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Pope names 20 new cardinals

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY- Pope Francis named cardinal electors "from 14 nations of every continent, showing the inseparable link between the church of Rome and the particular churches present in the world."

New cardinals

Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, 62, France; Patriarch Manuel Jose Macario do Nascimento Clemente, 66, Portugal; Archbishop Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel, 66, Ethiopia; Archbishop John Dew, 66, New Zealand; Archbishop Edoardo Menichelli, 75, Italy; Archbishop Pierre Nguyen Van Nhon, 76, Vietnam; Archbishop Alberto Suarez Inda, 76, Mexico;

Archbishop Charles Bo, 66, Myanmar; Archbishop Francis Xavier Kriengsak Kovithavanij, 65, Thailand; Archbishop Francesco Montenegro, 68, Italy; Archbishop Daniel Fernando Sturla Berhouet, 55, Uruguay; Archbishop Ricardo Blazquez Perez, 72, Spain; Bishop Jose Luis Lacunza Maestrojuan, 70, Panama; Bishop Arlindo Gomes Furtado, 65, Cape Verde; Bishop Soane Mafi, 53, Tonga; Archbishop Jose de Jesus Pimiento Rodriguez, retired, 96, Colombia; Archbishop Luigi De Magistris, retired, 88, Italy; Archbishop Karl-Joseph Rauber, 80, Germany; Archbishop Luis Hector Villalba, retired, 80, Argentina; and Bishop Julio Duarte Langa, retired, 87, Mozambique.

Online resources help Catholics

A variety of resources to help Catholics observe Lent is provided by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

With the theme *Raise* resources include video themes, a downloadable



Up. Sacrifice. Offer., reflections on Lenten Lenten calendar with

See Online resources, pg. 8

Parish catechetical leadership



Left to right: Maria Aldana, St. Robert, El Campo; Sac Dao, Assumption Chapel, Palacios; Stephanie Charbula, St. Joseph, Inez; Chris Alvarez, director of OCM; Mike Sablatura, ABVM, Ganado; Cynthia Nemec, St. Peter, Blessing; Maggie Galloway, St. Patrick, Seadrift; and Linda Beard, OLG, Port Lavaca.

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We shall be changed

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) incorporates several rituals. Locally, a parish celebrates the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome and the Rite of Sending with candidates before they meet with Bishop Fellhauer for the Rite of Election. At the Rite of Election, candidates are admitted into the elect or those to be fully received into the Catholic Church at the upcoming Easter Vigil. *We shall be changed; the trumpet will sound.*

Last month, Bishop Fellhauer celebrated the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. 17 parishes were represented from 13 cities. Fr. Tommy Chen served as master of ceremonies. Catechumens came forward as a representative of their parish called their names. Bishop Fellhauer asked if they wished to enter the Catholic Church through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist. He declared them members of the elect to soon be



Bishop Fellhauer at The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion ceremonies

initiated. At the celebration of the Call to Continuing Conversion, previously baptized candidates sought to be fully received into the Catholic Church as well. They were recognized and asked to hear the Lord's call in being faithful to their baptismal covenant. Afterwards, a reception and brief tours were provided at the Chancery. Assisting with the reception were JoAnn Bleier, Barbara Respondek, and Jo Chanek of Holy Family CDA Court #2265. Parishes in attendance included Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Gana-

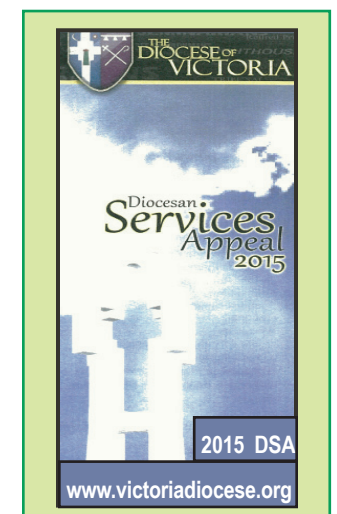
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Catholic Knowledge Bowl

Congratulations to the winners of the 8th Annual CKB!

Family Team/ 1st place: Wenske Warriors of St. Joseph, Moulton: Mary Ann Wenske, Scott Wenske, James Wenske, and John Wenske. Adult Team/ 1st place: Bertrand Bees of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria: Christopher Kallus, David Coffey, Diana Kruciak, and Betty Mitchell. Teen Team/ 1st place: Faithful Flyers of St. Joseph High School, Victoria: Lauren Omecinski, Katherine Dent, Abigail Gwodz, and Taylor Janak.

View CKB photos online!





