiales del 2018

15 Septiembre | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.

Santísima Madre, Owensboro

22 Septiembre | Solamente por carros; 1-3 p.m.

Inmaculada, Owensboro

¡Acompañen al Obispo Medley y celebren sus matrimonios!

Acompáñanos el domingo 30 de septiembre a las 2 p.m. en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro para la Celebración Anual de Matrimonios. La misa comienza a las 2 p.m. seguida inmediatamente con una recepción en el Centro Comunitario del P. John Vaughan. Todos están invitados y las familias son bienvenidas; solo le pedimos a los que vienen que avisen a Charlotte Hedges al (270) 683-1545 o charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org. Patrocinado por la Oficina de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar.

Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones 2018 en la Santísima Trinidad



POR CORTESÍA DE EUGENIA WYLIE
Voluntarios de VBS les enseñan a los niños canciones con movimientos.

La Parroquia Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown tuvo su primera Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (VBS) del 30 de julio al 3 de agosto. La parroquia estaba agradecida con el Padre Michael O'Mara y su equipo - Teresa, Mark y un maravilloso grupo de jóvenes - de la Parroquia San Gabriel Arcángel en Indianápolis por venir y trabajar con los niños. Los niños, junto con los adultos, pasaron una semana llena de diversión en la que aprendieron sobre: "Servir a Dios - Amar a Dios - Amar al Próximo - Servir a los demás - y Servir a nuestra Comunidad". La Santísima Trinidad espera con ansias el próximo verano para otra semana de la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones, que tratará sobre "Amar a Dios y Amar a Todos los Demás".



POR CORTESÍA DE EUGENIA WYLIE
Niños y voluntarios muestran imágenes que hicieron usando sus huellas de manos.



POR CORTESÍA DE EUGENIA WYLIE
Los niños que asisten al VBS de la Santísima Trinidad juegan juntos.

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sus sacerdotes, maestros, ministros, empleados y voluntarios. Estamos lidiando con la humanidad quebrantada, pero incluso una sola instancia en todo el país es abominable. Me hubiera gustado sugerir que la exposición de los pecados de la Iglesia ha hecho que los niños estén más seguros en toda la sociedad, pero no estoy seguro para nada de que la evidencia respalde tal pensamiento. También hubiera deseado informar que incluso estos casos más raros de abuso dentro de la Iglesia no han sucedido en la diócesis de Owensboro. Pero sí han sucedido. Seguimos esforzándonos por responder con prontitud ante cualquier acusación o sospecha y hemos actuado en remover a los abusadores de cualquier posición de responsabilidad y autoridad.

La promesa de sanar es una promesa de continuar invitando a las víctimas a presentarse y permitir

que la Iglesia brinde apoyo, asesoramiento y consuelo. Esta promesa se cumple primero cuando las víctimas hablan sobre su explotación y saben que serán tratadas con respeto y dignidad. La Diócesis de Owensboro está lista para ofrecer asistencia a las víctimas para encontrar la sanación y la paz, sin importar cuánto tiempo haya pasado desde ese abuso.

Invito a todas las personas a unirse a mí en oración por cualquier persona herida y adolorida. En nuestra fe creemos que Jesucristo es un sanador y mira con bondad a los que han sido heridos. ■



