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Father Dan Morales telling a story while on the way to celebrate Mass in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala where Father Stanley Rother, an Oklahoma missionary, was martyred in 1981.

The Building of a Legacy ~ More than a Mission trip to Antigua Guatemala

By Father Philip Brune

Thousands of people have been affected by the life of Father Dan Morales through the missionary charism of his life. He has brought the heart of God to everywhere he has been called to go, and this is especially true of the missionary work he began in Antigua, Guatemala 10 years ago. It all started with a sabbatical he took with the Franciscans serving the poorest of the poor in Antigua and continued as he invited the people of the Diocese of Victoria, such as myself, to encounter Christ in service to the orphans and the poor. Little did we know that it would be the people of Guatemala who would bless us with their simplicity and joy. As it turns out, we are the poor, and they are the ones who are rich.

Each year since 2006, Father Dan has

taken various sized groups to Antigua in order to be of assistance to the Franciscans in a variety of ways. Often times it took the form of assisting the workers at Obras Sociales del Santo Hermano Pedro, also known as "Las Obras," which is both a hospital (the third largest healthcare provider in Guatemala) and orphanage for those with physical disabilities. Although some of the residents of the orphanage have families, their disabilities were so severe their parents could not meet their needs. Volunteers were blessed to play with the children, feed the disabled, wash, dry, and sort their clothes, assist in painting and maintaining the buildings, and get to know the workers and their stories in the midst of all these activities.

Good things are soon in store for these

holy residents of Las Obras because a whole complex is being built for them. The Franciscans have almost completed Phase 1 of a beautiful housing complex for the residents on donated property now known as La Virgen del Socorro also known as "El Socorro", (short for Our Lady of Succor, i.e. help). My first encounter with this location was in 2012 when Father Dan told us we were going to move boulders out of a river. Ok... We arrived to greet a jungle that had some coffee plants on it. Men were working there to build a retaining wall for the land that would, in four years, be the foundation for El Socorro. And built it was. And it was cleared. And it was leveled. And foundations were poured. And now there are plans for three phases of construction that will be housing for the orphans, administrative

offices, a local clinic, a huge parking lot, residences for active and retired priests with attached chapel, and at the heart of this complex is a cruciform church. All in all it is a several million dollar project to give the residents of Las Obras the dignity and assistance they deserve. Once the money has been raised and the project is completed, the current home of these residents, Las Obras, will be renovated and completely converted into a modern hospital.

Father Dan has been working with the Franciscans to help make all of these far-fetched, heavenly dreams a reality. Not only have his mission trips brought assistance to the people of Guatemala, but he has also helped the Franciscans build

See The Building of a Legacy, pg. 12



Bishop Brendan Cahill *A Shepherd's Message*

Ordained as Bishop June 29, 2015

Be Attentive

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year on October 1 we will be hosting our annual Catholic Conference. Held at Holy Family Church in Wharton (2011 Briar Lane), the theme will be: "Prayer: The Faith Prayed/ Oracion: La Fe Orada." This seems to me to be a great topic for a conference, as some of the most profound questions I receive when I visit classrooms, parishes or adult education programs are about prayer: "How do you pray?", "What's your favorite prayer?", "Who is your favorite saint?", "How do you deal with boredom and routine in prayer?," etc., etc.

Looking back on my last year of articles I realize that I often write about prayers and spirituality. Prayer renews and enlightens our heart each moment of the day. Let me add a couple more thoughts about prayer today – time as foundational, and attentiveness as a fruit.

The first and most obvious advice about prayer is to make time for it. We live in such a busy world that this seems harder and harder to do. One of the most practical questions a person can ask is: "When is the best time for me to pray?" Right now for me it is first thing in the morning – I remember at different times in my life when it was better late at night or in the

middle of the day. Looking back it seems that for me the key has been to find a time of day when I can clear my mind from all the daily events and news. This means to find a time when I can slow down, take a few breaths, and begin to think more about God than about me. The time set aside is the foundation, and sets the environment for prayer. It can be five minutes, twenty minutes or an hour – whatever the length of time, it needs to be a quality of time where I can take the focus away from myself and look to God.

With this shift in focus, I believe that a major fruit of prayer comes when a person becomes more aware of God's presence all around us. I refer quite often to a quote from a Spanish novel by José Maria Gironella, – "The Cypressess Believe in God." In this fictional novel set in the midst of the Spanish Civil War a young man makes his confession to a priest and receives some beautiful advice: "Above all, remember this that I tell you: pay attention. Give your full attention to everything you do, everything you hear. You will discover new worlds. The most humble employees will teach you something. Pay attention to the objects in your house, the things that happen at the bank, what you see along the street, everything that surrounds you. There is no thing or no person that cannot teach you something.... If you pay attention – and don't think that all these theories are mine: they are St. Augustine's – you will without fail discover something very important – harmony. You will realize that there is harmony in everything, that everything forms part of a harmonious whole."

Ultimately prayer leads us to realize and accept that God is in charge and gives each one of us exactly what we need for the day. On October 1 we will have a number of inspiring speakers both in English and Spanish to share practical spiritual advice for our daily lives. I hope to see many of you there. May God bless you and your families, please be assured of my prayers for you each day - that God may enlarge our hearts to more closely see Him and serve Him each day,
+Brendan

Bishop Brendan's Schedule

September

- 8** 2:30 p.m. Finance Board Meeting, Chancery
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass – Adults, OLV Cathedral
- 9** Noon, Clergy luncheon sponsored by AA Leadership, Victoria
- 10-21** New Bishop's School, Rome
- 26-27** Priests' Fall Convocation
- 29** Jesus Caritas Meeting, Chicago

October

- 1** Catechetical Conference – Holy Family, Wharton
- 2** 8:00 a.m. Mass and breakfast with parishioners at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Cistern
- Parish Festival – Holy Cross, Bay City
- 3** Prayer at Planned Parenthood Clinic, Houston
- 4** 2-4 p.m. Catholic Student Association Interfaith Event (Victoria College)
- 7** 8:00 a.m. First Friday Mass and tour at Our Lady of Victory School

Official Announcements

Effective August 9, 2016, the following were appointed to the Presbyteral Council for a period of three years:

- Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters, Vicar General, Ex Officio
- Very Rev. Gary W. Janak, Vicar General/Chancellor, Ex Officio
- Very Rev. Samuel Appiasi, VF - Dean
- Very Rev. Gregory Korenek, VF - Dean
- Very Rev. Timothy Kosler, VF - Dean
- Very Rev. Charles Otsiwah, VF - Dean
- Very Rev. Matthew Huehlefeld, VF - Dean
- Very Rev. Michael Rother, VF - Dean
- Rev. Roger Hawes - Consultor
- Rev. Dominic Antwi-Boasiako - Consultor
- Rev. Charles Dwomoh - Consultor
- Rev. Peter Oscar Kofi-Amo - Deanery Representative
- Rev. Scott Hill - Deanery Representative
- Rev. Robert Knippenberg - Deanery Representative
- Rev. Michael Lyons - Deanery Representative
- Rev. Bryan Heyer - Deanery Representative
- Rev. Jacob Koether - Deanery Representative
- Rev. Tommy Chen - Bishop's Appointee
- Rev. Gabriel Espinosa - Bishop's Appointee

In addition to the current members, the following were appointed, **effective August 9, 2016**, as members of the Diocesan Consultors for a term of 5 years:

- Very Rev. Samuel Appiasi, VF
- Very Rev. Charles Otsiwah, VF
- Very Rev. Michael Rother, VF

Effective immediately, Rev. Jacob Koether is appointed Parochial Administrator, Holy Family Parish, Victoria.

DSA update

2016 Diocesan Services Appeal

Diocesan Goal: \$1,936,221.00
Parish Pledge Totals: \$795,898.42
Parish Contribution Totals: \$712,119.88
Number of Parish Families Participating: 2,777



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August 26, 2016

TOTALS	
• Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$13,764.00
Special intention from	
Allan and Cyndi Stryk	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$13,814.00

• Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily Seminary Burse #2	
Previously reported	\$8,449.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily on his retirement by Elizabeth C. Patalik	25.00
Donation by Weimar K of C Council #2153	500.00
In appreciation of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily for his many years as Chaplain by Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree #1527, Weimar	500.00
In loving memory of Sir Knight Lawrence Klesel by Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree #1527, Weimar	200.00
In loving memory of Sir Knight Fredric Attermeier by Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree #1527, Weimar	200.00
In loving memory of Sir Knight Thomas Holub by Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree #1527, Weimar	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$10,074.00

• Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$8,430.00
In honor of Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune by the Charles Fuller Family	1,000.00
In honor of Rev. Wayne Flagg's appointment as Pastor of St. Michael's Church, Weimar by Franklin and Rita H. Addicks	100.00
In honor of Rev. Max Landman's priestly ordination June 4, 2016 by Franklin and Rita H. Addicks	100.00
In honor of Deacon Stephen Vacek's ordination June 4, 2016 by Franklin and Rita H. Addicks	100.00
In memory of my beloved father, William J. Henneke on the 50th anniversary of his death by Franklin and Rita H. Addicks	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$9,830.00

• Rev. Kristopher L. Fuchs Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$1,290.00
In honor of Johnnie and Dolores Svatek's 60th wedding anniversary by: Bob and Bea Welfl	50.00
Paul and Helen Flessner	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$1,400.00

• Rev. Msgr. Joseph Hybner KC #3204 Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$4,746.00
In memory of Agnes Pustka by M/M Lawrence Grubert, Jr.	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$4,766.00

• Rev. Paul P. Kaspar and Parents, John & Frances Kaspar Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$510.00
In memory of Rev. Paul Kaspar and his parents John and Frances Bobica Kaspar by the Anton and Agnes Kaspar family reunion	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$560.00

• Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB & John and Marie Kolek Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$5,930.00
In memory of Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB and his parents, John and Marie Kolek by the Anton and Agnes Kaspar family reunion	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$5,980.00

• Rev. Timothy Kosler Seminary Burse	
Correction to previously reported	\$1,330.00
In honor of Paul and Barbara Veselka's wedding anniversary by Henrietta Veselka	25.00
In honor of R. E. and Marilyn Yates' wedding anniversary by Henrietta Veselka	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$1,380.00

• Rev. Dan Morales Seminary Burse in Honor of his Work for Vocations	
Previously reported	\$4,283.00
In honor of Rev. Dan Morales by Paz and Andrea Morales	25.00
In honor of Rev. Dan Morales by a friend	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$4,558.00

• Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Seminary Burse #7	
Previously reported	\$11,050.00
In memory of David Kubenka by: Ricky and Barbara Steffek	20.00
Willie Barborak	10.00
Pat Mladenka	20.00
In memory of August Klekar by Pat Mladenka	20.00
In memory of Daniel Klekar by Pat Mladenka	20.00
In memory of Herbert Kutac by M/M Lawrence Grubert, Jr.	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$11,160.00

• Rev. Theophil Okruhlik and Rev. Vincent Verderame Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$10,687.89
An anonymous donation to the burse	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$10,937.89

• Rev. Msgr. Robert Schmidt Seminary Burse #2	
Previously reported	\$245.00
In honor of Annie Schmidt's 100th birthday celebration by: Willie and Dale Schmidt	100.00
Robert and Alice Hollas	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$370.00

• Rev. Charles Sonnier Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$9,505.00
In memory of Rev. Charles Sonnier by Bernice Smith and Family	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$9,555.00

• St. John the Baptist Church, St. John In Memory of Rev. Brian Crookes Seminary Burse #2	
Previously reported	\$6,116.00
In memory of David Kubenka by: Byron and Theresa Eckhardt	20.00
Stuart and Joanie Krischke	25.00
James and Mary Akers	10.00
Lillian Besetzny	10.00
Patricia Berger	20.00
Harvey and Sandra Michna	25.00
Andy Besetzny	20.00
Forest and Ann Dittrich	40.00
Walter and Josie Hermis	25.00
Albert and Dorothy Olsovsky	20.00
Ralph and Bonnie Besetzny	20.00
Cyril and Mary Muras	25.00
Alphonse Besetzny	10.00
Alphonse and Josephine Kubenka	30.00
In memory of Charlene Krupala by Forrest and Ann Dittrich	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$6,436.00