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Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

March

- 18** 2:30 p.m. Finance Board Meeting, 2nd Floor, Chancery, Victoria
4:00 p.m. Building Board Meeting, Chancery, Victoria
- 20** 8:05 a.m. St. Michael School Visit and Golf Tournament, Cuero
- 21** 1:00 p.m. ACTS Golf Tournament, Bay City
- 22** 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Holy Cross Church, East Bernard
4:30 p.m. Mass, Family Life Conference, Holy Family Church, Victoria
- 23** Texas Catholic Conference Spring Bishops' Meeting, Austin
- 26** 7:00 p.m. Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards Dinner, Shiner
- 29** 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria
- 31** 10:00 a.m. Chrism Mass, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria

April

- 2** 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria
- 3** 12:00 p.m. Way of the Cross, Holy Trinity Chapel, Victoria
- 4** 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria
- 10** 1:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament, The Club at Colony Creek, Victoria

Thank you note

Dear Bishop Fellhauer:

It is with great gratitude I write to acknowledge your contribution of \$50,782.67 from your 2014 Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE). Through such support, the collection helps to provide a stable future for the Catholic Church in this region. Last year, the collection funded 290 grants totaling \$7.85 million. Thank you and the parishioners of the Diocese of Victoria.

Respectfully,

Blase J. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on Aid to the CCEE

*We are limited creatures, sinners
always in need
of repentance and conversion.
How important it is to
listen and accept
these reminders;
especially during Lent.
~Pope Francis*

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Happy birthday!



Chase Goodman is in Pre-Theology II at Holy Trinity Seminary. His birthday is Mar. 22.



James Dvorak is in College IV at Holy Trinity Seminary. His birthday is Mar. 24.

Please show your support for both of our seminarians by writing to Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving, TX 75062.



DSA update

2014 Diocesan Services Appeal

Diocesan Goal:	\$ 1,824,625.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$ 1,006,885.09
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$ 987,418.34
Number of Parish	
Families Participating:	3,619



Fall Vermont Tour: Oct. 16-24, 2015
Only 8 spaces available!

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Glacier National Park:** July 23-29

Oregon's Natural Wonders:
Sept. 20-26

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Seminary Burses

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is \$15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received. Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation to: DIOCESE OF VICTORIA • SEMINARY BURSES • P. O. BOX 4070 • VICTORIA, TX 77903.

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Total \$3,294.00

— **Rev. Msgr. James Brunner**
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In loving memory of Rev. Msgr. James
Brunner by a friend 500.00
Total \$1,125.00

— **Rev. Charles Carolan**
In loving memory of Rev. Charles
Carolan by a friend 500.00
Total \$500.00

— **CDA St. Ann Ct. #369**
Previously reported \$10,733.99
In memory of George Boedeker by

CDA St. Ann Ct. #369 25.00
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— **Rev. Charles Owusu Dwomoh**
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In honor of Rev. Charles Dwomoh's
birthday celebration by
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— **Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer/ Catholic
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Easter blessings for the Most Rev. David
E. Fellhauer by a friend 1,000.00
Total \$6,200.00

— **Louis and Edith Hickl**
Previously reported \$12,520.00
In loving memory of my parents, Ed and
Alla Naiser, and my husband,
Wayne Smith by Bernice Smith 50.00
Total \$12,570.00

— **KC Ganado Council #3204**
Rev. Joseph Hybner

Previously reported \$4,246.00
Easter blessings for Rev. Msgr.
Joe Hybner by a friend 500.00
Total \$4,746.00

— **Rev. Greg Korenek**
Previously reported \$500.00
Valentine Day greetings for Rev.
Greg Korenek by a friend 500.00
Total \$1,000.00

— **Rev. Charles Kram**
Previously reported \$1,100.00
In loving memory of Rev.
Charles Kram by a friend 500.00
Total \$1,600.00

— **Rev. Gabriel Maison**
Previously reported \$1,000.00
In honor of Rev. Gabriel Maison's
birthday celebration by a friend 500.00
Total \$1,500.00



Students at **St. Michael Catholic School**, Weimar, recently competed on teams to raise funds for seminarian education. Students raised \$1,730 in creation of a seminarian burse. They surprised Msgr. John C. Bily by honoring him with the donation. Presenting the check to Msgr. Bily is Carolanne McAfee, school principal.

— **Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #7**
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In memory of Bill Curley by
Charles and Doloris Leopold 100.00
Bernard and Mary Grahmann 10.00
In memory of Anita Pesek by
Frank and Rita Zaruba 25.00
In memory of Terrence Wick by
Frank and Rita Zaruba 25.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. John Peters' 40th ordination anniversary to the priesthood by Raymond and Lois Dornak 20.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. John Peters in thanksgiving for blessing of our new home by Gilbert and Mary Urbish 20.00
Total \$6,430.00

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In memory of Rev. Henry Rachunek by
Margaret Zahn 25.00
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— **Rev. Michael Rother**
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John Rother Jr., James Rother,
Jim and Mary Anne Gibson, and
Johnny and Micki Krchnak 100.00
Bernard and Madeline Rother 25.00
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— **Rev. Msgr. Victor Schmidtzensky**
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Victor Schmidtzensky's 10th death
anniversary (2/25) by a friend 500.00
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Journeys of Faith with Ceci Pilgrimages

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Several OLV students participated in the recent Spelling Bee. Bishop Fellhauer served as 'pronouncer'. Judges included Fr. Pat Knippenberg, parochial vicar of OLV; Anna Ripamonti, former teacher; and Georganna Meismer, former teacher. Denise Smith, 3rd grade teacher, directed the event.