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

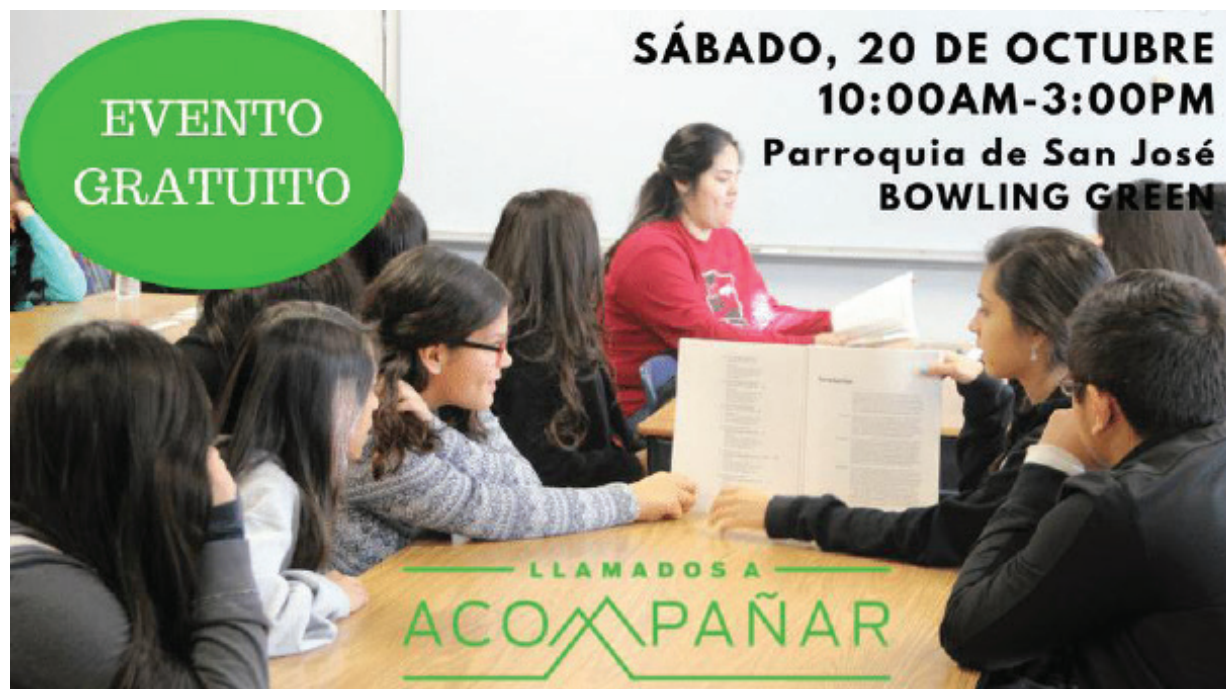
Para reportar una sospecha de abuso, llame a la Línea Directa de Protección Infantil de Kentucky: 1-877-KYSAFE1 o 1-877-597-2331 (llamada gratuita) o comuníquese con su fiscal del Estado local. Para reportar abuso a la diócesis, actual o pasado, por cualquiera persona actuando en nombre de la Iglesia, por favor llame al: 270-852-8380 para hablar con el Coordinador de Asistencia Pastoral. También puede visitar la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro (owensborodiocese.org/safe) para obtener más información.



¿Le interesa el sacerdocio o la vida religiosa?

Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Owensboro a jason.mcclure@pastoral.org o llamando (270) 683-1545 (oficina) o (270) 875-2868 (celular del P. Jason).

Aprenda más en owensborodiocese.org/vocations



EVENTO GRATUITO

SÁBADO, 20 DE OCTUBRE
10:00AM-3:00PM
Parroquia de San José
BOWLING GREEN

LLAMADOS A
ACOMPANAR

REGISTRACION: <https://owensborodiocese.org/acompanar/>

Jóvenes adultos se reúnen para un retiro en el monasterio Pasionista



POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Los adultos jóvenes se arrodillan en oración durante la adoración al Santísimo Sacramento en el día de retiro de jóvenes adultos del 28 de julio en Whitesville.

El sábado 28 de julio, 44 jóvenes adultos de todo el Kentucky occidental se reunieron en el Monasterio San José en Whitesville para un retiro de todo el día diseñado específicamente para un grupo de su edad. El Monasterio de San José es el hogar de una comunidad de monjas Pasionistas de clausura, cuyos carismas incluyen proporcionar un espacio y hospitalidad para retiros de laicos, clérigos y religiosos. El día incluyó pláticas por la Hna. María Faustina, CP, y el Padre Lou Caporiccio, CPM; reflexión individual y tiempo de oración, la oportunidad de ir a la confesión; discusiones en grupos pequeños y adoración con las monjas. El almuerzo y la cena también se proporcionaron a los asistentes al retiro. Para obtener más información sobre los eventos de adultos jóvenes dentro de la diócesis, visite owensborodocese.org/young-adult-ministry.