• Elorine Bluntzer Tumlinson Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$2,950.00
In honor of Roy and Marlene Wesselman's 60th anniversary by M/M Donald F. McDonald	100.00
In memory of Elorine Bluntzer Tumlinson by M/M Donald F. McDonald	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$3,250.00

• Cora Wostarek Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$6,750.00
Donation by the Mike and Lisa Moeller Family	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$6,850.00

Rev. Daniel P. Kahlich Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$3,300.00
In honor of Rev. Daniel P. Kahlich's 50 priestly ordination by: M/M Gary Antosh	50.00
Georgia Belota	25.00
M/M Robert Belota	200.00
C. D. A. Court #2282	200.00
Richard and Jennifer Calloway	100.00
Richard and Molly Cernosek	50.00
Marian Chamrad	50.00
M/M Roy Christ	50.00
Richard and Jane Copeland	25.00
Basil Ermis	20.00
Clarence and Helen Faldyn	50.00
Harold and Brenda Fiestam	50.00
Ralph J. and Catherine Goerig	50.00
Patrick and Gloria Heinrich	25.00
Richard and Jane Henning	50.00
Ted Hoffmann	100.00
Maxine Holub	50.00
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John B. and Sandy Janda, Jr.	100.00

Patrick and Patsy Janda	100.00
Eugene and Carol Janecka	100.00
Robert B. and Lillian Kallus	100.00
William and Nancy Kilty, Jr.	100.00
K of C Council #2574	2,500.00
Keith and Tricia Korenek	50.00
Jerry and Gina Kozelsky	50.00
Eugene and Beverly Kruppa	75.00
Verlene Kuntschik	100.00
Jimmie and Shelly Landreth	50.00
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Jerry and Pat Schmidt	50.00
Robert and Clara Smith	30.00
Mary Ann Srubar	25.00
St. Anthony Church, Columbus	500.00
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Walter and Sandra Stoever	500.00
Charlie and Joan Supak	50.00
Lee and Carolyn Surface	50.00
Theo and Gladys Svec	25.00
Barbara Ticken	10.00
Elsie Vasek	25.00
Mary Vasek	100.00
Elmer and Agnes Weikel	50.00
John W. and Mary White	50.00
Leo and Barbara Wick	50.00
Erwin Wostarek	25.00
Leonard and Barbara Zbranek	100.00
Vacation Bible School	215.00
Johnnie and Lorenda Polasek	50.00
For Fr. Daniel Kahlich's birthday by Verlene Kuntschik	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$10,950.00

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- ~To provide an excellent academic education to help young people reach their God-given potential and be responsible, productive citizens.
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Valeria Dubourdieu

St. Michael Cuero



Dawn Jewelka



Meredith Metting

Shiner Catholic School



Angie Decou



Brenda Masek

In preparation for the upcoming school year, the following teachers attended the Teacher Induction Program of Support (TIPS-ers) workshop last month at the Chancery. Welcome!

St. Michael Weimar



Kari Tumis

St. Rose Schulenburg



Kendra Sanchez

St. Joseph Yoakum



Delanry Barnes



Julia Prasek

Nazareth Academy Victoria



Destiny Naquin



Glenda Kinzel



Shelly Reissig



Beth Calhoun

St. Philip El Campo



Neta Ripple



Marla Tompkins



Kristi Shelly



Denise Flagg



St. Joseph H.S. Victoria



Bryan Jones

Our Lady of Victory Victoria



Lisa Omecinski

Our Lady of the Gulf Port Lavaca



Cheryl Martwitz



NEW SCHOOL YEAR—The Diocese of Victoria Catholic Schools' principals and superintendent, Dr. John Quarry came together for the 1st principal meeting of the new school year.



D.J. Monroe



Maggie Koch



Paula McCauley



Mike Hall



Kay Austin



Rebecca Gray



Students at St. Philip School in El Campo love their new Pioneer! Thank you to the Booster Club!

Go
Pioneers!



**The Diocese of Victoria Catholic Schools Office
now has a Facebook page! Go Like us at
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Our Lady of Victory School hosted a back to school dance August 19. Father Gary Janak, Rector of The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory pictured with OLV students at the dance.

Go Eagles!



Sr. Christin Nguyen



Sr. Immaculata Nguyen

Barbeque Turkey with Dressing Dinner
dressing, green beans,
sweet potatoes, dessert & tea/coffee

Mass
9:30 a.m.

Live Auction
12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Church • Blessing
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Calendar of Events

2016

September 21 – YLT Applications due
September 25 – YLT meeting
October 9 – YLT meeting
October 11 – Youth Formation: Policy & Procedures class,
Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Education Center, Bay
City. Call the Youth & Young Adult Office to register.
November 6 – YLT meeting
December 11 – YLT meeting

2017

January 22 – YLT meeting
February 5 – Diocese of Victoria Confirmation Retreat
(Eagle Lake)
February 22 – Diocese of Victoria Confirmation Retreat
(Ganado)
April 30 – Camp David Planning
June 9-16 – Diocese of Victoria- Camp David
June 24-July 2 – Rocky Mountain High



Dates For Youth Foundation Class Set

Foundations- This training is for coordinators of youth ministry as well as junior high and high school religious education teachers. It is required for all youth ministry leaders as outlined in the Policy and Procedures handbook.

Please register by contacting the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries by visiting the website at www.victoriadiocese.org for registration information. You may also contact the office by email ym@victoriadiocese.org, call (361) 573-0828.

Training Dates 2016

September 22 - Renewing the Vision
October 6 - Pastoral Care
November 10 - Leadership Development,
Planning and Programming
December 8 - Prayer and Worship

2017

February 2 - Justice and Service
March 2 - Ethics and Crisis Management,
Policy and Procedures
April 6 - Retreat Formation



Our Lady of Victory Teen ACTS group at their return Mass.



KC'S SUPPORT YOUTH—Knights of Columbus Council #1329 recently donated a new Chalice, Paten and Ciborium to the Youth Office at the Diocese of Victoria Chancery in memory of all deceased members of Council #1329. Pictured left to right: Richard Gutierrez, Council Grand Knight; Ryan Leos, Associate Director of the Diocese Youth Office; Wendy Eggert, Director of the Diocese Youth Office; Michael Nevlud, Council Deputy Grand Knight.

Victoria College and University of Houston-Victoria Catholic Campus Ministry

Diocese of Victoria Youth and Young Adult Ministry invites all students who are currently attending Victoria College and the University of Houston-Victoria to gather for the following events and join them for faith and fellowship. For more information visit www.victoriadiocese.org/catholic-campus-ministry.

September 11 – Mass, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory 6:00 p.m. Social to follow in the cafeteria.
September 14 – Mass, Victoria College Student Center 12:15 p.m. Meal to follow.
September 22 – When The Game Stands Tall, Victoria College Student Center - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Popcorn and snacks provided.
October 2 – Mass, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory 6:00 p.m. Social to follow in the cafeteria.
October 6 – Mass, Victoria College Student Center 12:15 p.m. Meal to follow.

St. Anthony Church - Columbus

Sunday Mass at St. Anthony • 1602 Bowie • 8 & 10 a.m.



Fall Festival Sunday, October 9

KC Hall I-10 W Exit 692 (at Glidden Exit)

Pit BBQ Beef & Sausage
Adult Plate \$10 • Child Plate \$5
(meat to go at pit)

Drive Thru Line 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dine-in Serving 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kolache Breakfast, Mexican Food & Hamburgers

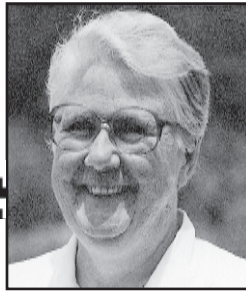
Music & Festivities All Day!
Country Auction 1:00 p.m.
A Super Raffle • Country Store • Silent Auction
Gift Card Walk • Plant Walk • Cakewalk
Lots of Things for the Kids to Enjoy
Booths For Everyone





SISTERLY THOUGHTS

by Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



Rejoicing Followed By Mourning

(Continued from last month)

As the year 1898 approached, preparations were being made for an outstanding show of appreciation at the Golden Jubilee celebration of the American foundress of the Sisters of Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, Mother St. Claire Valentine.

Mother St. Claire had been professed only four years in her native France when she was commissioned to come to bring the Incarnate to the wilds of Texas. She was only 23 when she was asked to be the Superior of the small band of Sisters who had volunteered to face the unknown challenges of establishing the order in the New World.

The actual celebration began on the evening of February 14 with the chanting of psalms and prayers, followed by a procession of the Nazareth Convent Sisters and many visiting Sisters to the dining hall for a sumptuous meal. The next morning Masses began at 4:00 a.m. because the Bishop and the 20 priest guests all wanted to celebrate a Mass for the joyful occasion. (Apparently celebration was not an option at the time.) After the 10:00 a.m. Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop John Anthony Forest, the Blessed Sacrament was carried to the Sisters' chapel where Mother St. Claire renewed her vows. In the evening more than 300 alumnae, boarders and friends enjoyed a banquet which was followed by a concert which lasted four hours. Even a Mariachi band from Mexico was part of this special occasion. The joy-filled celebration ended at 12:30 the next morning. Mother St. Claire had been showered with congratulatory telegrams and numerous gifts from far and near. Some of these gifts can be seen in the Hall of Memories



Mother St. Claire Valentine

at Incarnate Word Convent. The Victoria Advocate described the celebration: "The City of Roses, and we may add, the State of Texas, never witnessed such an ovation given to a nun. It was a triumph, the victory of a valiant woman. 'Who shall find a valiant woman?' asks Solomon, 'far, and from the uttermost coasts is the price of her.' Victoria, you possessed that jewel."

Alas, all was not well with the recipient of all this honor. One of the Sisters wrote back to France saying, "Our Rev. Mother will write in a few days. She is suffering a little. Every evening she gets a little fever, and she also has a terrible flu." Although Mother St.

Claire tried to minimize her illness, soon her difficult breathing caused by heart failure was

obvious to all. The heat in Victoria, before the days of indoor air-conditioning, was so oppressive that she was advised to go to Corpus Christi for rest and relaxation with her sister, Mother Angelique. She did not get any better; in fact she got worse and attained her heavenly reward on October 9, 1898. Fortunately her heritage continues through the lives of the many Sisters who continue to proclaim the Incarnate Word!

For more about the early days of the Sisters in Victoria — please come by the Gift Shop at Incarnate Word Convent and purchase Sister Alberta Novosad's new book: *TEXAS FOOTPRINTS in the Sands of Time*.

Resource: Extending the Incarnation into the Third Millennium, 1998, by Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament of Victoria, Texas

Internationally known accordionist, arranger, composer and teacher from Galveston, Shelia Lee, teaching a young man the accordion.



31st Czech Heritage Festival Free admission under 35 with lesson

Sunday, September 25, is the 31st Annual Victoria County Czech Heritage Festival at the Victoria Community Center. The festival sponsored by the Victoria County Czech Heritage Society (VCCHS) has drawn about a thousand people consistently for more than three decades now. For the first time ever, admission is free to the entire festival to anyone less than 35 years old who pre-registers for one of the lessons by September 23. Enjoy Czech wine, Czech stew and sausage lunch, Czech museum, crafts, free polka, waltz and 2-step dance lessons, free button or piano accordion lessons or Tarok card game lessons. General admission

is \$8. Internationally known accordionist, arranger, composer and teacher from Galveston, Texas, Shelia Lee, will perform first engaging the crowd in traditional Czech entertainment promptly at 10 am. Fritz Hodde and the Fabulous Six, Shiner Hobo Band and Red Ravens play until 7:30 p.m.

Other activities include children games, pastry wheel, arts & crafts, country store, live and silent auction, raffle and numerous exhibit booths for all to enjoy. Come join in the fun! There is something for everyone! And, you don't have to be Czech to attend! For more info, go to www.victoriaczechs.org.

Victoria County's 31st Annual Czech Heritage Festival



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Victoria Community Center
2905 E. North St. (77901)



Accordionist Sheila Lee10:00 am - 11:00 am
Shiner Hobo Band11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fritz Hodde & The Fabulous Six.....1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Jam Session: Fritz Hodde and Red Ravens..... 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
The Red Ravens4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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Laziness — We sometimes just give up or never establish habits that sustain us in dry times or through the business of modern life.