Bishop Fellhauer and OLV students at the OLV Spelling Bee. Above, front row, right, 8th grader, Pranav Jain, won the Victoria County Spelling Bee and will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee.



CDA Court St. Ann #369, Victoria, hosted a shower for the Gabriel Project last month. In support of life, a \$200 check was presented to the Gabriel Project. Court members also brought gifts for newborns, mothers, and made additional monetary donations. Left to right: Kathryn Ormsby, regent and Stefani Spears, representative for the Gabriel Project.



CDA Court #1598 of Holy Cross, Yorktown, recently held a baby shower for the DeWitt County Gabriel Project. Donna Flores, representative of the Gabriel Project, spoke about the history of the Gabriel Project and provided information

about what it does to help women. Also, in attendance was Margie Smith, co-coordinator for DeWitt County organization. Members presented gifts of clothes, blankets, diapers, a stroller, a bassinet, as well as financial contributions. Helen Mikus led a prayer service. The Gabriel Project is an ecumenical movement of churches standing together in their willingness to offer assistance to women facing crisis pregnancies. The church community accepts the expectant mother with unconditional love. Volunteers offer confidential and caring assistance for emotional, spiritual, material, and educational needs, providing immediate and practical help. For more information, visit www.gabrielproject.com, www.spiritualadoption.org, or see ad on page 11.



Bishop Daniel E. Garcia

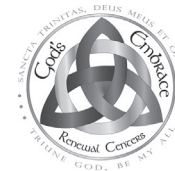
Austin receives new bishop

Pope Francis has named Fr. Daniel E. Garcia, as auxiliary bishop of Austin. In the Diocese of Austin, this is the first time an auxiliary bishop has been appointed. An auxiliary bishop assists the bishop in carrying out his duties and responsibilities as the chief shepherd of the diocese.

God's Embrace Renewal Center offers one day and weekend retreats. They are presented by Dr. Michael Fonseca sessions with Scripture, sharing of reconciliation, Mass, and

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or
- Call Fr. Gary Janak (361) 575-4741 or Sr. Emilie Eilers (361) 575-7111, Coordinators of Pastoral Care and Outreach;
or
- Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer
Diocese of Victoria, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903
Mark your letter "Personal and Confidential"

We will also help you bring your concerns to Church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria.

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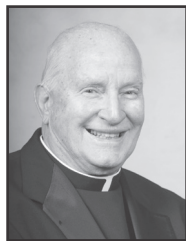
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For
Lenten Vespers,
retreats,
prayer services,
and more,
see *TCL* Events
on page 11!



In memory



Fr. Richard Joseph Beck, OMI, born in Victoria on Mar. 9, 1925, died in San Antonio on Feb. 4, 2015 at the age of 89. He graduated from St. Joseph High School, Victoria and returned later to serve as chaplain for his alma mater. He served in the Army in World War II in the Pacific Theater. He earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Houston and worked for RCA. He entered St. Peter's Novitiate on June 12, 1961 in Mission, TX and professed vows as a member of the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on June 13, 1962. He completed studies in theology at Oblate College, now Oblate School of Theology, in San Antonio. He was ordained to the priesthood on Sept. 8, 1967 by Bishop Stephen Leven. He served in San Juan, TX; at the St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, LA; and as a prison chaplain with Texas Department of Corrections in Richmond, Sugarland, and Huntsville. He was a pastor at Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca, and Our Lady of Refuge, Eagle Pass. Also, he worked in Oblate vocation promotion, in retreat ministry in Dickinson, and in school ministry in the Diocese of Victoria. In 2006, he retired and moved to Oblate Madonna Residence in San Antonio where he was actively involved in the Worldwide Marriage Encounter. He was preceded in death by his parents, John L. and Mary R. (Hickey) Beck; 2 sisters, Genevieve Beck and Josephine Wearden; and 2 brothers, Lawrence and James. In addition to his Oblate family, he is survived by his nieces, nephews, and numerous friends.

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Crown Hospice—Bring blessings to patients and their families by volunteering. For more information, call (361) 575-5900 or visit www.crownhospice.com.

Engaged Encounter—Apr. 17-19, June 5-7, Aug. 28-30, and Oct. 16-18. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 x2230 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Gabriel Project—Helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy- an alternative to abortion. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 101 W. Convent. Light supper included. For angel workshop/training dates, contact Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or barbaramccain85@yahoo.com. Holy Family, Wharton, meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Sts. Peter and Paul, Meyersville, meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (979) 532-3593, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or visit www.gabrielproject.com.