Taller de Música para coros Hispanos y Concierto de Alabanza

Sábado 27 de Octubre
Parroquia de Cristo Rey

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Taller: 10-2 PM | Concierto: 2:30 PM

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Tres sacerdotes hablarán sobre vocaciones en Vocare 2018



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El P. Basilio Az Cuc sale de la catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro después de su Misa de Ordenación el 30 de mayo de 2016. P. Basilio será uno de los tres sacerdotes que hablará en Vocare el 14 de septiembre de 2018.

El 14 de septiembre de 2018, tres sacerdotes hablarán en el evento anual Vocare - un evento organizado por la Diócesis de Owensboro para recaudar fondos y celebrar las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida religiosa. Los tres sacerdotes son el Padre Basilio Az Cuc, vicario parroquial de Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro; el Padre John Thomas, párroco de la Parroquia Santo Espíritu, Bowling Green; y el Padre Richard Powers, un sacerdote jubilado de la diócesis que reside y asiste en las parroquias de Owensboro. Aquí hay una muestra de lo que hablarán en Vocare:

P. Basilio Az Cuc: "He sido sacerdote por dos años, y mucha gente dice que mi ministerio hace una diferencia en sus vidas, con Dios trabajando a través de mí."

P. John Thomas: "El sacerdocio muestra a una persona dispuesta a hacer un sacrificio, una persona dispuesta a tomar un riesgo y una persona dispuesta a amar. Necesitamos eso en nuestro mundo porque las cosas son tan materialistas, tan transitorias."

P. Richard Powers: "Para mí, las bendiciones más grandes de ser un sacerdote son - ¿qué más? - la Eucaristía y los sacramentos."

Festival de Otoño del Santo Nombre 21-22 de septiembre

La Escuela Santo Nombre ha tenido un GRAN comienzo para el año escolar 2018-2019. Estamos en camino con los planes para nuestro Festival Anual de Otoño, que será el 21 y 22 de septiembre de este año. A este festival asisten personas de toda el área tri-estatal. Todos son bienvenidos a este evento familiar. El viernes 21 de septiembre abrirá a las 5:00 pm y contará con una cena de pescado cocinada por el Club de Hombres del Santo Nombre y el bingo familiar tradicional. El sábado, 22 de septiembre, está abierto de 11 a.m. a 10 p.m., y ofrece cenas de pollo/carne de puerco a la barbacoa cocinadas por el Club de Hombres, y una subasta en vivo. Ambos días tendrán juegos mecánicos ilimitados, puestos de juegos, puestos de comida, una casa embrujada y boletos para una rifa. El boleto de la rifa que cuesta \$10 y el gran premio es \$5,000.00. Los boletos se pueden comprar en la escuela o en la oficina de la iglesia y en el evento hasta el sorteo del sábado por la noche.

El ejemplo de una escuela de Kentucky de acoger al distinto, amar al prójimo



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Alexa Medina, estudiante de quinto grado, posa para una foto el 29 de marzo en la Escuela Católica Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson, Kentucky. Ella es miembro del equipo académico de estudios sociales y de lengua y literatura y dijo que su madre es voluntaria en la cafetería de la escuela y durante las ventas de libros usados. "Estoy feliz de que me trajeron aquí", dijo describiendo la mudanza de sus padres desde Des Moines, Iowa. "Me gusta que no es un lugar muy grande y está tranquilo aquí."

POR TYLER ORSBURN
CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

HENDERSON, Ky. (CNS) - Cuando se trata de grandes poblaciones hispanas, Henderson no es Los Ángeles o la ciudad de Nueva York.

Ubicado en la parte occidental de un estado conocido por su "pasto azul", el río Ohio serpentea fielmente por campos tranquilos de maíz, soya y pe-

dazos de bosque. Su residente más famoso es el naturalista y artista John James Audubon.