Healing Grief Retreat for Bereaved Parents Sponsored by Spirit Wind Ministry ~From Wound to Womb~

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opportunity to discover some new tools for processing this transformative journey. This retreat will be led by two professionals Khris Ford and Janie Cook who both have extensive backgrounds in bereaved parent grief support.

This ecumenical retreat is open to bereaved parents - couples, single mothers and fathers. The retreat will begin on Friday evening, October 14 and conclude with lunch on Sunday, October 16. The cost for this retreat is \$250 per parent, which covers speaker fees, all meals and lodging for two nights. If you are interested in attending, please send your non-refundable deposit of \$100 payable to Spirit Wind Ministry to: Susan Oakley, 103 Woodmere, Victoria, TX 77904. Please include your name (for name tags), mailing address, phone number(s), and email with your deposit. Space is limited. Your cancelled check will confirm your reservation. Retreat balance is due by September 16th. Partial grants are available. For additional information please contact Susan Oakley: email smoak53@msn.com or (361) 649-6391.

St. Mary's Altar Society To Host Annual Retreat

St. Mary's Altar Society, Victoria, will host their annual retreat on Tuesday, September 20, in the St. Mary's Activity Center.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The Retreat begins at 9:30 a.m., ending with Mass at Noon. Lunch will be served following Mass. Women and men from all parishes are invited to attend. Make your reservations by Friday, September 16, to Stella Silva at (361) 550-0387 or to Evelyn Dierlam at (361) 652-4843.



That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. Over the course of three years, *That Man is You!* successively considers men in their relationship to God, to their spouse and to their children.

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and Pope John Paul II.

That Man is You! is successful at attracting large numbers of men, including younger men still actively parenting, and then transforming their spiritual lives. Indeed, independent research from a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll reveals *That Man is You!* to be one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

That Man is You! will be held at Holy Cross, Bay City beginning September 9 for twelve weeks. Doors open at 5:30 a.m.



KJT #79 HUNGERFORD CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL—Bishop Brendan Cahill and Father Bob Knippenberg (Pastor of Holy Family Church in Wharton) celebrated a Mass on Sunday, August 27, 2016 at St. John Church in Hungerford for the KJT #79 for their Centennial celebration. They had several Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Members in attendance along with several altar servers.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVE BISHOP AT MASS—Fourth Degree Knights from the La Grange and Weimar Assemblies were proud to stand honor guard for Bishop Brendan Cahill. They had an assembly for the Mass at the Praha Picnic on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

162nd ANNUAL

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DIOCESAN CDA MEMBERS ATTEND CONVENTION—Representatives from local CDA courts in the Diocese of Victoria attended the National CDA convention in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in July. Pictured are: Kneeling l-r Pat Michulka, East Bernard; Terri Beltran, State Treasurer, El Campo; and Sheila Martinka, Past State Regent and State JCDA Co-Chair, Victoria; 2nd row -Karen Moszkowicz, East Bernard; Anne Martin, Read Across America State Chairman, Victoria; Libby Ramirez, past National Regent, Victoria; Lillian Berger, Victoria; Mary Ortiz, El Campo; Carolyn Malik, past State Regent and State Family Chairman, Shiner; 3rd row -Melanie Persyn, East Bernard; Berna Pilcik, East Bernard; Rebecca R. Lima, El Campo; and Donna Moeller, Victoria.



Celebrate Feast Day of the Archangels

FLATONIA—The Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Rose of Schulenburg, invites everyone to join them at Raphael's Refuge for the Feast Day of the Archangels, Thursday, September 29.

Holy hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Deacon John McCourt and a Mass followed by a healing service at 7:00 p.m. with Father Robert Guerra, Pastor of Parish of the Nativity, Eagle Lake.

Raphael's Refuge is located at 2715 West Highway 90, Flatonia, Texas (78941). For more information visit www.raphaelsrefuge.org.

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SPECIAL VISIT—The eighth grade class of St. Anthony School in Columbus stopped at the Chancery for a visit with Bishop Brendan Cahill on their way to a beginning-of-year 8th grade retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Bishop Cahill shared stories of his own journey of faith and walked them through his office. He also answered questions about his responsibilities as bishop.

Diocese of Victoria Placed Second in Region 8 with Twogether in Texas

SAN ANTONIO—Twogether in Texas would like to highlight a few providers who have gone above and beyond. In this fiscal year, Lucia Luzondo from Archdiocese of San Antonio has generated 273 certificates, the most in Region 8! Following Lucia, we have Regina Janak from the Diocese of Victoria with 126 certificates, and Yolanda Vargas from Northwest Urban Deanery-Archdiocese of San Antonio with 119 certificates. So far in this fiscal year, 1,198 certificates have been generated in this region of the state.


They thank all their service providers who make Twogether in Texas such a success. They hope the program continues growing and helping couples grow in their

relationships.

Twogether in Texas is dedicated to increasing the well-being of children by providing voluntary marriage and relationship education skills to their parents. Out of the 240,000 Texans who have taken these classes, 95 percent of couples say they have learned skills to:

- Improve their relationship
- Increase their ability to communicate and share feelings
- Understand and feel understood by their spouse
- Disagree without fighting

Couples that complete pre-marital education through Catholic Engaged Encounter or To Love As God Loves in the Diocese of Victoria are able to receive \$60 off their marriage license fee and waiver of the 3-day waiting period.



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OTHER ACTIVITIES Country Store, Cake Walk, Bounce House, KC Calf Raffle, And More!	



Annie Schmidt

Happy 100th Birthday

SCHULENBURG—Annie Schmidt celebrated her 100th birthday on August 5, 2016 with a Mass celebrated in her honor at College Place in Schulenburg by Msgr. John Peters and assisted by Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck. Family and friends attended the Mass as well as the reception following. Born in Middle Creek/High Hill, she spent most of her life working with her brother, Msgr. Robert Schmidt, long time pastor at St. Joseph's in Moulton. She is now enjoying her retirement as a resident of College Place.



Ms. Hajek was honored to shake hands and have her picture taken with Bishop Brendan Cahill.

An Honor at Age 103 to Meet Bishop

PRAHA—On August 15 at the Prazka Pout, Praha, Bishop Brendan Cahill celebrated Mass at 10 o'clock along with other priests and deacons at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Praha, Texas.

Amidst a full church, attending Mass also was Ms. Stazy Hajek, a parishioner of Praha, who is 103 years young. She had been a devoted rosary leader for over sixty years. Ms. Hajek led the parishioners every Sunday morning before Mass. When the Saturday evening Mass was added to the schedule, she was there for both Masses to lead the rosary. At the age of 98, her daughter Georgia Cerny started helping her out along with other parishioners in leading the rosary. At 103, her memory is still sharp and one can find her in church every Saturday and Sunday sitting in the first pew, on the left side, where she has sat for over many decades.



PAY IT FOWARD—Esmeralda Ortiz, parishioner of St. Patrick's in Bloomington, caught up with Tommy Taylor of Atzenhoffer Chevrolet to participate in "Pay It Forward Victoria". She received \$300 and chose to give it to St. Patrick's Church, Bloomington. Esmeralda and Tommy presented the money to Deacon Fred Soto on behalf of Atzenhoffer and KAVU (News Center 25). Deacon Soto was grateful for the money and plans to use it for religious education scholarships and supplies.

Death Notices

Rev. Msgr. Roy J. Rihn

SAN ANTONIO—Rev. Msgr. Roy J. Rihn, age 97, passed away on Monday, August 29, 2016. Born in Castroville to Robert and Marie Rihn, Msgr. Rihn was a direct descendent of Laurent Rihn, ONC of the original settlers of Castroville. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1942.

Msgr. Rihn was the founding Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in 1957, the Rector of Assumption Seminary, Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Victoria for 11 years and other various places in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. After serving for 74 years Msgr. Rihn retired on July 1, 1995.

'Uncle Roy' presided over many of his family's weddings, baptisms and funerals, and was the pillar of our family for his entire life.

The Mass of the Resurrection was held September 3 at Our Lady of the Lake Sacred Heart Chapel, with interment followed in Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are requested to be made to Our Lady of the Lake University, Casa de Padres or Padua Place.

Msgr. Bily's Sister Dies

PRAHA—Monica Bily Melnar, 85, of Hungerford, died Friday, August 26, 2016. Monica was born on January 26, 1931, to Frank and Rosie Bily III in Praha, Texas.

In her early years, Monica attended the one room school house in Praha. She later received LVN training through Wagner Hospital in Shiner, living in the dormitory during her training. She worked at various hospitals for 46 years, until her retirement in 2002. She married Joseph Melnar on February 1956 in Praha. They were married for 54 years, until his death in October 2010. She was always very devout to her Roman Catholic roots.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters Lucy Lednický and Sister Rita Rose Bily; and brother Msgr. Edward Bily. She is survived by her daughter Cynthia Wallace; sons Michael (Liz) Melnar and John (Lucia) Melnar; brother Msgr. John Bily; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Burial took place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Praha.

Rev. Dan Morales

Saturday September 3, after a 10 year battle with cancer, Father Dan Morales peacefully passed away. He was surrounded by his family and supported by the prayers of so many. Father Dan has been called home but he has left us a beautiful legacy of courage, love and compassion. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Due to print deadline the complete obituary and remembrance of Father Dan will be in an upcoming issue of the *Lighthouse*.

St. John's Catholic Church
Annual Bazaar
Sunday, Oct. 2nd
Hungerford Hall
Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM
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NEW ORGANIZATION OF ALL FAITHS—The newly-named Victoria Interfaith group *Communities of Faith*, met at the Victoria Islamic Center in August. They discussed how they plan to collectively work together in the future, including community projects, prayer vigils and, meetings with city leaders and get-togethers for theological discussions and fellowship. Those present included Catholic, Islam, Orthodox, Lutheran, Unitarian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Pentecostal, American, Lebanese and Egyptian representatives.



~Stories and poems to inspire you, warm your heart, and brighten your day~

A Military Heart

By Heather Spears Kallus



A military heart is unique, it must be true,
The blood that pulses deep within is red, white, and blue.
Its love is like a fire that grows when it is shared,
For complete and total strangers, they have truly cared.
All heroes past and present, at war and at peace,
My admiration for you all will never ever cease.
Veterans who went by choice or those who had been drafted,
I feel that God took extra care with certain hearts He crafted.
He had to make them strong and brave, but tender all the same,
He knit them in their mother's womb and knew them each by name.
It would take a special heart to leave loved ones behind,
To kiss and hug good-bye with Old Glory on their mind.
The countless sacrifice they made for freedoms we enjoy,
For every man, every woman, every girl, and every boy.
For those who have such passion for our great U.S. of A,
Who'll stand for life and liberty, so we can speak and pray.
If you see a warrior, please give them all our love,
For the heart that beats within them is a gift from God above.
We're thankful, oh so thankful, for that heart we have admired,
For giving so unselfishly, although it may be tired.
We'd never know of its fatigue - it's hidden way inside,
For that heart is full of love, as deep as it is wide.
On Veterans Day and all the days that come before and after,
We thank you for allowing us a life of hope and laughter.
To wake each day knowing what you must have seen and heard,
It's hard to find the thoughts to share - there isn't just one word.
What can we say? What should we say?
A debt we just cannot repay.
I think I'll just say thank you from the bottom of my heart,
I'll pray for you - thank God for you. That's certainly a start.
I'll do my best to wake each day full of gratitude,
I'll make a daily effort with a thankful attitude.
I'll live to nurture peace - I'll try to do my part,
And I'll thank the Lord everyday...for your military heart.

Remembering 9/11 Lives Lost and Heroes

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. Often referred to as 9/11, the attacks resulted in extensive death and destruction, triggering major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism and defining the presidency of George W. Bush. Over 3,000 people were killed during the attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., including more than 400 police officers and firefighters.



The Diocese of Victoria invites those who would like to participate in a "A Service of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities" offered on the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. It will be Sunday, September 11 at 4:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory. A service of music and word, offered with prayers for peace in our local and national communities, will be included.