Grief Group—Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in conference/brides' room at Holy Family Church, Victoria. Before attending, call Sharon at (361) 578-7572.

Incarnate Word Prayer Group—Praise and worship on Mondays 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street. For more information, contact Sr. Louise Marie Jones at (361) 575-7111 or amormeus@yahoo.com.

Marriage Encounter—This program is no longer offered in the Diocese of Victoria. Replacing it is Retrouvaille (see below). To find a Marriage Encounter weekend outside of the diocese, visit www.wwme.org.

Natural Family Planning—NFP is the only church-approved form of family planning. To learn about the sympto-thermal method in the Victoria area and NFP class schedules, contact David and Annie Coffey at victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com. In Wharton, contact Susanne Koch at (505) 710-0903 or susannekoch614@gmail.com.

Raphael's Refuge—RR's mission is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies, born and unborn. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Flatonia. Peer counseling and spiritual direction are available for those suffering a loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. For more information, visit www.raphaelsrefuge.org.

Retrouvaille—Retrouvaille, meaning rediscovery, is a marriage-healing ministry offered in the diocese to couples in difficult marriages. Contact John and Jennifer Vincent at jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or (361) 580-2770; call (800) 470-2230; or visit www.helpourmarriage.org or www.retrouvaille.org.

St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity/Secular Franciscans—For dates, contact Mary Ann LeBlanc at (361) 575-1858 or visit www.lostrescompaneros-sfo.org.

That Man Is You—This men's group transforms men, families, and society as it presents the vision of man fully alive. Holy Cross, Bay City, Fri. 5:45-7:15 a.m.; Holy Family, Victoria, Wed. 5:45-7:00 a.m., St. Peter Parish Hall; and Assumption, Ganado, Wed. 5:30-7:15 a.m., JPII Family Center. Visit www.thatmanisyou.org.

To Love as God Loves—This marriage preparation program is for couples 40 and over, couples seeking convalidation, and couples seeking a second marriage and beyond. Dates: May 17 and Sept. 27. For more information, brochure, or registration form, visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Presidio La Bahia (PLB) Museum and Visitor Center
29th Annual Goliad Massacre and Living History Program
March 28 & 29, 2015

The Presidio, located in Goliad, is the only Spanish fort in the possession of the Catholic church in North America and is a National Historic Landmark. The museum is open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and is closed on major holidays. For more information, contact (361) 645-3752 or visit www.presidiolabahia.org.

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*Go forth and
teach all nations,
baptizing them in the
name of the Father,
and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.
~Matthew 28:19*



The Youth Spectacular at Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton was a wonderful event! The keynote presenter was Marcel LeJuene, assistant director of campus ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M University. During his talk, he shared many insights as to what it means to be Catholic. Some of his impactful stories included sharing his faith with others while seated on an airplane, utilizing his faith while watching his sister die of cancer, extending his faith to a woman's husband in need of being called back to the Church, and evangelizing his faith when a couple of ladies of another religion knocked on his door in hopes of his conversion. He also spoke about the biblical story of Moses.



MARCEL LEJUENE,
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



SR. AMATA
HOLLAS,
GUEST SPEAKER

Sr. Mildred enlightened listeners with her story about 'being called' and how she continues to care of animals.

Youth enjoyed music provided by Shield of Faith. Many played several interactive games which involved Oreo cookies, pencils, ping pong balls, and more!

Afterwards, Bishop Fellhauer celebrated a very special Mass. Liturgy concelebrants were Fr. Bob Knippenberg, pastor of Holy Family, Wharton; Fr. Michael Petering, pastor of St. Agnes, Edna; and Fr. Michael Rother, pastor of St. Philip, El Campo.



SR. MILDRED
TRUCHARD,
GUEST SPEAKER



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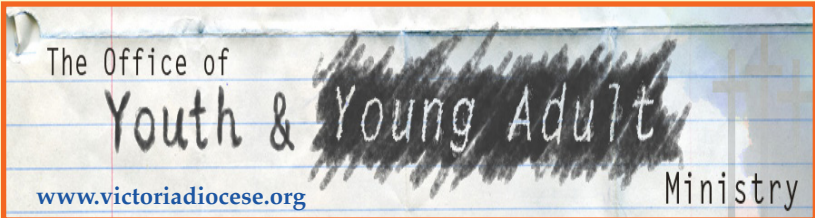
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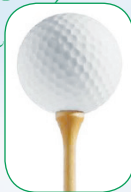
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April 10, 2015

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The Club at
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The tournament is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #9088. Funds from the tournament will benefit youth and vocation programs that have enriched the spiritual lives of many young people of our diocese. The average cost to educate one seminarian for a year is \$35,000. This year, again, the diocese has 16 seminarians! With this blessing also comes great responsibility; as we are reminded by Pope Francis, "We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, always trying to live in an irreprehensible way."