"¡Al llegar a Henderson, aprendí que soy latino!" Abraham Brown, director del ministerio latino de la Iglesia Católica Santo Nombre de Jesús, dijo en broma acerca de mudarse del estado conocido como Estrella Solitaria. "Porque allá en Texas todo el mundo se parecía a mí, hablaba como yo. Entonces, venir

aquí fue un desafío al principio".

Brown se mudó a Henderson hace 15 años para trabajar para una compañía de mezclilla. Pero cuando se cerró, la parroquia católica, la cual es parte de la Diócesis de Owensboro, le pidió ayuda con la creciente comunidad latina.

Ahora él trabaja con latinos de 13 países, y ha visto el aumento de la asistencia a la Misa en español desde 20 a 30 por semana hasta entre 100 y 150, dijo.

"Tenemos una estrategia muy proactiva para la integración," dijo Brown a Catholic News Service. "No simplemente nos asimilamos, sino que realmente compartimos nuestros propios valores y cultura (a través del baile, la comida y el culto) con nuestra comunidad."

El Padre Anthony Shonis, vicario parroquial de Santo Nombre de Jesús, le da crédito al difunto obispo de Owensboro, John J. McRaith, por ayudar a esta integración.

"En los finales de la década de 1980, comenzamos a ver a los hispanos en Dairy Queen o Walmart", dijo el vicario bilingüe a CNS mientras estaba sentado en el comedor de la rectoría. "El Obispo McRaith (durante ese tiempo) buscó fondos y dio becas para que todos los sacerdotes en los lugares donde se hablaba español tuvieran un 'ayudante'".

Un "ayudante" es una persona bilingüe, respetada tanto por la comunidad hispana como la comunidad angla que ayuda a los inmigrantes con sus necesidades tanto en la parroquia como de su bien-

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star. "Son gente puente," dijo el Padre Shonis. "Esta persona vale su peso en oro."

Brown, el "gente puente" del Padre Shonis, dice que la población latina en el oeste de Kentucky, el sur de Indiana y el sur de Illinois se ha duplicado en los últimos cinco años. "Mucha gente dice: 'Oh, es solo porque hay muchas oportunidades de trabajo.' Pero las oportunidades de trabajo sin un espíritu acogedor, esto (la integración) no funciona."

Un lugar donde ha funcionado es la escuela. Situada en el centro de la ciudad cerca de una barbería, y a una cuadra y media del campanario, la escuela tiene estudiantes en todos los grados cuya lengua materna es español.

Y Susana Solorza es la cuchara que mezcla el crisol coloquial. La originaria de El Paso, Texas, dijo que ella es la única maestra de español K-8 en el distrito, y si sus estudiantes de séptimo y octavo grados obtienen promedios de 'B-' para ambos años, obtendrán un crédito de la escuela preparatoria "Español I".

"Lo que estoy tratando de hacer es sacudir los estereotipos que las personas de raza caucasiana tienen de los latinos al hablarles en inglés y dejarles que me escuchen hablar en español a otros estudiantes," dijo describiendo parte de su técnica de enseñanza. "Siendo su maestra, dejándolos conocerme a través de la música (la comida) y hablar sobre mi familia (lo que ayuda a romper los estereotipos)."

Para sus estudiantes hispanos, les muestra que hay una maestra como ellos y le da cierta normalidad a lo que es distinto en ellos. "Creo que tener una maestra para llenar esa brecha cultural, la brecha lingüística, es muy importante porque nuestras familias están aquí, y quieren involucrarse, y tratan de involucrarse, y quieren ver a sus estudiantes tener éxito," Solorza le comentó a CNS.



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Samantha Sofia Gonzales Rosales, estudiante de primer grado, posa para una foto el 29 de marzo en la Escuela Católica Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson, Ky. Ella dice que su hermana mayor aún vive en México porque le gusta allí. "Una vez pensó que íbamos a traerla aquí y ella dijo: '¡No quiero ir a Estados Unidos! ¡Quiero quedarme en México!'" Samantha dijo en broma.