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The Building of a Legacy

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churches in El Salvador. This began with a simple children’s collection at Holy Family in Victoria, and dollar by dollar, they have almost built one of thirteen needed churches. The children of Victoria are building a church. THE CHILDREN... CHILDREN! OF VICTORIA ARE BUILDING A CHURCH IN EL SALVADOR!!! God really does not need much to perform miracles!

Looking to the future, Father Dan knew that an organization was needed that would continue to build on the founda-

tion he had poured, and this has come to fruition in the formation of Coram Deo (meaning according to the Heart of God) Texas Missions, a non-profit that has been established to assist the Franciscans in Central and South America. His vision, missionary efforts, and mission trips will continue to grow through this organization. Thank you Father Dan for saying yes to God, for showing us how to live, how to be missionaries in our own communities and far-flung places. Thank you for sharing with us the heart of God.



Father Dan, Bishop Brendan Cahill, Father Jacob Koether, Father Jose Contran, and the Catholic Community in El Salvador - Nov. 2015.

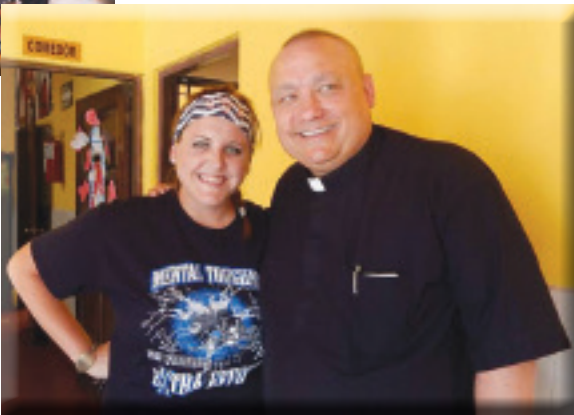
Father Dan and then seminarian Kristopher Fuchs standing at the base of the retaining wall for El Socorro - 2011.



Group standing on the third story of the orphanage, where in upcoming years there are plans to build a clinic and church to the left of the building.



Below, Alanah Volkmer, a 1st grade teacher at Nazareth Academy, pictured with Father Dan in Antigua in the Summer of 2015.



L-R. On the work site of El Socorro stands Father Jose, Juan Carlos Ciudad Real - El Socorro Project Manager, Father Dan Morales.

Father Dan, Father Jose, and the group from Port Lavaca who brought items to the children at Las Obras. Aug. 2011.



At Las Obras is Father Dan, Father Jose, Deacon Steve Borowicz and parishioners from Holy Family.

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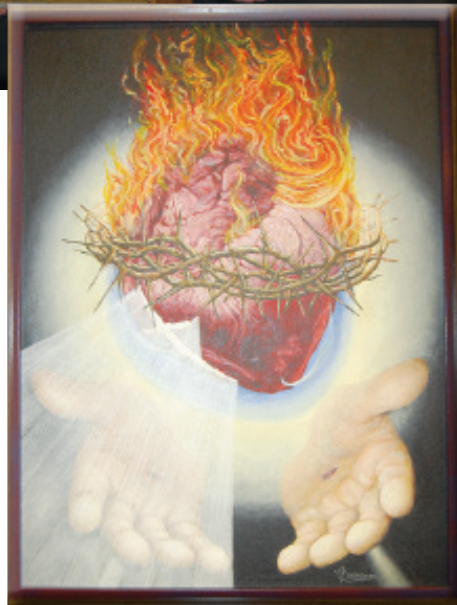




DEACONS APPRECIATE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE—On Monday, August 15, the deacons of the Diocese of Victoria made a donation of \$1,500 to the St. Mary's, Praha, Restoration Endowment Fund in honor of Father Gabriel Maison acknowledging his many years of service to the diaconate community. Father Gabriel was the Director of Formation for the permanent diaconate for approximately 20 years. (The new Director of Formation is Deacon Chuck Glynn of Frelsburg). Deacon Dennis Kutach, Director of Ministry and Life for Permanent Deacons, made the presentation and was accompanied by Deacons Pat Kubala, Kenneth Fishbeck, John McCourt, Joe Machacek and Eddie Huse.



SACRED HEART—An acrylic painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was presented to the Diocese of Victoria in honor of Bishops Fellhauer and Cahill. Dr. Bruce Turner, a parishioner at Holy Family Church in Wharton has spent the last several years focusing on religious art. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts, a Master of Fine Arts and a PhD in Higher Education. He was an art teacher at the university and high school levels for 38 years. He and his wife, Pamela are very active in their parish. Dr. Bruce is a member of the Knights of St. Gregory, a member of the RCIA team and other ministries within the parish.



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS TOURNAMENT—Bishop Brendan Cahill and Monroe Reiger at the Nazareth Academy 14th Annual Readin', Ritin' & Reelin' Fishing Tournament held in Port O'Connor. The Knights of Columbus Council #9088 of Holy Family Church and Nazareth Academy co-sponsor the tournament.

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Healing the Whole Person Conference—An Invitation to Experience God's Mercy

By Gail Janecka, LPC-I

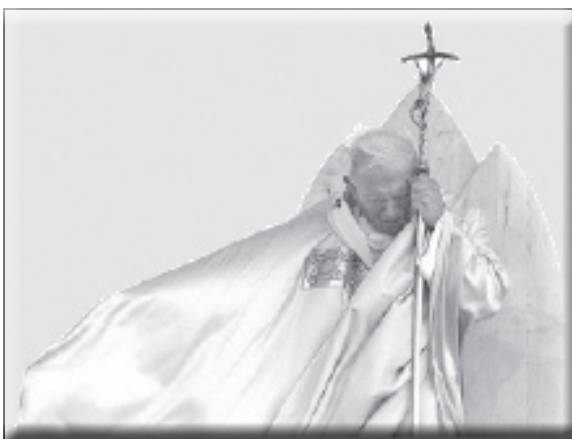
I cannot fathom a more perfect way to wrap up this Jubilee Year of Mercy than to attend the upcoming Healing the Whole Person Conference that will be held on November 10th, 11th, and 12th at Holy Family Parish in Victoria. Throughout this article, (the second in a series of three), I will share my testimony as to why I believe that God has great things in store for all who say "yes" to participating in this event.

Let me begin by sharing that God delights in surprising me. Oftentimes I can be trekking through life with momentum, and just when I think I'm in perfect control, a little twist or a giant obstacle will emerge to upset things. After allowing me to grumble and experience my anger or frustration for a while, our loving God will then faithfully step in and set me straight. He typically does so with a big "surprise" for me that arrives in the form of an enormous blessing—a blessing that is only possible because my plans are thwarted and are supplanted by His plans, which are always far more gratifying than I could ever have imagined.

God certainly did surprise me during this great Jubilee Year of Mercy. You see, my plans had been to book an adventurous pilgrimage to some faraway place in order to contemplate God's mercy. God's plans were to keep me close to home with family priorities, and in the process reveal

to me yet another one of his incredibly wonderful surprises—an introduction to the mercy-filled ministries of the John Paul II Healing Center.

It all started with the assignment of newly ordained Father Jacob Koether as Parochial Vicar at my home parish, Holy Family in Victoria. Father Jacob did not waste any time getting started with new initiatives, and I somehow found myself participating in a small-group book



study that he was facilitating based on the book *Be Healed* written by Dr. Bob Schuchts. I later learned that this author is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and founder of the John Paul II Healing Center located in Tallahassee, Florida. I had no idea of what I was getting myself into, but God did!

The book *Be Healed* reveals a testimony about healing that is delivered straight from the author's heart. Throughout every chapter, Dr. Bob shares about his personal and professional encounters with God's healing embrace; and he does so with great vulnerability, a genuine sense of humility, and incredible doses of wisdom.

I was absolutely hooked in chapter five, where Dr. Bob discusses "The Whole Person Perspective." As a counselor by profession, I was overcome with a sense of excitement and anticipation about the content of this chapter and the potential to gain deeper insight as to what it means to heal the whole person. I learned about five primary areas of brokenness that are the result of original sin: spiritual, relational, psychological, physical, and ecologi-

ever before. Wanting to experience even more, I was blessed to attend several additional John Paul II Healing Center events during the past year with family members. What beautiful and unexpected surprises God revealed to me through each of those events! With grateful hearts, my family and I continue to reap the fruits of healing.

With every encounter, God's healing touch has left me with a deeper awareness of both my own woundedness and the woundedness of those around me. I find myself generally more patient, more compassionate, and less critical of others, including myself. In the area of my professional vocation—teaching and counseling—the fruits of Healing the Whole Person have had immense impact. I am inspired by the words of St. John Paul II, "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and

failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son." I fully acknowledge God to be the one true Divine Teacher and Healer, and I am most humbled to walk in support of His children on their path to freedom as they seek healing and wholeness in the light of His love.

You can bet that I'm excited to be participating in the Healing the Whole Person Conference at Holy Family-Victoria this November, and I hope that many of you will consider participating as well. Perhaps you have a particular need for



Gail Janecka, Father Jacob Koether and Julie Janecka, pictured at one of the John Paul Healing the Whole Person Conferences.

cal. Brokenness in any one of these areas can significantly affect the others. God calls each of us to be whole, and He calls us to be healed. I was challenged to face my own brokenness and to find healing through the power of God and the grace of the sacraments. I was called to live out my true identity in the image of God, just as my Creator intended.

God's gift of the John Paul II Healing ministries was magnified for me last fall when I attended my first Healing the Whole Person Conference near Austin. Dr. Bob Schuchts and fellow team members facilitated a transformational event through their powerful and prayerful witness. I was led to encounter God through His healing touch in a deeper sense than

healing in mind, or perhaps you simply want to experience a deeper encounter with the merciful love of The Father. Whatever your heart's desire, I encourage you to be open to the special gifts that God has in store for you, and I invite you to accept this special invitation to share time with Dr. Bob Schuchts and his team from the John Paul II Healing Center in Florida. Their prayer, ministry, and support will surely bless all who attend!

To register, or simply to get more information, visit www.jp2healingcenter.org and look for the Victoria Healing the Whole Person event. You will be amazed at the surprises that God may have in store for you!

HOLY CROSS PARISH

BAZAAR

Mass at Church
7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.
Oct. 9th

Riverside Hall - East Bernard

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Meal Served at 11:00 A.M.

*BAR-B-QUE BEEF * CHICKEN * SAUSAGE*

WITH "HOMEMADE DRESSING" & ALL THE TRIMMINGS

Hamburgers Served at 3:00 P.M.

Plenty of Czech Pastries, Refreshments & Country Store Items

KID GAMES

Noon - 5:00 P.M.

Grand AUCTION - 12:30 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Dujka Brothers (noon to 3:00 P.M.)

The Red Ravens (3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.)



Conference Workshops Titles and Descriptions

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Round B (3:00-4:15 p.m.)

B-11 Praying With Teenagers - Sr. Clare Underbrink, IWBS

Prayer, one of the most important practices that we pass on to our students, is more often "caught" than "taught." This workshop provides experiences that are effective for teens and pre-teens; however, the ideas are adaptable for other ages.

B-12 Know Thy Learner: Age Appropriate Instructing - Deacon Chuck Glynn

Students "learn" differently from each other and differently as they individually mature. This workshop will introduce strategies and approaches to better recognize the needs of the learner, and how to interact to promote a faith understanding that can be reflected in daily life.

B-13 The Well-Prepared Catechist: Planning for Success - Rita T. Minkley

Workshop repeated from A-2.

B-14 Our Journey Into a Deeper Faith Through Prayer - Deacon John & Eileen McCourt

This workshop will be about prayer for all of us Christians, and particularly married couples, as we journey through our lives with its joys, struggles, sadness and even doubts about God's presence in the difficult times as well as our over involvement in worldly pursuits. We may intellectually believe in God but be spiritually empty. Then one day, we experience the joy

of discovering that the Holy Spirit has always been there, moving us to a deeper understanding of our life's purpose.

B-15 Praying the Scripture Through Lectio Divina: Ever Ancient Ever New - Sr. Marian Sturm, IWBS

The Word of God is alive and active, transforming each of us when we are open to receive what God is giving us. This workshop will give some background on Lectio Divina, the Church's most ancient way of praying the Scriptures. This method of praying offers a way of prayerfully reading Scripture in God's presence, with a desire to deepen our intimacy with God, and open our hearts to what God wants us to experience today. We will practice this form of personal encounter and dialogue with God, as its movements are explained.