Sponsorships may be mailed to the Diocese of Victoria, P. O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 by April 2, 2015.

Please view poster sample below and selection of seminarians. For more information, contact Monroe Rieger, tournament chairman, at (361) 571-6535.



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Deacon
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Saturday, March 28, 2015

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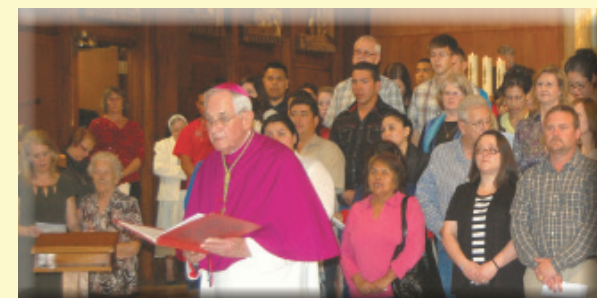
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www.schulenburgsausagefest.com.

We shall be changed

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(A) Bishop Fellhauer accepted the lists of names of the elect from parish representatives. (B) Bishop Fellhauer received affirmation by godparents and assembly.

do; Holy Cross, Bay City; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nada; Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca; Sacred Heart, Hallettville; St. Agnes, Edna; St. Anthony, Columbus; St. Joseph, Yoakum; St. Philip, El Campo; Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner; and Holy Family, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Victory, and St. Mary, all of Victoria.

Fr. Gary Janak, diocesan chancellor and pastor of OLV, conducted Ash Wednesday services at Victoria College last month.





PASTORAL INSTITUTE CONTINUING ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT Extended Program



Sr. Digna Vela teaches the Introduction to New Testament and Synoptic Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke

The Extended Program provides a classroom setting at the Chancery in Victoria as well as via distance learning at Sacred Heart Church in Hallettsville and St. Roch Church in Mentz. For class dates or for more information, call (361) 573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Online resources help Catholics

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quotes from Pope Francis' Message for Lent and other teachings, and suggestions for taking an active approach to the 3 traditional pillars of Lenten observance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Catholics are encouraged to *raise up* the needs of the world in prayer, to sacrifice by giving up food and material wants, and to offer time, talent, and treasure as good stewards of their God-given gifts.

The site also includes facts about saints whose feast days or memorials fall within Lent, a reflection on fasting, and information on rediscovering the sacraments. If you have not checked it out, do so! Visit www.usccb.org.

Parish catechetical leadership

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Seven parish catechetical leaders completed the basic formation in PCL training. The 24-hour training, allowed leaders to learn about the vision and goals of catechesis, the ministry, and the role of a catechetical leader. Also, an in-depth look at catechetical documents such as the *National Directory for Catechesis*, *General Directory for Catechesis*, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, *RCIA*, and many more were viewed.

What PCLs are saying:

My experiences with catechists, students, and parents as a PCL at St. Robert's have provided a variety of opportunities to serve the community in a positive way by coming together as one family. ~María Aldana

PCL training was a wonderful way to connect with others and learn how they deal with a very important role within our churches. I personally enjoyed the classes and meeting new people. ~Stephanie Charbula

I learned how to write a vision statement, mission statement, and goals. I also learned more about the sacraments- especially baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist.

~Cynthia Nemec

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Now is an acceptable time

The Greek words *chronos* and *kairos* always remind me of Frank Kermode's book *The Sense of an Ending*- required reading for M.A. comprehensive exams at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Not that I wrote anything profound that awful day. I received a B on my comprehensive exams, though I had trended toward A's throughout graduate school. I choose to blame my performance on the migraine that rendered the experience a blur.

I remember 3 writers from the long list of required reading for comprehensive exams: *Four Quartets* by T.S. Eliot, *The Writing Life and Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard, and Frank Kermode's *The Sense of an Ending*.

I might have known I was headed for a massive conversion- for I have forgotten most of the other things I read in the months of preparation for comps, but the things that remained and took residency in my long term memory were Annie Dillard, T.S. Eliot, and Frank Kermode. If one took those books and ground them with a mortar and pestle, one might end up with words like Catholic and mystery and contemplative and writer.

There is something about the notion of *kairos*. A time for each thing. A season. A changing-over and rendering up. Dropping nets to follow. Abandoning the now for the unexpected call. The sense of an ending and of a beginning.

When one talks about such things, others stare. They do not get it. They do not sense the crook of God's fin Shepherd's staff. They To follow. To pick up both. There is some painful- in accepting in these *kairos* mo One may try to get but there is no way being in your skin. Not as the thoughts bounce soul. The most one can hope for is for one's spiritual director to affirm the call. It is enough. A nod from Him and a nod from grace- that will do.