"Algo que la comunidad hispana probablemente ha añadido más a nuestra escuela es la diversidad y saber que el hecho de que alguien sea distinto no significa que sea extraño," dijo Scottie Koonce, director de la Escuela Católica Santo Nombre de Jesús describiendo cómo a veces los estudiantes ven la vida. "Y lo que los hispanos probablemente han añadido a nuestra comunidad es enseñar a los niños que el catolicismo no es local, sino global."

Koonce continuó describiendo cómo a los estudiantes les encanta festejar las celebraciones latinas del Día de Muertos y Las Posadas. "Siento que nuestros

niños están empezando a entenderse mejor, y ahí es donde realmente comienza - porque si los niños comienzan a entenderse mejor y respetarse mutuamente, eso se traslada a los adultos."

"El Papa Francisco ha dicho: 'Tienes que arriesgarte y traspasar las barreras,'" dijo el Padre Shonis al describir las calles anchas de la ciudad y las vías del tren. "Este esfuerzo de ir al otro lado nunca puede terminar. Y esta es la base de las escuelas católicas, llevar a las minorías a la cultura prevalente". ■

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COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Choir camp returns to Mount Saint Joseph for ninth year

Members of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest Choir Camp, from the St. Francis De-Sales Oratory in St. Louis, returned to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center the week of Aug. 6-10 for their ninth year of music camp. On Aug. 9, the members performed for the Ursuline Sisters in Saint Joseph Villa. Afterward, the students visited individually with the sisters in the audience. Youths from 9-18 can participate in the camp to learn church music, and members come from all over the country. The students perform their songs in Latin, after spending the week learning vocal technique. In this photo, Sr. Clarita Browning, OSU, (right), and Sr. Francis Louise Johnson, OSU, (left), tell these camp members how much they enjoyed their performance.

VBS at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Parish in Morgantown had their first-ever Vacation Bible School July 30 through Aug. 3. The parish was grateful to Fr. Michael O'Mara and his team – Teresa, Mark, and a wonderful group of young people – from St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis for coming and working with the children. The kids, along with the adults, had a fun-filled week learning about: “Serving God - Loving God - Loving our Neighbors - Serving Others - and Serving our Community.” Holy Trinity looks forward to next summer for another week of VBS, which will be about “Love God and Love Everybody Else.”



COURTESY OF EUGENIA WYLIE

‘Making the mercy of God visible in the world’

Three priests to speak at fifth annual Vocare



WKC FILE

(Left to right) Fr. Richard Powers, Fr. John M. Thomas and Fr. Basilio Az Cuc will speak at Vocare on Sept. 14, 2018.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Fr. Richard Powers, 85, remembers when his father was near the end of his life, homebound and could not get to Mass.

Bishop-at-the-time, Henry J. Soenneker, told Fr. Powers that he needed to celebrate weekly Mass at his parents' house so Fr. Powers' dad could fulfill his Sunday obligation.

Bishop Soenneker's reasoning was that the Powers family had given three sons to the priesthood - Aloysius and Bernard, in addition to Richard - and their father could at least have Mass celebrated in his home.

So Fr. Powers did.

Then one day, Fr. Power's father asked him to hear his confession. Fr. Powers was surprised that his own father would ask this of him, and said so.

"Well, you're a priest, aren't you?" his father had said, which settled the question.

Shortly after that, Fr. Powers' mother started going to him for confession, too.

Fr. Powers spoke highly of "the faith of my mom and dad," who were farmers and raised their 12 children in the Catholic faith.

Whenever one of the Powers children grew up and moved out, the family would get on their knees before their image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and

they would pray together.

"My dad was a saint," Fr. Powers reflected in his Aug. 13 interview with The Western Kentucky Catholic.

Today Fr. Powers is a retired diocesan priest and lives in Owensboro where he frequently assists at local parishes. He, along with Fr. Basilio Az Cuc and Fr. John Thomas, will speak at the fifth annual Vocare gala on Sept. 14 at the Owensboro Convention Center in downtown Owensboro.

Vocare, which is Latin for "to call" is both a fundraiser and a celebration of vocations in the Diocese of Owensboro.