B-16 The Necessity of Prayer in a Disciple's Life - Michael Fonseca

Workshop repeated from A-7.

B-17 The Eucharist Sends us on Christ's Mission to the World - Rev. Kenneth Hannon, OMI

The celebration of the Eucharist sends the Church and each disciple forth. We become builders of a more just world in word, deed and missionary witness. Come and hear how the Eucharist sends us forth as disciples to build a more just world.

B-18 Praying with Scripture: Imaginative Contemplation - Sr. Digna Vela, IWBS

Workshop repeated from A-5.

BS-19 Recursos musicales para Misas bilingües - Dr. Rick Lopez

Este taller revisará los recursos musicales bilingües más actuales disponibles para los ministros de la música. Esto incluirá himnarios, misalletes temporadas, las colecciones de salmos y los ajustes de los medios de la música. Además, vamos a ver los recursos de planificación de la música liturgia actualmente disponibles en forma impresa y en línea a partir de los tres principales editores de música católica: GIA, OCP y WLP.

BS-20 La Reconciliación y Misericordia en el Año de la Misericordia - Sr. Miriam Perez, MCSH

En "El Amor En La Familia" el Papa Francisco dice, "La familia no baja del cielo perfectamente formada; las familias necesitan crecer constantemente y madurar en su habilidad para amar." El sacramento de la reconciliación es el único medio para sanar nuestras heridas y nuestros pecados capacitándonos para reestablecer estas relaciones quebradas.



Holy Family Parish Center and Church, (2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, 77488) will be the site of the Annual Catechetical Conference, Saturday October 1.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Knights of Columbus Hall

63 CR 216 (Nichols Rd), Bay City, TX

Turkey & Dressing Dinner

Drive through or dine in 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Turkey - Cornbread Dressing - Potatoes
Green Beans - Cranberry Sauce - Dessert & tea
(tea for dine-in only)

\$10.00 per plate

LIVE AUCTION
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FUN FOR ALL!!!



Obispo Brendan Cahill *Mensaje del pastor*

Ordenado como obispo
el 29 de junio de 2015

Sea Atento

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,
Este año el 1 de octubre estaremos realizando nuestra Conferencia Católica Anual. Celebrada en la iglesia de la Sagrada Familia en Wharton (2011 Briar Lane), el tema será: “Prayer: The Faith Prayed/ Oracion: La Fe Orada.” Esto me parece ser un gran tema para una conferencia, ya que algunas de las más profundas preguntas que recibo en mis visitas a las aulas, parroquias o programas de educación de adultos son de la oración: “¿Cómo rezas?”, “¿Cuál es tu oración favorita?”, “¿Quién es tu santo favorito?”, “¿Cómo tratas con el aburrimiento y la rutina en la oración?” etc., etc.

Mirando hacia atrás en mis artículos este año pasado realizo que seguidamente escribo sobre la oración y la espiritualidad. La oración renueva e ilumina nuestro corazón cada momento del día. Permítanme añadir un par de pensamientos acerca de la oración hoy - tiempo es fundamental, y la atención como la fruta.

La primera y más obvia consejo acerca de la oración es hacer tiempo para orar. Vivimos en un mundo tan ocupado que esto parece más difícil de hacer. Una

de las cuestiones más prácticas que una persona puede hacer es: “¿cuándo es el mejor momento para mí para orar?” En este momento para mí es a primera hora de la mañana - Recuerdo que en diferentes momentos en mi vida era mejor a altas horas de noche durante los medios del día. Mirando hacia atrás, parece que para mí la clave ha sido el de encontrar un momento del día cuando puedo limpiar mi mente de todos los eventos diarios y noticias. Esto significa encontrar un momento en el que puedo parar, tomar unas cuantas respiraciones, y empezar a pensar más en Dios que en mí. El tiempo asignado es el fundamento, y establece el ambiente para la oración. Puede ser cinco minutos, veinte minutos o una hora - sea cual sea la duración de tiempo que se necesita para ser una cualidad del tiempo en el que puedo tomar el foco lejos de mí mismo y mirar a Dios.

Con este cambio de enfoque, creo que una de las principales frutas de la oración viene cuando una persona llega a ser más consciente de la presencia de Dios a nuestro alrededor. Refiero en seguido a un verso de una novela española por José María Gironella, “Los Cipreses

Creen en Dios.” En esta novela de ficción ambientada en el medio de la Guerra Civil Española un hombre joven hace su confesión a un sacerdote y recibe un consejo hermoso: “Sobre todo, recuerda esto que te digo: pon atención. Centre toda su atención en todo lo que haces, todo lo que escuchas. Vas a descubrir nuevos mundos. Los más humildes empleados te enseñarán algo. Pon atención a los objetos de la casa, las cosas que suceden en el banco, lo que se ve a lo largo de la calle, todo lo que te rodea. No hay tal cosa o ninguna persona que no te puede enseñar algo Si pones atención - y no crees que todas estas teorías son mías: son de San Agustín - que sin falta descubrió algo muy importante - la armonía. Te darás cuenta que hay armonía en todo, que todo forma parte de un todo armónico.”

En última instancia, la oración nos lleva a realizar y aceptar que Dios está a cargo y da a cada uno de nosotros exactamente lo que necesitamos para el día. El 1 de octubre tendremos una serie de presentadores inspirantes, tanto en Inglés y Español para compartir consejos espirituales prácticas para nuestra vida diaria. Espero ver a muchos de ustedes allí. Que Dios bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias, pueden estar seguros de mis oraciones diariamente para ustedes - que Dios puede engrandecer nuestros corazones para poder verlo más profundamente y servirlo cada día,

+ Brendan

Octubre es el Mes de Por-vida

Octubre es el mes de por-vida y la Diócesis de Victoria participa en actividades por-vida en octubre y durante todo el año. Los siguientes son algunos de los eventos que todos están invitados a participar. Para obtener más información, visite <http://www.victoriadiocese.org/pro-life> o llame al Padre Jasper Liggio al (361) 575-2293 ext. 15.

2 de octubre

Cadena de Vida Nacional
Anualmente, en el primer domingo de octubre, cadena de la vida (LIFE CHAIN) invita a las iglesias en cada ciudad y pueblo a través de América del Norte para estar de pie en una acera local designado y a orar durante 90 minutos, mientras se mantiene una señal con un mensaje aprobada de pro-vida. La cadena de vida se formará en Norte Navarro de Sam Houston y Magruder a Loop 463 de las 2-3 p.m.

3 de octubre

40 Días por la Vida
Durante los últimos 7 años, algunas de las escuelas católicas de la Diócesis de Victoria han participado en la campaña de oración 40 Días por la Vida (40 DAYS FOR LIFE) en Houston. Todos los colegios católicos y feligreses de la diócesis están invitados a unirse a este esfuerzo el lunes 3 de octubre de 2016. Este evento de oración se llevará a cabo desde las 10:30 am hasta el mediodía en las instalaciones de Planificación de la Familia situado en 4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77023.

23 de octubre

Evento de Por vida en Goliad “Un vistazo adentro”
Más detalles en el edición de Lighthouse en octubre.

Oración Para La Santa Teresa De Calcuta



Jesús, tu hiciste de Santa Teresa un ejemplo inspirador de fe firme y de ardiente caridad,
un testigo extraordinario del camino de la infancia espiritual, y una gran y estimada maestra del valor y dignidad de toda vida humana.
Concédenos que ella sea venerada e imitada como uno de los santos canonizados de la Iglesia.
Escucha las súplicas de todos aquellos que buscan su intercesión, especialmente la petición que en este momento imploro... (mencione aquí el favor que pide en esta oración).

Haz que sigamos su ejemplo atendiendo a tu grito de sed desde la cruz y te amemos con alegría en la apariencia dolorosa de los más pobres entre los pobres, especialmente en los menos amados y aceptados.

Te lo pedimos esto por intercesión de María,
tu Madre y Madre nuestra. Amen



St. Patrick's Church, Bloomington

Fall Festival Dinner

Sunday, September 25

Turkey, Dressing, Corn, Yams, Cranberries, Cake Dessert

All plates \$9.00

Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. • Plates to go at 9:00 a.m.

Auction at 11:30 a.m.

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**Country/Religious Store, Cakewalk,
Kid Games – Face Painting, Toy Walk, Fish Pond**

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Obispo conocido como 'humilde servidor' asumirá nuevo cargo en el Vaticano

Por David Sedeño
Catholic News Service

DALLAS (CNS) — Durante el tiempo del obispo Kevin J. Farrell en Dallas, la diócesis ha hecho incursiones en casi todos los sectores de la vida de la iglesia, desde un incremento en las vocaciones sacerdotales, y matriculación estable en las escuelas católicas durante tiempos económicos difíciles.

La diócesis también ha visto más de 1.000 millones de dólares en expansiones, renovaciones o construcciones de nuevas iglesias, escuelas parroquiales primarias, secundarias, y preparatoria (o bachillerato) además de escuelas secundarias y de otras instalaciones. El obispo Farrell aprobó la consolidación de cuatro escuelas primarias en dos academias para mejor eficiencia y responsabilidad, actuando por recomendación de un comité de líderes católicos encargados de forjar una nueva visión de educación católica.

El 17 de agosto, el papa Francisco nombró al obispo Farrell como director del Dicasterio para los Laicos, la Familia y la Vida. Su trabajo comienza oficialmente el 1 de septiembre. De esta forma se fusiona el actual Consejo Pontificio para los Laicos y el Consejo Pontificio para la Familia.

"Los logros e influencia (del obispo Farrell) son bien conocidos en general en toda la comunidad de Dallas" dijo Matt Kramer, presidente y director general de la Fundación Católica, una organización independiente sin fines de lucro que durante los últimos 25 años ha proporcionado \$94 millones de dólares en subsidios a organizaciones religiosas, caritativas y educativas a través de sus organizaciones de beneficencia y fondos de caridad.

"No es ninguna sorpresa que el fuera elegido para este papel en el Vaticano, es bien merecido", dijo Kramer al periódico The Texas Catholic, de la Diócesis de Dallas.

"A pesar de que su partida será una pérdida para más de 1 millón de católicos locales, vemos hacia adelante el impacto global que el tendrá a través de este nuevo ministerio", añadió Kramer.

El obispo Farrell, nació en Dublín, Irlanda el 2 de septiembre de 1947, y fue ordenado al sacerdocio en Roma como miembro de los Legionarios de Cristo, el 24 de diciembre de 1978. Más tarde fue incardinado como sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, donde se desempeñó en varias parroquias.

También sirvió en la arquidiócesis como director del Centro Católico Hispa-

no, director ejecutivo asistente y director interino de Caridades Católicas, secretario de finanzas de la arquidiócesis, y vicario general y moderador de la curia. Fue ordenado obispo auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Washington el 11 de febrero del 2002.

El cardenal Theodore E. McCarrick, quien es arzobispo jubilado de Washington, dirigió la archidiócesis cuando el entonces Mons. Farrell fue vicario general.



(CNS photo/Rebecca Kirstin Patton, The Texas Catholic)

"Si grandes cosas fueron realizadas durante mis años de servicio como arzobispo, gran parte del mérito corresponde al obispo Farrell, un administrador extraordinario y un pastor entusiasta", dijo el cardenal en un comunicado. "Creo que no hay nada que Farrell no pueda hacer, yo lo he visto en acción con su encanto irlandés y con la eficiencia norteamericana".

El obispo Farrell se convirtió en el séptimo obispo de la Diócesis de Dallas cuando fue nombrado el 6 de marzo de 2007 por el papa Benedicto XVI y se instaló en la Catedral Santuario de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el centro de Dallas el 1 mayo de 2007.

Cada enero desde su llegada, el obispo Farrell ha concelebrado una misa con otros obispos y sacerdotes durante los eventos de la Marcha por la Vida y las manifestaciones que conmemoran la decisión de la corte suprema de Estados Unidos que en 1973 legalizó el aborto.

En inglés y en español, ha instado a una reunión ecuménica de miles de personas frente al edificio federal Earle Cabell en

Dallas -- donde primero se expuso el caso Roe v. Wade -- para nunca renunciar a la lucha por la protección de la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

Él lideró una exitosa campaña de \$125 millones para apoyar los cinco pilares de la iglesia local: parroquias, Caridades Católicas, el Seminario de la Santísima Trinidad, la Catedral Santuario de la Virgen de Guadalupe, y las escuelas católicas.

El Torneo de Golf del Obispo Farrell,

que se inició en 2011, agota sus ventas de asignación de equipos de cada año, y ha recaudado más de \$2.7 millones para proporcionar ayuda matricular para los estudiantes de escuelas católicas de kínder hasta octavo grado.

En diciembre de 2014, se puso un sombrero de Santa Claus y posó para fotografías y dio regalos a familias necesitadas que se habían registrado a través de Caridades Católicas de Dallas, Inc. También participó en la invocación durante la gala anual de Caridades Católicas de Dallas que ha recaudado millones de dólares para ayudar a los necesitados en toda la diócesis.

"Él es un humilde servidor y un firme defensor de miles de personas que necesitan ayuda y esperanza en la vida -- desde niños que viven en pobreza y también los inmigrantes que necesitan una voz, hasta las familias desesperadas por educación y asistencia", dijo Dave Woodyard, presidente y director general de Caridades Católicas de Dallas.

"Le deseamos todo lo mejor y nos

sentimos bendecidos de haber tenido sus consejos y compañerismo".

En el otoño de 2014, líderes de la ciudad de Dallas y del condado le pidieron al obispo Farrell si la diócesis podría albergar a una familia que tenía que estar en cuarentena debido a su exposición a un paciente infectado con el virus del Ébola. El paciente murió. Por más de un mes, cuatro personas que eran miembros de una iglesia Bautista fueron alojados en un edificio en el Centro Católico de Formación y Conferencias en el sur de Dallas. Durante la rueda de prensa al final de la cuarentena, el obispo Farrell dijo que lo pensó un minuto antes de decir sí y añadió: "Ayudamos a la gente porque somos católicos, no porque ellos sean católicos".

En el último año, en que se ha visto tanta violencia y matanza en todo el mundo, el obispo Farrell dedicó blogs que abordan el tema del fácil acceso a las armas por los terroristas, y personas mentalmente inestables y aborreció la nueva legislación de Texas que permite la portación abierta de armas de fuego.

Él fue uno de varios líderes religiosos a quien el alcalde de Dallas, Mike Rawlings pidió ofrecer una oración el 8 de julio en la plaza Thanks-Giving Square en el centro de Dallas, el día después de que cinco agentes de policía del área de Dallas murieran baleados mientras protegían a las personas que protestaban por los tiroteos fatales realizados por agentes en otras partes del país.

El obispo Farrell sirve como rector de la Universidad de Dallas en Irving y es miembro de la junta directiva de la Fundación Papal, Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción, la Universidad Católica de América, y del Instituto St. Luke, todos en Washington.

Actualmente forma parte del Comité Ejecutivo de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, y es el tesorero de la USCCB.

El arzobispo Joseph E. Kurtz de Louisville, Kentucky, presidente de la USCCB, dijo que los obispos extrañarán al obispo Farrell como miembro de su conferencia, donde como tesorero "su liderazgo estableció los más altos estándares de una buena administración".

El nuevo dicasterio Vaticano ha "ganado un prefecto con raíces pastorales profundas", dijo el arzobispo, observando cómo a principios de julio el obispo Farrell había "llevado a los fieles de Dallas, a una efusión de amor en respuesta a la terrible violencia".



Nation, world need gifts Latinos have to offer, says Archbishop Gomez

CHICAGO (CNS) -- Latino Catholics have many gifts and values to benefit the church and society and the time is now to embrace them and share them. "America needs our gifts. Our world needs our gifts," said Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, at the opening of the Catholic Association of Latino Leaders annual conference held Aug. 18-21 in downtown Chicago. "Latinos represent the future of the church in the United States," he said. "The future of the church in this country depends on you and me." The organization was founded in 2007. Archbishop Gomez, a native of Mexico, and Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia are its co-founders. The Los Angeles archbishop was an auxiliary bishop in Denver from 2001 to 2004 when Archbishop Chaput headed the Denver Archdiocese. "I wanted to reach out to the professional Latinos in the business world and the universities, wherever they are, because most of them are traditionally Catholic. They go to high school and they go to college and they lose the contact with the church," the archbishop said. The organization helps them feel they are important to the life of the church and helps them bring values common to the Latino community, to the culture, he said.

After 147 years, Little Sisters of the Poor to end ministry in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (CNS) -- The Little Sisters of the Poor are withdrawing from their ministry of caring for the elderly poor in the Archdiocese of St. Louis after 147 years of service. The sisters cited a decrease in sufficient vocations to effectively staff the residence in north St. Louis, in the spirit of the community's foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan. "We are eternally grateful for the support and love we received during our many years in St. Louis," said Mother Gonzague Castro, local superior. "We love the city nearly as much as we love the people we work with and care for." The sisters are seeking new sponsorship to manage the property, which is home to 88 residents and has 125 employees. Efforts to assure the community's mission through the transition are being managed by Kevin Short, managing partner and CEO of Clayton Capital Partners, a St. Louis-based investment banking firm that specializes in merger and acquisition advisement. Families of residents were notified by letter Aug. 22 of the sisters' withdrawal of sponsorship and staffing. Eight sisters at the north St. Louis residence will move to other community-sponsored residences in the United States. Their departure is contingent on the best possible outcome they can find for the home, and its residents and staff.

New Mexico's bishops reject governor's plan to reinstate death penalty

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (CNS) -- The Catholic bishops of New Mexico in an Aug. 18 statement said they oppose Republican Gov. Susana Martinez's plan to reinstate the death penalty and called on the Legislature to reject it. The bishops recalled that when the Legislature in March 2009 repealed "the morally untenable practice of the death penalty," they applauded the move, calling it "a milestone" that was "moving New Mexico from a culture of violence to a culture of peace, justice and love. The state created life in prison without the possibility of parole. This renders a perpetrator harmless to society," they said. "In one voice, (we) once again echo the teaching of the church that life is sacred," the New Mexico bishops said. "There is one seamless teaching on God's gift of life that must be protected from conception in the womb to natural death. It is always tragic and sad when a member of the community is murdered. These senseless acts must be prevented by calling for systemic change in society beginning with our youngest children. Crime can be prevented, and this is done by an investment in social capital," they said.

she charmed thousands of listeners and readers, but often accepted the role of tough cop on behalf of the four Portland archbishops she served. "What I have done, I have always done out of love for the church," Tully told friends at a farewell dinner in Portland July 29. She has moved to be near family north of Austin, Texas, and said she hopes to be of service to the church there. "The church is my family," Tully said during an Aug. 2 retirement luncheon. "People always ask me why I didn't become a nun. Well, it's because they wouldn't let me be superior," she joked, getting a big laugh from colleagues.

Nike 'Unlimited Youth' TV spot features religious who is triathlete at 86

SPOKANE, Wash. (CNS) -- With every Olympics, summer or winter, the 24/7 coverage usually includes stories about the oldest athlete in history to compete in this sport or that sport -- and "oldest" usually means 31, 35 or perhaps early 40s. But Nike has launched a new TV campaign that features someone a lot older than that who is still active in her sport: 86-year-old Sister Madonna Buder, a Sister of Christian Community from Spokane, who is a triathlete. She is featured in Nike's "Unlimited Youth" ad campaign that has been running through the Summer Olympics taking place in Rio de Janeiro. "It wasn't until I was about 47, 48 that I was introduced to running -- actually by a priest. I'm Sister Madonna Buder, known as the 'Iron Nun,'" she says in a short video interview released in addition to the TV spot. "There were a lot of times I had to think about failures and not reaching the goal I may have set for myself. The I realized the only failure is not to try because your effort in itself is a success."

Nation's first laywoman chancellor steps down after 27 years in post

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) -- Mary Jo Tully, the first laywoman to become chancellor of a U.S. Catholic diocese, has stepped down from the post she held for 27 years at the Archdiocese of Portland. Tully -- known for wit, candor and a pebbly Midwestern voice -- taught, wrote and administered her way to unsought renown in Oregon. Daughter of a Chicago policeman,

28th Annual Holy Family Fall Festival

2009 Briar Lane
Wharton (77488)



October 16

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Turkey and Dressing Dinner
\$10 p/p

Serving inside 11 a.m.-2 p.m. • Drive thru 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Country Store, Cakewalk, Children's Games, Silent Auction

Auction 12 noon

Mass Times: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. - Sunday: 10 a.m.



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- Mark your letter "Personal and Confidential". Write to: Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, Diocese of Victoria, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903.

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. If you are unsure about bringing forth a complaint or need more information, please contact: Fr. Gary Janak at (361) 575-4741.

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If you know or suspect a child or person has been abused or mistreated, you are required to report it to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or to a law enforcement agency within 48 hours.

If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.



With sign, high school sends message students must solve own problems

By Malea Hargett
Catholic News Service

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (CNS)— As the first week of school began at Catholic High School in Little Rock, a sign placed on the school office door is being discussed by national radio hosts, the media and parents.

The boys school always has placed a high priority on responsibility and consequences, but the notice with a red stop sign prominently at the top is what is getting attention across the country.

On Aug. 10 the sign was posted at the school and shared with parents: “If you are dropping off your son’s forgotten lunch, books, homework, equipment, etc., please turn around and exit the building. Your son will learn to problem-solve in your absence.”

After the sign was posted on the school’s Facebook page, it was shared 117,000 times and had more than 3,600 comments.

While most of the comments were supportive, many Facebook comments disagreed with the school’s notice.

One woman said, “I’m an adult who forgets things because life is hectic and chaotic. ... I can’t expect my kids to remember when their life is just as hectic. This is a terrible idea. Especially the food.”

Other commentary seemed to understand that the school was educating high school boys, not elementary students.

“These are young men only a few short years away from college. Mommy can’t bring your lunch or forgotten book to college. My son would be mortified if I brought his lunch or book to him. So what if they get detention? I promise, they will not starve in three hours. They are smart. They will borrow food from a friend. Natural consequences,” another woman wrote.

Catholic High parents were not surprised by the sign and knew what to expect since the school has been preaching this rule for decades.

“I’m very proud to now be a part of this exceptional school and happy to hear it is generating a national conversation about the value of personal responsibility,” said freshman parent Jennifer Gunderman of Maumelle.

Principal Steve Straessle reminded parents Aug. 10 before the Aug. 15 first day of school to follow the school’s common sense policy.

In an e-mail to parents, he wrote, “Our old philosophy was that doing so perpetuates forgetfulness and inconveniences adults for a boy’s memory lapse. Now, however, we are doubling-down on this policy to treat the aforementioned lack of problem-solving that has become the norm. If your son forgets something, he will simply have to figure out the best mechanism for fixing it.

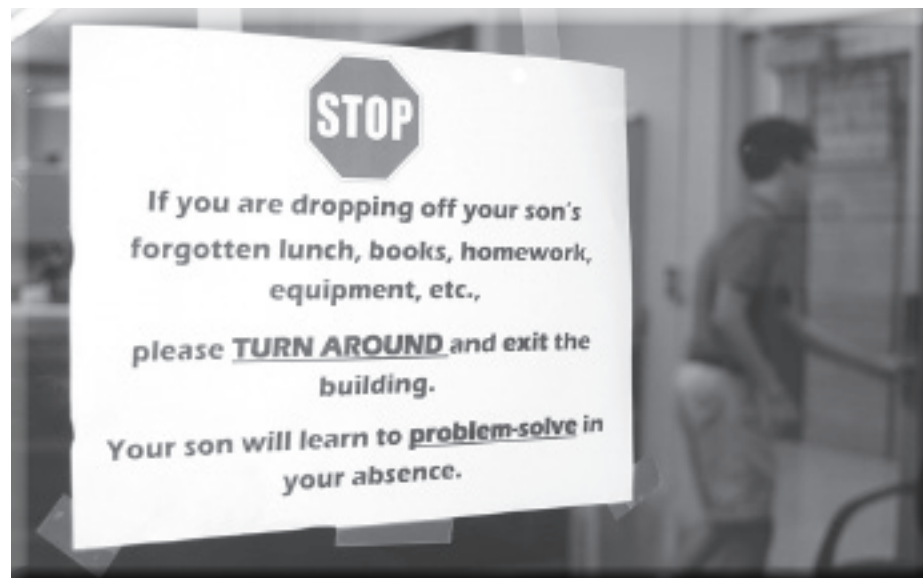
“He will have to borrow money for lunch, talk to a teacher about forgotten homework or go hat-in-hand to a coach for forgotten equipment.”

Straessle has been telling parents to teach their sons about “soft failures”

“Soft failures are the times when boys come up short without permanent damage to their well-being,” he said. “A soft failure is a lower grade on a test than expected. A soft failure is not making the team. A soft failure is when a boy’s behavior results in corrective discipline. No one has ever had his life destroyed by soft failures. However, many lives have been devastated by the lack thereof.”

In an interview with Arkansas Catholic, Little Rock’s diocesan newspaper, Straessle said he intended for the quickly written sign to be at the school for two weeks, but now it will be permanent. In the past parents occasionally did bring up lunches, homework or football pads, but the office staff always told them they couldn’t deliver the forgotten items.

“We want to save the trip up here and save the embarrassment and save any kind of time, in addition to underscoring why we have that policy,” he said. “It’s not because we don’t want parents to bother us, or we want to be mean to the kids. It’s because our kids need to think beyond the default switch of call Mom and Dad if something goes wrong. Every tool necessary to solve the problem can be found here on campus.”



A sign reinforcing decades-old policies on problem-solving and personal responsibility is taped to a door at Catholic High School for Boys in Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 15. (CNS photo/ Aprille Hanson, *Arkansas Catholic*)

Straessle said he would never advocate the rule for an elementary or middle school, and even in some high schools it wouldn’t work. “But it works here and it is intrinsic to our mission.”

“Most parents knew about the policy and liked it, but I decided to underscore it for the handful of parents who are making the trek up here and getting turned away,”

he said. “This is one of those lessons that is just as vital as calculus or English composition but can’t be found in a textbook. That lesson is the value of personal responsibility.”

Hargett is editor of the *Arkansas Catholic*, newspaper of the Diocese of Little Rock.



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Bishop headed to Vatican, will miss 'beautiful people, culture' of Dallas

By David Sedeno
Catholic News Service

DALLAS (CNS) — The importance of the vocation of marriage and the family is at the core for the future of not only the Catholic Church, but of society, Bishop Kevin J. Farrell of Dallas said at a news conference Aug. 17.

Earlier in the day the Vatican announced that Pope Francis has appointed the bishop to lead a new Vatican office for the laity, family and life. Creation of the office is a continuation of the pontiff's quest to overhaul the Curia for more efficiency and transparency and to highlight the growing and important role of the laity among the world's 1.2 billion Catholics.

At the news conference and in a letter to priests of the diocese and the pastoral center staff, Bishop Farrell thanked the pope for having confidence in him to lead the new office, but said he also welcomed the appointment with mixed emotions.

"Dallas has been my home for 10 years and, from the beginning, I quickly grew to love the beautiful people and the culture here," he said in the letter. "The strong faith, kindness and generosity of the people in the Diocese of Dallas surpassed all of my expectations.

"A bishop can get nothing of significance done in a diocese without the hard work and cooperation of pastors, priests, his senior staff and diocesan employees," he said. "Together, I believe we have accomplished many goals and put others in motion that have improved and enhanced service and ministry to the good people we serve."

Bishop Farrell became the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Dallas when he was appointed March 6, 2007, by Pope Benedict XVI and was installed at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in downtown Dallas May 1, 2007.

When he became the chief shepherd of the diocese, there were approximately 947,000 Catholics, compared to the current 1.3 million, thanks in part to the arrival of immigrants from across the United

States and abroad. Statutes for the new office, published in June, said it was being established "for the promotion of the life and apostolate of the lay faithful, for the pastoral care of the family and its mission according to God's



Pope Francis greets Bishop Kevin J. Farrell of Dallas in Washington in September 2015. Pope Francis has named the Texas bishop to head the Vatican's new office for laity, family and life. (CNS photo/courtesy *The Texas Catholic*)

plan and for the protection and support of human life."

On Sept. 1, the new Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life officially begins its work. It merges the current Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Pontifical Council for the Family; the Pontifical Academy for Life will remain as a separate unit but will report to the new dicastery.

Bishop Farrell was scheduled to travel to Rome in the coming days to open the office and meet with his new staff, which will include a secretary and three lay undersecretaries.

He will celebrate his 69th birthday

Sept. 2. He will return to Dallas for a few days in September before relocating permanently to Rome a few weeks later.

Upon Bishop Farrell's departure, Auxiliary Bishop Gregory Kelly will lead the diocese until Pope Francis appoints a successor in the coming months.

During his tenure in Dallas, Bishop Farrell has been outspoken on abortion and the death penalty as well as on gun control, immigration and religious liberty. This year, during the Year of Mercy, he has spoken about love, mercy and charity.

At the news conference, as part of the life issue, he reiterated that the Texas bishops have sent Texas Gov. Greg Abbott a letter requesting clemency for Jeff Wood, who was scheduled for execution Aug. 24 for his capital murder conviction in the shooting death of a store clerk in Kerrville in 1996.

Wood, who was not in the store at the time of the shooting and claimed he did not know a passenger in his truck was going to rob and kill the attendant, also is said to have an IQ of about 80, which supporters said should have disqualified him from standing trial, based on his mental competency.

"We have sympathy for the family of the victims," Bishop Farrell told reporters, "but killing someone doesn't solve the problem, especially when that person was not even there."

He also addressed the acrimony brought on by violence, saying that people must understand commonalities beyond their differences.

"We need to build bridges, not walls," he said.

In Rome, Bishop Farrell will join his brother, Bishop Brian Farrell, who is secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

When asked at the news conference if maybe his brother had put in a good word for him with the pope, Bishop Farrell said, "I doubt it."

It will be the first time the two brothers have ministered in the same city.

Sedeno is executive editor of *The Texas Catholic* and *Revista Catolica*, publications of the Diocese of Dallas.



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Olympic Runners Left World Inspired

After colliding into a fellow runner during a 5,000-meter qualifying heat on Tuesday, United States runner Abbey D'Agostino could have kept on running. Her coach even told her before the race, "If you go down...get up, dust [yourself] off, have a quick look around and then get right back to running." Instead she turned around and helped New Zealander Nikki Hamblin stand up and encouraged her to finish the race, saying, "Get up. We have to finish this."

Before that moment Hamblin had never met D'Agostino and was shocked by the selfless concern she had in the middle of an Olympic race. Hamblin said later about the encounter, "That girl is the Olympic spirit right there... I've never met her before. Like I never met this girl before. And isn't that just so amazing. Such an amazing woman."

Hamblin and D'Agostino continued to race together side-by-side, as it turned out D'Agostino was more severely injured than Hamblin and was struggling to finish

the race. Hamblin wanted to return the favor and offered encouragement to the grimacing D'Agostino.

Despite running in absolute pain, D'Agostino finished the race behind Hamblin and was taken away in a wheelchair. Both runners were advanced to the final, but after an MRI on Wednesday D'Agostino discovered she had completely torn her ACL and will not be able to run for quite some time.

The awe-inspiring event is being described as the definition of "true Olympic spirit" and a wonderful example of "sportsmanship," but really it is better described as an expression of D'Agostino's deep and abiding Christian faith.

She said in a statement to the media, "Although my actions were instinctual at that moment, the only way I can and have rationalized it is that God prepared my heart to respond that way... This whole time here he's made clear to me that my experience in Rio was going to be about more than my race performance — and as

soon as Nikki got up I knew that was it."

D'Agostino has always been outspoken about her faith in God, sharing it frequently on social media. She credits her faith in being a driving force behind her athletic career, explaining its role in an interview with Julia Hanlon.

"I felt the peace that comes with acknowledging that I'm not going to run this race with my own strength. And I think that acknowledging those fears before God is what allowed me to feel that peace and I was drawn to it and I wanted to know a God who would work that way in my life."



During the 2016 Summer Olympics, New Zealand runner Nikki Hamblin and American Abbey D'Agostino became the 18th and 19th recipients of the unusual award due to their extraordinary act of sportsmanship.

Pope leads 11,000 pilgrims praying rosary for quake victims

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After a strong earthquake struck central Italy and with the early news reporting many deaths and serious damage, Pope Francis turned his weekly general audience Aug. 24 into a prayer service. While the pope and some 11,000 pilgrims and tourists recited the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary in St. Peter's Square, six Vatican firefighters were on their way to the town of Amatrice, about 85 miles east of Rome, to help search for victims under the rubble. The pope sent six Vatican police officers to join them the next day. The U.S. Geological Survey said the magnitude 6.2 quake had an epicenter close to Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict and home to a monastery of Benedictine monks, who are attracting a growing number of visitors because of their solemn prayer life and beer brewing business. The monks and their guests were all safe, but the monastery and Basilica of St. Benedict suffered serious structural damage. Smaller temblors -- at least two of which registered more than 5.0 -- continued even 24 hours after the main quake. By early Aug. 25, Italian officials said the death toll had reached 247

and the number of people hospitalized with quake-related injuries was more than 260. When Pope Francis arrived in St. Peter's Square for his general audience just six hours after the main quake, he set aside his prepared audience talk and instead spoke of his "heartfelt sorrow and my closeness" to everyone in the earthquake zone, especially those who lost loved ones and "those who are still shaken by fear and terror." "Having heard the mayor of Amatrice say, 'The town no longer exists,' and knowing that there are children among the dead, I am deeply saddened," Pope Francis said.



Earthquake survivors walk through a tent camp Aug. 25 in Arquata Del Tronto, Italy. (CNS photo/Cristiano Chiodi, EPA)

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Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

*September 18 - Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Amos 8:4-7
Psalms 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

*September 25 - Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Amos 6:1A, 4-7
Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

*October 2 - Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

*October 9 - Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

*October 16 - Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Exodus 17:8-13
Psalms 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

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October is Pro-Life Month

October is pro-life month and the Diocese of Victoria participates in pro-life activities in October and throughout the year. The following are some of the upcoming events. All are invited to participate. For more information visit <http://www.victoriadiocese.org/pro-life> or call Father Jasper Liggio at (361) 575-2293 ext. 15.

October 2

National Life Chain

Annually, on the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAIN invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for 90 minutes, while holding an approved pro-life sign message. Life Chain will form on North Navarro from Sam Houston and Magruder to Loop 463 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.



October 3

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

For the past 7 years, some of the Catholic schools from the Diocese of Victoria have participated in the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE prayer campaign in Houston. Catholic schools and parishioners in the diocese are invited to join in this effort on Monday, October 3. This prayer event will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Planned Parenthood facility located at 4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas 77023.

October 23

Pro-life Event in Goliad "A Glimpse Inside"
More details in October *Lighthouse*.



STUDENTS MEET THE BISHOP—The first Annual Learn and Lunch with Bishop Cahill was attended by over 75 third graders from 9 of the Catholic schools and their CCD programs in the Diocese of Victoria, along with more than 25 parents! The students learned about Bishop Brendan's family, experiences as a 3rd grader and prayer. The Knights of Columbus Council #1329 prepared a wonderful hot dog lunch for the event.

Queen of Peace Church

Sweet Home, Texas

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Sunday, September 25

- In The Air Conditioned Sweet Home Community Center • FM 531 -

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Zachary M., 3rd grader, from Our Lady of Victory School meets Bishop Brendan Cahill before the Learn and Lunch event.





EVENTS

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Meals • Picnics and more

September

Blessing—KC's #4307 Shrimp/Gumbo meal, Sept. 11 at the parish hall; 11:00 a.m.; \$9 a bowl with dessert.

Inez—St. Joseph Picnic, Sept. 11 at the Inez Community Center. A fried chicken/brisket/sausage dinner, \$9 p/p; 10:30 a.m.

Yorktown—Holy Cross Festival, Sept. 11, see ad on pg. 9.

Bay City—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica, Sept. 18; parish hall.

Moulton—St. Joseph Picnic, Sept. 18, at the city park starting with Mass at 10:00 a.m.; fried chicken/stew dinner at \$9 p/p; 10:30 a.m.; games, auction at 1:00 p.m. and music throughout the day.

Victoria—St. Mary's Altar Society will sponsor a half-day retreat on Tuesday, Sept. 20. See pg. 8 for more information.

Bloomington—St. Patrick's Fall Festival, Sept. 25, see ad on pg. 16
El Campo—St. Philip Picnic, Sept. 25, see ad on pg. 19.

Meyersville—Sts. Peter & Paul Annual Festival, Sept. 25 at 11220 FM 237. A barbecue beef dinner, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at \$10 p/p with dine-in or plates-to-go available. Live auction (1:00 p.m.), country store, games, cakewalk, bingo (1:00 p.m.) and other activities throughout the day.

Sweet Home—Queen of Peace Picnic, Sept. 25, see ad on pg. 22.

Cuero—Catholic Daughters Of The Americas Court St. Michael # 347 Annual Rummage Fundraiser, Friday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the parish hall (309 E. Church St., 77954). Breakfast, lunch served and bake sale.

October

Hallettsville—The Sacred Heart High School 65th annual Apple Strudel Bake Saturday, Oct. 1. The strudels come ready to eat or unbaked for a fresh treat at a later date. Unbaked strudels sell for \$15 each, baked are \$17 and will be available for pickup at the Family Center on the day of the event. To order, call Charlene Bradbury (361) 798-3224, Annette Henke (361) 798-5374, Sharon Wagner (361) 576-2060 or e-mail shsstrudelbake@gmail.com. (Advance orders are required to guarantee order fulfillment.) There will be local delivery for unbaked orders only to a central location in Victoria and Schulenburg.

Bay City—Holy Cross Festival, Oct. 2, see ad on pg. 15.

Victoria—Nazareth Academy Festival, Oct. 2, see ad on pg. 12.

Hostyn—Holy Rosary Festival, Oct. 2, see ad on pg. 11.

Hungerford—St. John Bazaar, Oct. 2, see ad on pg. 10.

Mentz—St. Roch Picnic, Oct. 2, see ad on pg. 8.

Columbus—St. Anthony Fall Festival, Oct. 9, see ad on pg. 6.

East Bernard—Holy Cross Bazaar, Oct. 9, see ad on pg. 14.

Victoria—Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Festival, Oct. 9, see ad on pg. 21.

Seadrift—St. Patrick Annual Fall Fundraiser Friday, Oct. 14-Saturday, Oct. 15, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. with a rummage sale in the new hall. The following weekend on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 11:00 a.m. will be serving carne guisada, rice, pinto beans and tortillas for \$9 p/p. Bake sale, eggrolls and rice will be sold.

Goliad—Immaculate Conception Festival, Oct. 16 on church grounds. A barbecue beef dinner, auction, music and more.

LaSalle—St. Theresa Annual Turkey Dinner at \$9 p/p on Oct. 16 catered by Robert Werner of Shiner. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. with dine-in or drive-thru plates-to-go available. A live auction beginning at 12:30 p.m. Also will be a cakewalk, children's games and more.

Wharton—Holy Family Fall Festival, Oct. 16, see ad on pg. 18.

Blessing—St. Peter Turkey Dinner, Oct. 30, see ad on pg. 5.

Upcoming Events

Yorktown—Christmas Craft Show sponsored by the Holy Cross Catholic Daughters #1598 on Dec. 10. Looking for vendor; prices starting at \$25 to rent. For more information, call Myra Yeretsky at (361) 564-9663 or (281) 794-9213 (cell). See their event page on Facebook, Christmas Craft Show and Café - Holy Cross CDA.

Ministries • Ongoing Activities

Amor Meus Spirituality Center—On-going opportunity for guidance and discussion on one's spiritual journey with experienced spiritual directors. Call for appointment. Amor Meus Spirituality Center, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria, TX 77901; (361) 575-7111; e-mail: amormeus@yahoo.com; website: www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

Catholic Family Services—To find Catholic organizations which focus on family, visit the Catholic Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers at www.nacflm.org.

Courage—Ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. The ministry also has an outreach, Encourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. It is a Roman Catholic Apostolate endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. For more information, visit www.couragec.net.

Emmaus Center—Offers Individual, Couples, Family, Adolescent and children's counseling as well as specialized Support Groups for Men, Women and those afflicted by Grief. Spiritual Direction is also available on request. The Emmaus Center is located at 1908 N. Laurent St., Suite #140 (behind the VA Clinic). Appointments may be made by calling (361) 212-0830.

Engaged Encounter—Sept. 16-18, Nov. 4-6. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 ext. 2230 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Gabriel Project—Helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy- an alternative to abortion. Meetings are 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 barbamccain85@yahoo.com. Holy Family, Wharton, meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.; Sts. Peter and Paul, Meyersville, meetings are 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.

Pilgrimages

Spiritual Director: Father Tommy Chen (OLG, Port Lavaca) — Lourdes-Fatima with Lisieux — October 2-14 \$3,895; contact Ceci Triska by e-mail at jtcriska@sbcglobal.net or call (979) 543-8575.

Spiritual Director: Father Kristopher Fuchs (OLV) — 12 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France visiting Lisbon, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Burgos, Leon, Lourdes, Zaragoza & Madrid on June 14-27, 2017. For a copy of the itinerary, please e-mail Dora Silva at dsilva4415@gmail.com. Deposit and payments must be submitted to Little Flower Tours & Travel, for further payment information please contact Susan at (888) 843-7373.

Spiritual Director: Bishop Brendan Cahill—Holy Land Prayer & Encounter Jan. 23-Feb. 3, 2017, to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. The Gospels and the Rosary come to Life as we visit Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, sail on the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Jericho, and pray the Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem on the way to an early Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Contact: Ceci Triska by email at jtcriska@sbcglobal.net or call (979) 543-8575.

Grief Ministry—A new Grief Group will begin October 6 at Holy Family Church. Every adult, who has experienced the death of a loved one, may attend (after three months has passed). Please call Sharon at (361) 578-7572 before attending.

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.

Natural Family Planning—NFP is the only church-approved form of family planning. To learn about the NFP class schedules in the Victoria area, contact David and Annie Coffey at victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com. For the CREIGTON MODEL Fertility Care System (CrMS) featuring NaPro TECHNOLOGY™ contact Susanne Koch in Wharton at (505) 710-0903 or susanekoch614@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, contact Midge Elam at (361) 865-3021, (361) 258-1514, or 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.

Conferences • Masses • Retreats and more

Victoria—Sr. Roselle Haas, rc, from the Cenacle Retreat Center in Houston, day retreat, "What Will You Do With The Leftovers?" on Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sr. Digna Vela, IWBS, workshop/retreat "Tools for the Spiritual Journey on Sept. 24, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. For more information on these retreats call the Amor Meus Spirituality Center at (361) 575-7111, www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org, or e-mail amormeus@yahoo.com. The center is located at 1101 NE Water St. (77901).

High Hill—God's Embrace Ministries introduces a new Team-Based retreat experience with talks including: Laying the Foundation, Receiving New Life in Jesus, Creating Space in Your Life for Jesus, Forgiveness, Receiving the Holy Spirit and Being Mentored by the Holy Spirit. Retreat will be held at God's Embrace Retreat Center, 1601 High Hill Rd, Schulenburg (78956). Begins 5:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, and concludes with Sunday Mass Oct. 16 at St. Mary, High Hill. Open to everyone, space is limited. \$150/pp. Register online at www.godsembrace.org or call (979) 561-8883.

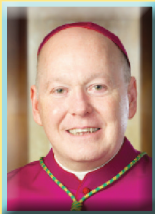
Victoria—America needs Fatima rosary will be Oct. 15 at noon at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory.

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



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Saturday, October 1

Deadline for Registration: Thursday, September 22

Cost: \$35 (includes lunch)

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Keynote Presenters



Charleen Katra,
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Keynote Address: To Be Known As God's &
As God Knows Us!

Rita Martinez,
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Dios y como Dios nos
conoce!

Conference Workshops Titles and Descriptions

Round A (1:15-2:30 p.m.)

**A-1 You're Better Than Any App! -
Charleen Katra**

When it comes to leading others in prayer, apps don't compare! Nothing beats a personal relationship with a dedicated catechist to touch hearts and bring people to know and love God more. Come learn how every catechetical setting, formal or informal, is an opportunity to prayerfully share the 'Good News' with others.

**A-2 The Well-Prepared Catechist: Planning
for Success - Rita T. Minkley**

The teaching mission of the parish is entrusted to faith-filled persons who respond to the call to serve as catechists. Saying 'yes' to this call is just the beginning! Come and see how to plan for success using the many tips and strategies available to you.

**A-3 Liturgical Spirituality: Rooted in Mercy -
Leota Roesch**

This workshop will provide those working with younger and older teens: an understanding of what we mean by liturgical spirituality, an opportunity to see how "mercy" permeates the liturgy and tools/approaches to help young people appropriate liturgical prayer for their own growth in spirituality.

**A-4 Reconciliation and Mercy in the Year of
Mercy - Sr. Miriam Perez, MCSH**

In "The Joy of Love", Pope Frances states, "No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love." The sacrament of reconciliation is a very important means to heal

our deep wounds and sinfulness enabling us to restore those broken relationships.

**A-5 Praying with Scripture: Imaginative
Contemplation - Sr. Digna Vela, IWBS**

St. Ignatius was convinced that God can speak to us as surely through our imagination as through our thoughts and memories. In the Ignatian tradition, praying with the imagination is called contemplation. It is a very active way of praying that engages the mind and heart and stirs up thoughts and emotions and is well suited to contemplating Gospel scenes. St. Ignatius invited people to pray in order to come to know Christ better. In this way, one may love God in a more real way and become a more faithful disciple. In this workshop, imaginative contemplation will be explained, and time will be given to practice praying using this method.

A-6 "Be Still and Know That I Am God." Psalm 46:10 - Sr. Mary Agnes Zinni, OSB & Ms. Cleo Tamez

Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO, writes, "Centering Prayer is a movement beyond conversation to communion with Christ. It accustoms us to the language of God which is silence." This workshop will include presentations on the origins and guidelines of Centering Prayer. There will be time to experience Centering Prayer followed by discussion.

**A-7 The Necessity of Prayer in a Disciple's
Life - Michael Fonseca**

In prayer, we become aware that Jesus is God-with-us. We also realize that the Father dwells in us through Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is the

Keeper of our soul. Therefore in prayer, the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier, reveals the depths of Jesus' teachings. Following this awareness you are invited to see how discipleship is incompatible without prayer.

**A-8 Sacred Table of Transformation: Living
the Eucharistic Mystery - Rev. Kenneth Hannon, OMI**

In the celebration of the Eucharist we encounter the Saving Lord in the complete gift of himself to us. Come hear how each time we celebrate the Eucharist we are called more deeply into his continuing redemption now.

**A-9 The Importance of the Music of the
Liturgy: Do's and Don'ts - Dr. Rick Lopez**
Will discuss the importance of the music of

the Liturgy and share how and why the role of sacred music is to serve the liturgy: the participation of the People of God in the work of God. In addition, he will discuss the task of selecting music for the Liturgy, using the three judgments from the 2007 USCCB document "Sing to the Lord Music in Divine Worship".

AS-10 Rezando como el Papa- Rita Martinez

Esta charla va explicar como rezan la Jusitas y especialmente el papa. Vamos hablar de la vida de San Ignacio y sus ejercicios. Vengan a conocer a Jesus entre la vida de el papa.

*See pg. 15
for Round B Sessions*

Schedule of the Day

8:00-9:00 a.m.
Doors Open – Registration & Breakfast
9:00-10:00
Welcome – Opening Prayer
10:00-10:45
English & Spanish Keynote Addresses
10:45-11:15
Exhibits Open – Break
11:15-12:00 p.m.
English & Spanish Keynote Addresses

12:00-1:15
Lunch – Exhibits Open
1:15-2:30
Round A
2:30-3:00
Last chance for Exhibits
3:00-4:15
Round B
4:30
Closing Liturgy:
Bishop Brendan Cahill