Kairos. The changing time. A blank page. Who needs January 1st to set new things in motion? God just needs today. A deep breath. A teeny tiny fiat.

It is not that a miraculous is about to happen, just His holy will for you. Maybe that is miraculous, in the ways healing, wholeness, deliverance, and restoration are miraculous. Somehow, one knows it. One begins to perceive it.

The words on the blank page are written in invisible ink- the kind of ink that fills God's pen. One's spirit is the secret decoder that unlocks the hidden script. One sees the words. One begins to realize- so that is what I have been called to do. That is where I am called to go. It has been that all along.

"Okay, let's do. So be it, amen," you say. You drop your nets and walk away from what was to embrace what is to come. It is the moment you are ready for God's plan for you.

Kairos. Not tick-tock clock time. Not the hour of a particular day of a specific month of the year. Not *chronos*. This is *kairos*. A season. The season for changing. Now is the acceptable *kairos*. It is Lent. Repent and believe the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ground everything down with your own mortar and pestle. Offer that to Our Lord.

Yes, now is an acceptable time.

Seminary Burses

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— Rev. Jerome J. Stryk Burse #2		— Rev. Edward Winkler	
Previously reported	\$1,699.50	Previously reported	\$1,500.00
In honor and appreciation of Rev. Dan Kahlich by Callan and Linda Oltmann	50.00	Easter blessings for Rev. Eddie Winkler by a friend	500.00
Total	\$1,749.50	In memory of Deloris Ohnheiser by Eugene and Henrietta Veselka	25.00
		Total	\$2,025.00



FAITH & FAMILY

The Catholic Lighthouse
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Sunday Readings from March 8 to April 5, 2015

Mar. 8- *Third Sunday of Lent*
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalms 19:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

Mar. 15- *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalms 137:1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

Mar. 22- *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalms 51:3-4, 12-15
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Mar. 29- *Palm Sunday*
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Apr. 2- *Holy Thursday*
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Psalms 116:12-13, 15-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

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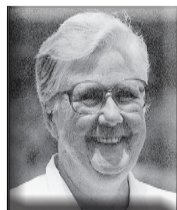
Apr. 3- *Good Friday*
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Apr. 4- *Holy Saturday*
Genesis 1:1-2:2
Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35
Genesis 22:1-18
Psalms 16:5, 8-11
Exodus 14:15-15:1
Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18
Isaiah 54:5-14
Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-6
Baruch 3:9-15, 32C4:4
Psalms 19:8-11
Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28
Psalms 51:12-15, 18-19
Epistle: Romans 6:3-11
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

Apr. 5- *The Resurrection*
Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



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SISTERLY THOUGHTS

by Sr. Mildred Truchard, IWBS

Teams celebrated



We all love occasions to celebrate. In addition to the regular liturgical feasts and seasons of the Church's liturgical year, we have special observances such as Priests' Sunday, the Synod on the Family, and now the Year of Consecrated Life. We may be wondering why the celebratory spotlight is continually focusing on certain segments of the People of God. Since the Synod on the Family last October, Pope Francis- and all of us- are focusing on the family as the Church prepares for the completion of the work of Synod in October. The family is so important that it is called the 'domestic Church'- the Christ-centered source from which we first receive the gift of faith.

The second spotlight is focused on Pope Francis' declaration of 2015 as the Year of Consecrated Life. He calls us to "Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living! It is possible to live differently in this world." You will be seeing more about the segment of the People of God during the year.

I like to look on the People of God- all of us- as a kind of team. Some of us saw the 2015 Super Bowl and watched actions being played and replayed. Many of us are cheering on our favorite basketball teams. We realize a well-organized team has players who have the skills and preparation for certain aspects of the game. Each player executing his (or her) specific job well contributes to the team's success.

In many ways, the same is true of the great team- the People of God- composed of players (members) with specific roles. Let us pray for all members, that God grants them the grace to appreciate their roles and the roles of one another. So may our families remember to make Christ the center of the 'domestic churches.' Also, may all consecrated persons truly be witnesses of living differently in this world and may all be mindful that together we are the People of God... *Go, People of God, Go!*

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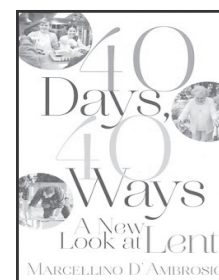
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Puzzle contest

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be a spiritual transformation and closer walk with Christ- not only during Lent, but throughout the year.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past 6 months, please mail a completed Mar. puzzle form by Mar. 27, 2015 to *The Catholic Lighthouse*, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 for a chance to win!

Seminarian Blayne Jemelka
invites you to join him at the
St. Joseph Abbey Youth Festival!
MARCH 21, 2015
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A Diocesan Celebration of Family Life!

MARCH 22, 2015

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

For more information, see *TCL* Events on pg. 11!