The annual event began in 2014 and helps raise funds for diocesan seminarian education, which the diocese covers to assist young men discerning the priesthood. Additionally, when a Diocese of Owensboro parishioner joins a religious community, a portion of the funds raised at Vocare is gifted to that community.

Vocare also serves as an opportunity for laypeople, clergy and religious alike to gather from all over western Kentucky in appreciation of the crucial role vocations play in the life of the Catholic Church.

"I've been a priest now for two years, and a lot of people say my ministry makes a difference in their lives, with God working through me," said Fr. Az Cuc, who at 37 is the youngest priest to speak at this year's Vocare.

Fr. Az Cuc is the associate pastor of SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro. He told the WKC

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in an Aug. 10 interview that the priesthood “makes the presence of God and the mercy of God visible in the world.”

Fr. Az Cuc said that when he began discerning the priesthood many years ago, “at first I thought it was my idea.”

“Then I realized it was God who put it in my heart, and it was not up to me to dismiss it,” he said.

Fr. John Thomas would agree.

“I believe this is what I was created to do,” said Fr. Thomas, 52, who is the pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green. “I’ve said it many times, but, the proof of that is that I don’t think there’s anything else in my life that could draw upon the skills and talents that I possess.”

Fr. Thomas, who spoke with the WKC on Aug. 8, said he enjoys being a priest, “and I still get excited about it after 25 years.”

“The priesthood shows a person willing to sacrifice, a person willing to take a risk, and a person willing to love,” he said. “We need that in our world because things are so materialistic, so transitional.”

Fr. Thomas said that for every year he has been a priest, “I would absolutely do it all over again.” ■



Register for Vocare 2018

Vocare 2018 will take place on Friday, Sept. 14 at the Owensboro Convention Center in downtown Owensboro, beginning with a 5 p.m. social hour and 6 p.m. dinner. To learn more or to register, visit owensborodiocese.org/vocare.

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Young adults learn biblical roots of the Mass at Theology on Tap



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Approximately 60 young adults listen to Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM, speak about the Mass in the evening of Aug. 20, 2018.

BY WKC STAFF

“When you say that you’re Catholic, you’re not saying that you’re one Christian denomination among many,” said Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM, a Father of Mercy priest who spoke at Owensboro’s Theology on Tap the evening of Aug. 20, 2018. “You’re saying you’re part of the universal covenant.”

Fr. Geraci spoke to the approximately 60 young adults gathered at Fetta Specialty Pizza in downtown Owensboro, where he talked about the biblical roots of the Mass, as well as how to “pray” the Mass.

The crowd, which was originally seated in the restaurant’s upstairs room, eventually had to be moved downstairs to the main floor of the restau-

rant due to large number of attendees. The outdoor seating was also opened up for more overflow.

Theology on Tap began in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1981 as an initiative to reach Catholic young adults. The following decades saw the program spread across the United States as a way to offer young adult-relevant presentations about Catholicism in restaurants, bars and other public places. Since then, Theology on Tap has often become synonymous with young adult ministry, a growing movement in the Catholic Church to serve and reconnect with those from 18 years of age to those in their 30s. ■



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Forty-four young adults gather for retreat day at Passionist monastery

BY WKC STAFF

On Saturday, July 28, 44 young adults from across western Kentucky gathered at St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville for an all-day retreat geared specifically to their age group.

St. Joseph Monastery is the home of a community of cloistered Passionist nuns, whose charisms include providing a space and hospitality for lay, clergy and religious retreat.

The day included talks by Sr. Maria Faustina, CP, and Fr. Lou Caporiccio, CPM; individual reflection and prayer time, the opportunity to go to confession; small group discussions, and adoration with the nuns. Lunch and dinner were also provided to the retreat-goers.

For more information about young adult events within the diocese, visit owensborodiocese.org/young-adult-ministry or contact Charlie Hardesty, director of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org. ■

Communio

Why people are 'leaving Communion to find communion'

BY JOE BLAND, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I had a young woman who was a member of our parish tell me right after she and her husband married that in the two years that they came to our parish, my wife and I were the only people ever to greet them. For full disclosure I knew this couple before they married and moved to our parish.