Special thanks

St. Agnes CDA, St. Theresa the Little Flower Society #1350, Edna, recently distributed donations to numerous local worthy recipients. According to Theresa Martin, regent, the annual Strudel Bake was the source of the funds which raised \$3,750.

Recipients included The Gabriel Project, Wounded Warriors, Mid Coast Family Services, Hospice of South Texas, Accolade Hospice, Senior Center Services, Edna Volunteer Fire Department, and Golden Crescent Food Bank. In addition, a share of the proceeds will be given to each of the diocesan seminarians on their birthdays to show our support and appreciation of their vocations.

The organization wishes to extend sincere thanks to the local HEB store for assistance with the Strudel Bake as well as to all of those that ordered strudels and support the CDA.



Diocesan Services Appeal volunteers prepare materials



SAVE THE DATE

XXVIII Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry
Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person
October 24, 2015

Holy Family Catholic Church • Wharton, TX

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Annual Chicken/Sausage Dinner

Sunday, March 22, 2015

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Parish Hall • 105 N. William St. • Victoria, TX

BBQ Chicken or Sausage, Cole Slaw, Potatoes and Beans

Dine-in: Adults- \$8 p/p. Children- \$3

Plates-to-go: Chicken or Sausage- \$8



ARTICLE SERIES (6 of 6)

TCC policy issues:

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Criminal Justice

Ours should be a just and compassionate society committed to ensuring the safety and protection of our communities while encouraging the merciful forgiveness and rehabilitation of criminal offenders. We support reform to the state's criminal justice system that ends the death penalty, provides for the compassionate treatment of prisoners, and encourages the rehabilitation and forgiveness for those reentering society. Oppose the use of the death penalty in Texas. Support the chaplain corps to ensure access to pastoral counseling and services. Support efforts to improve access to medical care for the incarcerated in Texas. Support reintegrating parolees into society, including repealing the ban on drug felons from receiving food stamps and/or student loans. Support efforts to improve the training and supervision of correctional officers in dealing with incarcerated offenders. For more information, visit www.txcatholic.org, www.faithfulcitizenship.org, or www.usccb.org.



Alyssa Michalke was recently named the first female commander of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. She is the daughter of Rodney and Nicole Michalke, parishioners of **St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church**, Schulenburg. (Matt Willis/ Texas A&M Corps of Cadets)



CDA Court St. Roch of Mentz #2328, Alleyton, celebrated their 25th anniversary last month at a turkey dinner fundraiser. Many charter members still participate in court activities.

St. Agnes Catholic Church, Edna, recently held a Celebration of Life program with many from Jackson and surrounding counties. It focused on the need for respect, dignity, and justice for all human life from conception to death. Fr. Martin Iott, from Holy Rosary Priory in Houston, spoke Scriptures. Jennifer Preyss, shared her life experiences strong. Nicholas Lowry, Warrior Retreat Commu the Field of Honor. He and benediction. Music was and Anna Garcia of Edna.



service was conducted with votive lights. A procession was also held with St. Agnes religious education students. Refreshments were served. Pro-life rosaries and bracelets were given to those in attendance.

about life as is found in the of the Victoria Advocate, and how God has kept her director of the Christianity in Victoria, discussed delivered the invocation provided by Morris Hopes

A respect for life prayer



EVENTS

The Catholic Lighthouse
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Special collection
March 15: Catholic Relief Services

Meals • Picnics and more

March

Bay City—ACTS Golf Tournament Mar. 21 at Rio Colorado Golf Club. 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Special guest will be Bishop Fellhauer. For more information, contact Mike Allison at (979) 479-1370 or Joe Gonzalez at (979) 240-9178.

Blessing—KC Council #4307 Lenten Fish Fry Mar. 8 at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall. 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fried catfish, trimmings, dessert, and drink. \$9 p/p. There will be an auction and a raffle.

Cuero—St. Michael School Golf Tournament Mar. 20.

New Taiton—St. John's Altar Society Chicken Dinner and Spring Festival Mar. 8 at the Taiton Community Center. 11:00 a.m. Fried chicken, homemade dressing, and trimmings. \$9 p/p. There will be an auction, Bingo, cake walk, country store, games, and more.

Schulenburg—Sausagefest Mar. 28. Music, food, and more from noon to 10:00 p.m. See ad on pg. 7.

Schulenburg—St. Rose Spring Festival Mar. 8 at KC Hall. 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Turkey dinner with trimmings. \$9 p/p. 11:30 a.m. live auction. 1:00 p.m. sweepstakes. There will be cake walk, music, and more.

Shiner—CDA Rummage Sale Mar. 20 and 21 at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church.

Victoria—KJZT #101 Bake Sale after all Masses Mar. 21 & 22 at Holy Family. Proceeds benefit the Victoria Food Bank.

Victoria—Our Lady of Lourdes Chicken and Sausage Dinner Mar. 22 at the Parish Hall. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Dine-in or plates-to-go. \$8 p/p. See ad on pg. 10.

Yoakum—St. Ann's Mission Church Kettle-fried Steak Dinner with potatoes and green beans Mar. 29 at St. Joseph Family Center. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$8.50 p/p. Plates-to-go only. Country-store after each Mass. Co-sponsored by KJZT #37.

April

Victoria—KC Golf Tournament Apr. 10. 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. For more information, see pg. 7.

Yorktown—San Luis Catholic Church Jamaica Apr. 26.

May

Lamar—KC Yoakum Council #1582 *Hook'em & Cook'em* Fishing Tournament May 1 and 2. See ad on pg. 5.

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March 16
April 15
May 15
June 15
July 15
August 14
September 14
October 16
November 16
December 4

June

Bay City—Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival June 14 at the Parish Hall. Brisket dinner. Dine-in, pick up, or drive-thru. 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$ 8 p/p. 11:30 a.m. auction.

East Bernard—Kolache Klobase Festival June 13 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Sponsored by KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40.

Conferences • Masses • Retreats and more

ACTS Retreats—For information, visit www.actsmissions.org.

Amarillo—*Love is Our Mission, the Family Fully Alive* Respect Life Banquet Mar. 22 at the Civic Center. Keynote speaker will be Catholic Olympian Rebecca Dussault. For more information, visit www.amarillodiocese.org.

Bay City—Our Lady of Guadalupe *Conversion* Parish Mission by Fr. Greg Schmitt and Fr. Tony Judge Mar. 8-11. For more information, call (979) 245-2010.

Beaumont—*Sharing Jesus with Others* Evangelization Conference April 16-18. Includes Mass, guest speakers, workshops, and concerts at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica and Msgr. Kelly Catholic High School. For more information, visit www.dioceseoffbmt.org.

Hostyn/La Grange—*Engaging Parents: Forming Family Faith Parish Vision and Practice for Being a Family of Families* Mar. 19 at the Queen of the Holy Rosary. 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 or see pg. 12.

Port Lavaca—Our Lady of the Gulf 5K Run Mar 21. For more information, call (361) 552-6140.

San Antonio—*Living the Mission Spirit: Across the Street or Across the Sea* Conference Mar. 20-22 at the Oblate Renewal Center. For more information, visit www.txmissioncouncil.org or www.ost.edu.

San Antonio—St. John's/Assumption Seminary Centennial Celebration Parents/Friends Day Mar. 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Assumption Seminary. For more information, contact Mike Davis at (210) 734-5137 x1414 or mike.davis@archsa.org.

Tivoli—Our Lady of Guadalupe Church celebrates the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the 1st Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. at 501B William St. with Fr. Paulson Panakal. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, call (361) 237-3634.

Victoria—*Building the Domestic Church: Leading Our Families to Christ: A Diocesan Celebration of Family Life!* March 22 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Fonseca. For more information, contact Debbie Vanelli at (361) 573-5304 or celebrateyourfamily@gmail.com. See pg. 10.

Victoria—*Come and See* Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women 18-50 years of age Mar. 28-29 at Incarnate Word Convent. For more information, call (361) 575-7111, e-mail iwbsvoc@yahoo.com, or visit www.iwbsvictoria.org.

Victoria—Amor Meus Spirituality Center Lenten Vespers: Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the Convent Chapel. *Were You There?* Silent Guided Lenten Day Retreat: Mar. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Fr. Kenneth O'Malley, CP. Spiritual direction is offered during retreats and throughout the year. For more information, contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at (361) 575-7111, amormeus@yahoo.com, or visit www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

Victoria—God's Embrace Weekend Retreat Mar. 13-15 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Presiding priest will be Fr. James Ramsey. Along with Holy Family ACTS Core, *An Evening of Prayer and Worship* will be held Mar. 21 from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church. A light meal after 6:00 p.m. Mass will be provided before the event. For more information, see pg. 4.

Victoria—*Listening to God's Heartbeat- Discipleship in John's Gospel* Retreat Apr. 24-26 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. It is open to both men, women, and couples. Presiding priest will be Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI. For more information, contact Susan Oakley at (361) 576-1515, (361) 649-6391 or smoak53@msn.com.

Victoria—Our Lady of Lourdes holds Healing Mass and Prayer the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at 105 N. William St. with Fr. Phi Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS Convent. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, contact Sr. Louise Marie Jones at iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com.



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Wreath-laying ceremony honors veterans

More than 20 years ago, green wreaths with red ribbons were placed on the headstones of fallen veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony, now known as Wreaths Across America (WAA), has become a national tradition, extending to all 50 states. In Hungerford, volunteers placed wreaths on 66 veterans' graves at St. John's Cemetery. It marked the 3rd year the ceremony was held at the



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