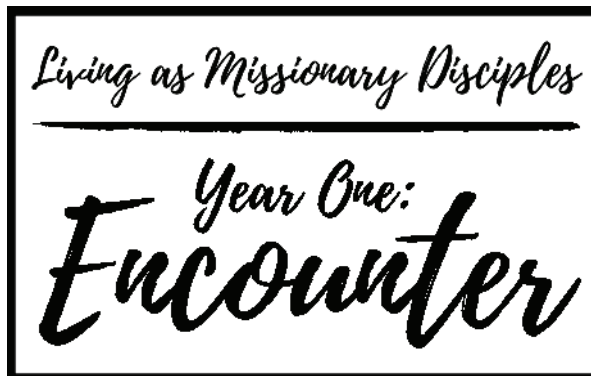
I am as guilty as anyone else in not greeting newcomers to our parish. But I bring up this story because this couple just wanted someone to recognize them and say hello, welcome to our parish, my name is...

It reminds me of the theme song for the old 1980's sitcom "Cheers." In the song it says, "Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came." Shouldn't that be our parishes? Shouldn't the parish be the place where everyone or at least someone knows your name and is glad to see you each week and knows when you aren't there?

Interestingly enough, the great St. Benedict wrote in his rule for monks, "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matt. 25:35). Proper honor must be shown to all, especially to those who share our faith (Gal 6:10) and to pilgrims." Imagine if all of our parishes took this philosophy of hospitality, this philosophy of "communio" or community?

When you think about the word communion, what comes to mind? The Eucharist? Holy Communion?

At its root, communion or "communio" (Latin) is where we also get the word for community. It is believed that the word is derived from com = with or together + unus = oneness or union. So, when we come together around the Eucharistic Table we are in a "common union" or communion with one another. We share the Eucharist which we call Communion.



That communion is to not only bring Christ to us, body, blood, soul and divinity, but also it is there to bring us closer together as the Body of Christ.

But, as we know, some have left our table to go elsewhere.

In studies that I have read regarding people leaving the Catholic Church, there is a saying that keeps coming up: I was not being fed at the Catholic Church. When I first encountered this statement my

reaction was, "What do you mean you weren't being fed? You were receiving the Eucharist; shouldn't that be enough?"

Then it came to me in prayer that they were "leaving Communion to go find communion." They were leaving the Church to go find community. They wanted to go where somebody knew their name, and was glad they came. Remember, we are a family not an organization.

Pope Francis tells us, "The Church is a family of families" (Amoris laetitia 87). When we lose sight of this we become a "social club," or a great charity organization, and that's not what the Church does. She evangelizes - that is what she is called to do. And part of evangelization is to walk with our fellow family members.

In his new Apostolic Exhortation, Pope Francis tells us, "A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan" (Gaudete et exsultate 145).

In this Year of Encounter may we seek out the stranger in our midst because it may be the Lord calling us to encounter Him. ■

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First-grader Samantha Sofia Gonzales Rosales poses for a photo March 29 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Henderson, Ky. She said her oldest sister still lives in Mexico because she likes it there. "One time she thought we were going to take her here and she said, 'I don't want to go to U.S.A.! I want to stay in Mexico!'" Samantha said jokingly. See page 9 for full story.

Remaining 2018 parish picnics in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Parish picnics and cooking teams are a longstanding tradition in the Diocese of Owensboro. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike gather to celebrate with food, games and fellowship during the warmest months of the year. All questions about the individual picnics may be directed to the parishes.

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
SEPT 8	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 8	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
SEPT 15	Serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 15	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
SEPT 16	Serving at 11 a.m.	(St. Lawrence picnic grounds) St. William and St. Lawrence, Philpot
SEPT 22	Serving from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.	St. Pius X, Calvert City
SEPT 22	Drive-thru only; 1-3 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 23	Serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	St. Joseph, Central City
SEPT 29	Serving from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Honeyfest Dinner, Silent Auction, Raffle	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
SEPT 30	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville