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Seminarian Experiences the Universal Mission of Priesthood

By Dalton Ervin, Seminarian

Dalton Ervin, a native of Weimar, is a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria. Following graduation from Texas A&M University he entered Holy Trinity Seminary, at the University of Dallas, where he studied philosophy. Currently, Dalton is in his third year of theological studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio. During the summer of 2018, Dalton was invited to participate in the seminary's inaugural Summer Scholars Program. The Summer Scholars Program is an initiative of the Josephinum to build upon the universal mission of the priesthood. The program is aimed at providing a unique opportunity to broaden the horizons of seminarians for priestly ministry through participation in an immersion experience focused on the plight of refugees and migrants in American society. The framework of the program is for scholars to learn how the Church responds to the sacramental, legal, educational, cultural, medical, and familial needs of this growing demographic.



Seminarians (left to right): Noah Minton, Diocese of Phoenix; Dalton Ervin, Diocese of Victoria in Texas; Deacon Alfonso Gamez, Diocese of Charlotte; Brian Smith, Diocese of Youngstown; and Darren Balkey, Diocese of Charlotte spent a day working in the watermelon fields in the Diocese of Stockton.

Reflections of Summer Scholars Program

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35) This summer I participated in the inaugural *Summer Scholars Program* with the Pontifical College Josephinum. Through this program, six other seminarians from across the country and I spent three weeks in California participating in ministry to migrant farm workers, throughout the dioceses of San Bernardino, Fresno, and Stockton. We studied how the Church responds to the needs of the growing migrant and refugee

populations in American society, specifically by entering into the daily lives of the migrant farm workers and their families. We also reflected theologically on Scripture and Church Teachings relevant to the life and care of migrants and refugees. The twenty-one-day pilgrimage through the life of the migrant farm worker revealed that I was the one who was hungry and in need of food, thirsty and in need of drink, the stranger in need of welcoming.

The foundational element of the summer program was to be of service. Pope St. John Paul II says in *Pastores Dabo Vobis*

that priests are called to serve all people, not a singular segment or demographic of any population. This principle, the universal mission of the priesthood, and the difficulty in living it out, was evident in our first week spent in the Diocese of San Bernardino. While visiting a vineyard for table grapes in the Coachella Valley on the edge of the diocese, we encountered the vineyard's owner. His family had owned and operated the farm for many generations and had con-

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Bishop Brendan Cahill *A Shepherd's Message*

Encountering Peace

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This September I traveled with a group of seven members of our diocese to participate in the V National Encuentro in Grapevine, Texas. As I've shared with you in the *Lighthouse*, the V Encuentro is the continuation of a process that began over 40 years ago. The process has been led by Hispanic/Latino Catholic leaders in the United States, sharing the richness of a Catholic tradition formed from the appearance of our Mother Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year's Encuentro gathered over 3500 delegates from around the country to discuss the important issues for our faith and life. At the conclusion of the event the reflections began to focus on three themes – formation of leaders, sup-

port of families, encouragement of young adults. Under the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe the V Encuentro leadership team of our diocese is following up with the great enthusiasm of the Encuentro process in both English and Spanish.

I want to share with you a little story from the V Encuentro that I think gave me a good lesson to learn as a bishop. On the final evening we celebrated a banquet which ended with a dance. Some of the members of our team asked me to go out on the dance floor and I followed with them. As we got closer to the dance floor I mentioned to one that the Apostolic Nuncio, the representative of Pope Francis to the United States, was sitting right next to the dance floor. Filled

with enthusiasm she went over and asked him if he wanted to dance. He politely declined and asked where she was from. She said: "The Diocese of Victoria!" She called us over and we got to take a group picture with Archbishop Christophe Pierre.

When I got back to my room later that evening I began to worry whether I had offended the Nuncio! I thought that I might have broken a protocol or done something that would have not been correct. It didn't take me long to begin to realize how concerned I was about what the Nuncio thought about me. Going through this process I began to realize in a deeper way that that isn't the most important thing in my life. The most important thing in my life as the Bishop of Victoria is the people, Catholic and non-Catholic, of the Diocese of Victoria. By the next morning I was realizing that the most important part of that dinner was the recognition that we have a strong, energetic and young group of leaders that want to bring the love of Jesus to our brothers and sisters in south Texas. Please keep our Encuentro leaders in your prayer as they walk, and sometimes run, the path of missionary discipleship.

As this is the month of the Rosary I want to share with you again the teaching of St. John Paul II on the Rosary:

"6. A number of historical circumstances also make a revival of the Rosary quite timely. First of all, the need to implore from God the gift of peace. The Rosary has many times been proposed by my predecessors and myself as a prayer for peace. At the start of a millennium which began with the terrifying attacks of 11 September 2001, a millennium which witnesses every day innumerable parts of the world fresh scenes of bloodshed and violence, to rediscover the Rosary means to immerse oneself in contemplation of the mystery of Christ who "is our peace", since he made "the two of us one, and broke down the dividing wall of hostility" (Eph 2:14). Consequently, one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace, especially in the land of Jesus, still so sorely afflicted and so close to the heart of every Christian."

A similar need for commitment and prayer arises in relation to another critical contemporary issue: the family, the primary cell of society, increasingly menaced by forces of disintegration on both the ideological and practical planes, so as to make us fear for

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Obispo Brendan Cahill *Mensaje del Pastor*

Encontrando Paz

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,

En septiembre de este año viajé con un grupo de siete miembros de nuestra diócesis a participar en el V Encuentro Nacional en Grapevine, Texas. Como he compartido con ustedes en el *Lighthouse*, el V Encuentro es la continuación de un proceso que comenzó hace más de 40 años. El proceso ha sido dirigido por líderes Católicos Hispanos/Latinos en los Estados Unidos, compartiendo la riqueza de una tradición Católica formada por la aparición de nuestra Madre María como Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Este año el Encuentro reunió a más de 3500 delegados de todo el país para discutir los temas importantes para nuestra fe y vida. Al concluir el evento las reflexiones empezaron a centrarse en tres temas – formación de líderes, apoyo a las familias, fomento de los jóvenes adultos. Bajo la protección de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el equipo de liderazgo V Encuentro de nuestra diócesis está siguiendo con gran entusiasmo

del proceso Encuentro tanto en inglés como en español.

Quiero compartir con ustedes una pequeña historia del V Encuentro que creo que me dio una buena lección para aprender como obispo. En la última noche celebramos un banquete que terminó con un baile. Algunos de los miembros de nuestro equipo me pidieron que fuera a la pista de baile y seguí con ellos. A medida que nos acercamos a la pista de baile mencioné a uno que el Nuncio Apostólico, el representante del Papa Francisco a los Estados Unidos, estaba sentado justo al lado de la pista de baile. Llena de entusiasmo se acercó y le preguntó si quería bailar. El negó cortésmente y le preguntó de dónde era. Ella dijo: "¡ la diócesis de Victoria!" Ella nos llamó y llegamos a tomar una foto de grupo con el Arzobispo Christophe Pierre.

Cuando regresé a mi habitación esa misma tarde comencé a preocuparme si había ofendido al Nuncio! Pensé que podría haber roto

un protocolo o hecho algo que no hubiera sido correcto. No me tomó mucho tiempo y empecé a darme cuenta que yo estaba preocupado por lo que el Nuncio pensaba de mí. Pasando por este proceso comencé a darme cuenta en una manera más profunda de que eso no es lo más importante en mi vida. La cosa más importante en mi vida como Obispo de Victoria son las personas, Católicos y no Católicos, de la Diócesis de Victoria. A la mañana siguiente me estaba dando cuenta de que la parte más importante de esa cena era el reconocimiento de que tenemos un grupo fuerte, enérgico y joven de líderes que quieren traer el amor de Jesús a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en el sur de Texas. Por favor, mantenga a nuestros líderes de Encuentro en su oración mientras caminan, y a veces corren, el camino del discipulado misionero.

Como este es el mes del Rosario quiero compartir con ustedes de nuevo la enseñanza de San Juan Pablo II sobre el Rosario:

"6 Algunas circunstancias históricas ayudan a dar un nuevo impulso a la propagación del Rosario. Ante todo, la urgencia de implorar de Dios el don de la paz. El Rosario ha sido propuesto muchas veces por mis Predecesores y por mí mismo como oración por la paz. Al inicio de un milenio que se ha abierto con las horribles escenas del atentado del 11 de septiembre de 2001 y que ve cada día en muchas partes del mundo nuevos episodios de sangre y violencia, promover el Rosario significa sumirse en la contemplación

del misterio de Aquél que «es nuestra paz: el que de los dos pueblos hizo uno, derribando el muro que los separaba, la enemistad» (Ef 2, 14). No se puede, pues, recitar el Rosario sin sentirse implicados en un compromiso concreto de servir a la paz, con una particular atención a la tierra de Jesús, aún ahora tan atormentada y tan querida por el corazón cristiano."

Otro ámbito crucial de nuestro tiempo, que requiere una urgente atención y oración, es el de la familia, célula de la sociedad, amenazada cada vez más por fuerzas disgregadoras, tanto de índole ideológica como práctica, que hacen temer por el futuro de esta fundamental e irrenunciable institución y, con ella, por el destino de toda la sociedad. En el marco de una pastoral familiar más amplia, fomentar el Rosario en las familias cristianas es una ayuda eficaz para contrarrestar los efectos desoladores de esta crisis actual.

Desde la primera vez que publiqué esta enseñanza en octubre 2016 he concluido mis cartas con la misma petición:

Una vez más pido que nos mantengamos comprometidos a orar especialmente el Rosario por el don de la paz en el mundo y por la familia. Como San Juan Pablo II nos invitó a orar esto fielmente, creo que podemos mantener nuestra confianza en el poder de esta oración – ¡más de lo que nunca conocemos! Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias, que nos mantengamos en oración.

+ Brendan



Bishop Cahill's Schedule

October

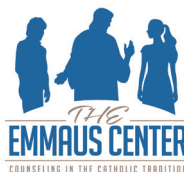
- 5** 8:00 a.m. First Friday school Mass and visit Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
- 6** Mass for Carmelites, Meyersville
10:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass at Rafael's Refuge, Flatonía
Diocese of Victoria Employee Picnic at the Spiritual Renewal Center
Magnificat House Gala, Houston
- 7** 3:00 p.m. Marian Procession 4:00 p.m. Mass for Youth Spectacular, Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
- 8** Noon Mass with Missionary Catechists
2:00 p.m. Communities of Faith meeting
- 9** Noon lunch with IWBS Sisters
- 10** 6:45 p.m. CCD visit at Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Shiner
- 11** 8:00 a.m. School Mass and visit at Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca
- 13** 8:30 a.m. Mass at the Catholic Charismatic Center followed by the March of the Surviving Youth to Planned Parenthood, Houston
- 14** 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
- 16** 6:30 a.m. Relevant Radio Morning Show
Holy Trinity Seminary Advisory Board Meeting, Dallas
- 17** Nazareth Academy Auctioned Fishing Trip, Port O'Connor

- 19** 8:15 a.m. Mass and school visit at St. Anthony, Columbus
- 20** Mass for Carmelites, Meyersville
8:30 a.m. 2018 Annual Catholic Conference at the Cathedral Center, Victoria
- 21** 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Church, Inez
- 23** Young Life Fund Raiser at Emerging Technology Center, Victoria
- 24** 7:00 a.m. Annual Prayer Breakfast at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, Houston
- 25** 12:05 Mass at St. Mary for Homeschool Students, Victoria
- 26-28** Equestrian Order Convention, San Antonio
- 30** 6:00 p.m. Deacon's appreciation Mass and dinner at Holy Family, Victoria

November

- 1** 8:00 a.m. School Mass and visit at Nazareth Academy
- 3** 6:00 p.m. University of St. Thomas William J Flynn Center for Irish Studies Annual Irish Gala, Houston
- 4** 10:00 a.m. Mass for Missionary Catechists 75th anniversary of being in the United States

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members, and spouses. All enjoyed a delicious chicken fried steak and chicken fried tenders dinner. Chief Fox thanked all the Public Servants for their service to the community and said the Public Servants and K/C's are committed to a mission to help others and to helping and assisting the community. Pictured from left to right are Robert T. Fox, Victoria Fire Chief, Most Rev. Brendan Cahill, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, and Manuel Gonzales, III, Grand Knight of K/C #9088.

BISHOP JOINS KJT—Bishop Brendan Cahill became a member of The Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT. The KJT Representative and State Director Margaret Hanslik had the honor of signing him up as a member of KJT Society #115, Victoria.



Please remember in prayer the priests of the Diocese of Victoria, who were ordained during the month of October:

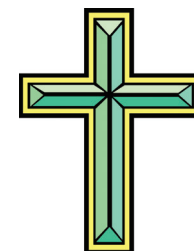
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Eternal Father,
we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world.
Sanctify them. Heal and guide them.
Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son,
Jesus, the Eternal High Priest.
May their lives be pleasing to you In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Please remember in prayer the priests of the Diocese of Victoria, who died during the month of October:

Rev. Charles Carolan	10/09/2009
Rev. Joseph Vrana	10/10/2016
Rev. Msgr. Julius Petru	10/15/2001
Rev. Joseph Pham duc Trinh	10/16/2007

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil for you are with me
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Psalms 23:4





Education of Seminarian Fund

The Education of Seminarian Fund is a fund in which **all of the monies** donated to this fund, as well as the earnings, are available to cover the cost of educating seminarians. The proceeds of the special collection on Holy Thursday are deposited into the Education of Seminarian Fund. Publication of this fund will appear when new contributions are received.

Donation categories: Lector – \$.01 - \$99.99; Acolyte – \$100 - \$499.99; Candidate – \$500 - \$1,499.99; Transitional Deacon – \$1,500 - \$2,499.99; Priest – \$2,500 >.

Lector

Paz and Andrea Morales
in Memory of Fr. Dan Morales

Laurence & Carol Bludau
in Memory of Magdalene Steffek

Grace E. Rigamonti
in Memory of Bishop Charles Grahmann

Regina, Randy, and Taylor Janak
in Memory of Bishop Charles Grahmann

Regina, Randy, and Taylor Janak
in Memory of Gilbert Navaira

Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society
in Memory of Adella Mullino



Acolyte

Miles and Nancy Thompson
in Honor of Fr. Tommy Chen's Anniversary

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Candidate

~

Transitional Deacon

Robert and Kathryn Kennedy

Priest

Allan and Evelyn Lanik

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DIOCESAN PRIEST ATTENDS PORT CHAPLAIN CONFERENCE—Father Tommy Chen, Pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf in Port Lavaca, attended the Apostleship of the Sea 2018 North America and Caribbean Regional Conference in Vancouver, Canada. He is the Port Chaplain for the Diocese of Victoria. Thank you for your dedication and service to the people of the sea!

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Happy Birthday to
Our Seminarian



Shane Goertz is in Pre-Theology I this year at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. His birthday is October 28. Write to Shane at: St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77024.

*"Follow me and I will
make you fishers of men."*

Matthew 4:18-22

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Annually on the first Sunday in October, we celebrate, National Life Chain Sunday. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that, "abortion kills children, and hurts families".

Life Chain invites individuals and all churches to stand together on designated local sidewalks and pray for an end to abortion.

On Sunday afternoon, October 7, from 2:00 -3:00 p.m., Life Chains will again occupy U.S. and Canadian sidewalks as we stand side by side to show our solidarity and unity to defend human life from the cradle to

the grave. We are especially standing up for the unborn, who are at the mercy of others.

Stand with thousands of others throughout USA and Canada and pray for people in crisis situations and for our nations.

Come Sunday, October 7, for one hour in the Life Chain. It will form on North Navarro from Sam Houston and Magruder to Loop 463. Try to come a little early. Signs will be handed out near Golds Gym, Chick-Fil-A, and Hall Electric.

Bring your whole family. Children are a sign of life! Bring your lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers. Rain or Shine!

Bernie Seale
Victoria

Seminary Endowment Fund

Seminary Endowment Fund (formerly known as Seminary Burses) is a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is \$15,000. The **interest from this amount** is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or layperson, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received.

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September 25, 2018

• General Seminary Burse

Lector

In memory of Most Rev. Charles Grahmann
by Alice Michalke
In memory of Jackie Post by
Alvin Ray and Claudia Schoener

• Rev. Kristopher L. Fuchs Seminary Burse

Lector

In loving memory of Magdalene Steffek,
age 100 ¾ years by Paul and Helen
Flessner

• Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB & Parents,
John and Marie Kolek Seminary Burse

Acolyte

In loving memory of Rev. Charles Kolek
from the Charles and Mary Kozel Family

• Rev. Dan Morales Seminary Burse in
Honor of his Work for Vocations

Lector

In memory of Rev. Dan Morales by
Court St. Roch, Mentz No. 2328

• Our Lady of Victory Altar Society
Seminary Burse

Acolyte

In memory of Anton Schoener by
Grace Rigamonti
In memory of Joe Holub by
Grace Rigamonti

• Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Seminary Burse #8

Lector

In memory of Edwin Ochoa by
Soila Sanchez
Donation by Soila Sanchez

• Nicholas and Annie Grahmann
Seminary Burse #3

Lector

In memory of Most Rev. Charles Grahmann
by Deacon Joseph and Mary Targac
Acolyte
In memory of Most Rev. Charles Grahmann
by Jack and Sandy Zaruba Families

• Rev. Roman M. Janak & Rev. Msgr.
Hubert J. Janak Seminary Burse

Lector

In memory of Joe and Cecelia Fikac by the
children of Joe and Cecelia Fikac

• Rev. Timothy Kosler Seminary Burse

Acolyte

In memory of Brother Knight Thomas
Bruce Klesel by K of C Council 2902,
Schulenburg

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31st Annual Catholic Conference

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Morning Keynote**Reaching out to the Peripheries**

Missionary discipleship is a term, which describes a conscious effort of proclaiming the Good News by our everyday lives, through each encounter, with every person.

Bishop Cahill will lead us in a thought provoking conversation, challenging us to consider ways of going out in search of others so as to bring them the light and joy of our faith in Christ.

The panel discussion, which Bishop Cahill will moderate, consists of three persons who are currently working with people on the fringes of society. Each panelist will bring their experience of being missionaries in an environment, which often offers little or no hope, and how they are living up to the challenge of Pope Francis to be missionary disciples in today's world.

Panelists**Sister Rebecca Janacek, IWBS**

She has recently returned from ministering as a missionary nurse among a marginalized society in Kenya, East Africa. Now upon her return to the U.S. she is ministering to the homeless of the Victoria Crossroads area at Promise Pointe.

**Hermes Silva, Victoria**

He is a parishioner at Our Lady of Sorrows and the Core Facilitator for the Kolbe Prison Ministry at the Stevenson Unit in Cuero. He is a physical therapist employed by DeTar Hospital. He is married and has two children and four grandchildren.

**Rhonda Cummins, Calhoun County's Coastal & Marine Resource Agent**

She has been the agent since March 2008. She ministers to fisherman, shrimpers, and people of the sea. Her many activities include building small boats with middle school students, marsh restoration projects and cooking demonstrations to promote local seafood.

Schedule of the Day

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration/Ministry Booths

Breakfast (items available for purchase)

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Speakers

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Speakers

4:00 p.m. Liturgy: Bishop Brendan

Cahill / Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory

Saturday, October 20



11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Evangelizing American Culture**Rev. D. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P.**

This workshop will address how Devotion to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Eucharist can empower us as missionary disciples to help us reach out and welcome all of America.

**The New Evangelization in the Family in Light of Evangelii Gaudium and the V Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry****Lucia Luzondo**

This workshop will address how to bring into action our baptismal call to be missionary disciples, witnesses of God's love and life in our marriages, families and the culture, through the lens of New Evangelization and the experience of Hispanic/Latino families, all illumined by the spirit of *Evangelii Gaudium* and the *V Encuentro* of Hispanic/Latino Ministry. The conference will also address through pertinent data the impact of the Hispanic/Latino presence in the Catholic Church in the United States and how it can shape the future of Family Life Ministry in our nation.

**La Alegria, Camino Para La Evangelizacion****Padre Eliecer Patino**

Jesucristo debe ser el motivo de mi alegría. El Pueblo de Dios está llamado siempre a trabajar y compartir la alegría que nos produce el encuentro con Cristo su palabra. La Homilía es medio de evangelización y alimento que alegra la vida del Creyente. Animando a todos a llegar a los excluidos para llenar el corazón de cada uno de ellos con la alegría que produce en nosotros la virtud de la caridad, compartir con ellos sin esperar recompensa pues nuestra recompensa ser más grande en el reino de los cielos.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Living of the Periphery -**Understanding Marginalization and Generational Poverty****Sister Rebecca Janacek, IWBS**

As Christian missionary disciples we are being called to face and erase the marginalization of people occurring in today's world. By understanding how the marginalized perceive their world and the culture of generational poverty we can better respond with help that will create better living for all God's people.

**Making Space for Newcomers: The Young Adult Dilemma****Angie Pometto**

As young adults graduate from youth and college ministry programs, they are faced with the daunting tasks of finding their place both as an adult in society and as a member of a parish. The latter task has proven so difficult that many young adults put it off — indefinitely. This session will explore ways that parishes can make space to welcome young adults and then invite young adults away from isolation and into relationship with Christ and community.

Evangelizando la Cultura de los Estados Unidos**Padre Bruce Nieli, C.S.P.**

Como devoción al Espíritu Santo y la Santa Eucaristía nos da poder como discípulos misioneros a abrazar católicamente a todos los habitantes de los Estados Unidos.

Additional information and registration can be found at**www.victoriadiocese.org**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Major Address**Thinking Eucharistically: Isolation versus Encounter****Rev. D. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P.**

In this address, Father Bruce will explain to us how active participation in, and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist connects us with Jesus; and with one another, past, present, and to come...

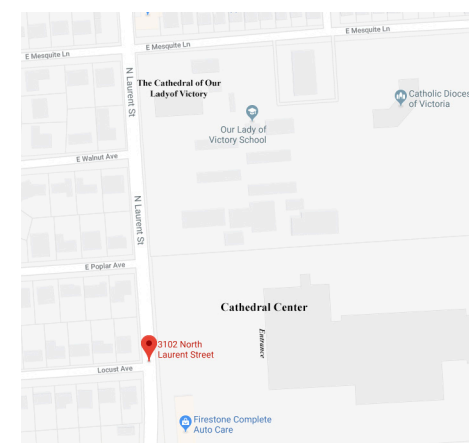
Registration cost:
\$35 per person (includes lunch)

Register and pay online or by mailing online form with a check enclosed. Sorry, no refunds.

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Diocese of Victoria

Mail to:
Annual Catholic Conference
P.O. Box 4070
Victoria, TX 77903

Deadline to register:
Wednesday, October 17

Conference Location:
The Cathedral Center**3102 N. Laurent, Victoria**



SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



Incarnate Word Sisters - Responding to the Needs of the Times

The Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament have been serving society and the Church for nearly four hundred years with the objective of making the Incarnate Word known and loved. As the order grew, independent groups were established; for example, our group, or Congregation, was started 152 years ago in Victoria.

When Jeanne Chezard de Matel founded the Order, the Church required that all nuns be cloistered; that is, they were all expected to stay within their convents. This requirement limited their ministry; therefore, our order engaged in education for children who boarded within their monasteries. This endeavor gave girls, who ordinarily received no formal education, the opportunity to receive quality schooling.

Then in the early 20th century, the cloister was lifted; so the Sisters set out and served in Catholic schools and hospitals- a great need at the time. Their presence and service brought Christian education which was appreciated by immigrants struggling to adjust to a new country, by those whose opportunities for education had been extremely limited, especially in the smaller towns, and by the faithful who had longed for spiritual guidance and support.

Fortunately, today there are competent lay people who are filling the roles that the Sisters had played in the past. Our Catholic schools and hospitals are staffed by generous well-educated men and women who are eager to share their faith through their service. Lay ministers in the Church are actively bringing the Good News to their fellow Catholics. Over the years the Sisters' ministry has adapted to meet current needs in our society and our Church. At our last Chapter (special gathering of all the Sisters which is held every six years) we chose to enter the process of combining seven of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Congregations into "one" entity so that we can more effectively bring the Incarnate Word to today's world. Moreover, the Victoria Congregation has adopted this Guiding Statement for the next six years- "We, Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, are called to be authentic, contemplative women and stewards of the earth, who bring a compassionate listening presence to our world by standing in solidarity with the voiceless, the vulnerable, those affected by violence, and those hungering for spiritual and moral witness." May the Incarnate Word continue to be praised!



KJZT SOCIETY PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS—KJZT #101 of Victoria recently awarded four \$200 scholarships to Hannah M., Braden D., Michiela B., and Broderic G.. The KJZT #101 also gave a \$300 scholarship to St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary's. Pictured (left to right) are Frances Mozisek, Miranda Mozisek, Hannah M., Evelyn Mozisek, and Leon Mozisek.



Sister Kathleen Goike, IWBS Superior; Sister Emiliana Grafe, IWBS, and Bishop David Fellhauer are pictured with those who made their consecrations. The four Associates making their First Consecration (above) were Sandra Stelpflug, Barbara De Leon Garza, Cecilia Gutierrez, and Stacey Ontai. Those making their Perpetual Consecration (right) were Fred and Kay Strauss, and Pat Kelly.



Consecration of IWBS Associates

Sisters and Associates of the IWBS gathered at Incarnate Word Convent Chapel in Victoria, on Sunday, September 9, to celebrate the Consecration of four new Associates from Holy Family, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, and Our Lady of Sorrows Parishes. Three Associates from Sacred Heart and The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Parishes made their Perpetual Consecration. About 60 other members renewed their consecration for one or five years.

Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer celebrated the Mass and presided at the Consecration and renewal along with Sister Kathleen Goike, IWBS Superior, and their director, Sister Emiliana Grafe. Also con-celebrating the Mass with the bishop was Associate Father Michael Petering and Father Albert Yankey with Father Kristopher Fuchs assisting.

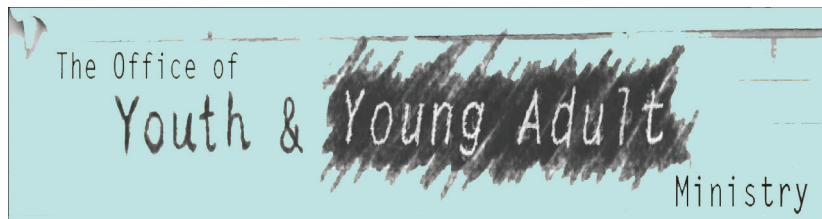
Associates and family members joined the Sisters for a reception following the Mass.



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Upcoming Events:

~ Campus Ministry: Events at Victoria College

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Mass & Lunch - October 17 at 12:15 p.m. in the Student Center

Mass & Lunch - November 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the Student Center

Mass & Lunch - November 13 at 12:15 p.m. in the Student Center

Confession - December 5 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center



~ **March for Life 2019** Save the Date! The Diocese of Victoria plans to take a group again this year to the March for Life in Washington, DC, January 16-19. Details coming soon!



Youth Spectacular 2018: Bring Reverence Back took place on October 7, at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center. Be sure to check out the November issue of the *Lighthouse* for pictures.



Pro-life Upcoming Events

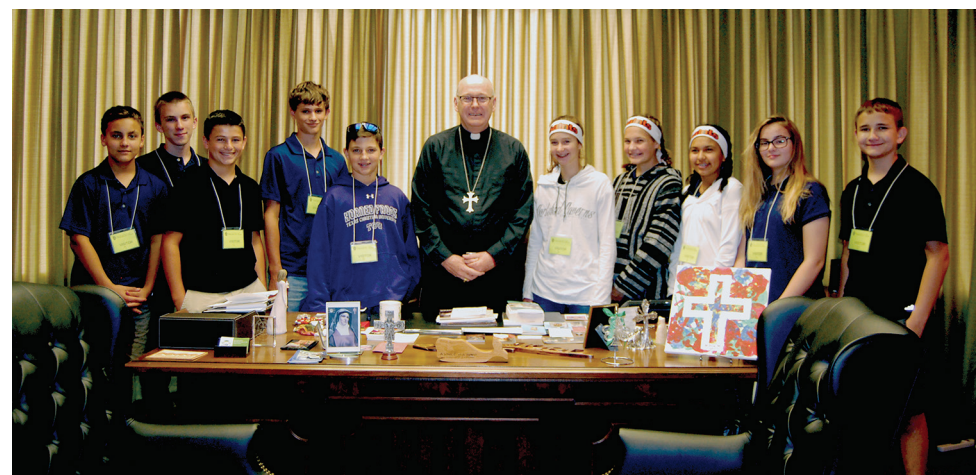
- 40 Days for Life began September 26, 2018 and ends November 4, 2018
- Representatives from the Diocese of Victoria and DOV Catholic Schools will pray on October 4, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. outside of the Houston Planned Parenthood. Bishop Cahill will join the group.
- 1st Saturday of the Month Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Heart of Mary will be celebrated by Bishop Brendan Cahill at Raphael's Refuge (2715 West Hwy. 90, Flatonina) on October 6, at 10:00 a.m.
- Life Chain Sunday will take place in Victoria on the corners of Navarro and Mockingbird on Sunday October 7, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- March for Life Washington D.C. January 16-19, 2019
- Candlelight March for Life Victoria January 24, 2019



YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM BEGINS NEW YEAR—Over 40 youth from around the diocese traveled to Victoria for the first Youth Leadership Team (YLT) training on September 23, 2018. The group quickly got to work preparing for the Youth Spectacular 2018: Bring Reverence Back. YLT training will take place monthly throughout the year.



CUERO KNIGHTS ASSIST YOUTH TO ATTEND RETREAT—Six youth from St. Michael and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes traveled over the summer to the Sonlight Christian Camp in Pagosa Springs, CO, to participate in the Rocky Mountain High summer retreat, with the Diocese of Victoria. This week-long retreat gives opportunities for youth to grow in their faith. The Cuero Knights of Columbus Council #1682 donated \$2,000 to help offset retreat expenses. Pictured (left to right) Marshall S., Nathan R., Mason L., Katie C., Hally G., and Shannon Thomas (Director of Religious Education at the time). Not pictured: Connor C.

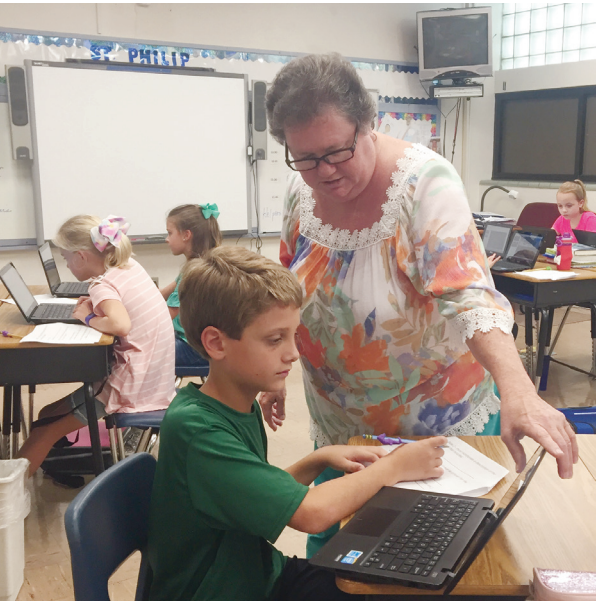


MEETING THE BISHOP—Eighth grade students from St. Anthony School, Columbus stopped by the Chancery to visit Bishop Brendan Cahill on the way to their class retreat. The students had an opportunity to ask Bishop Cahill various questions.



DUKE TIP QUALIFIERS—St. Michael School, Weimar seventh grade students Kelly M. and Ethan S., have qualified to participate in the *Duke University Talent Identification Program's Talent Search* for 2018-2019. The *Duke Talent Identification Program* is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically gifted and talented students. The 7th Grade Talent Search identifies bright seventh graders across the United States who have scored at the 95th percentile or above on a grade-level achievement test. These candidates are invited to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance exams as seventh graders, which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities. Since 1980, more than 2.5 million high ability students have participated in Duke TIP's talent searches.

CDA GIVES THE GIFT OF BIBLES—Each September, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of the Queen of Peace #1374, El Campo gives the gift of Bibles. Each 4th grade student at St. Philip School and the 4th grade CCE students at St. Philip Parish, and St. John in Taiton received a bible.



TEACHING THE PAST ON MODERN TECHNOLOGY—Mrs. Reck's 4th grade class at St. Philip School, El Campo, has been using notebooks to research extinct animals in science. The use of technology in the classroom, offered from PK3 to 8th grade, enhances teaching and enriches the learning experience.

Prayers offered for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

On Monday, September 10, the St. Rose of Lima School family joined with families, caregivers, charities and research groups to observe September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Prayers were lifted from the Dayton Helms Memorial Plaza which stands in celebration of the life of Dayton Helms.

Dayton lost his battle with childhood cancer and now spends his days with Jesus. Dayton would be a third grader at St. Rose this year and is greatly missed by his family. They keep his memory alive by giving back to other families who have children battling cancer. The joy they bring to these families is a blessing and by sharing their story they are raising awareness about childhood cancer.

In the United States alone, 15,780 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer every year; approximately 1/4 of them will not survive the disease. A diagnosis turns the lives of the entire family upside down. The objective of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, their families, their medical team, survivorship issues, and – importantly – to help raise funds for research and family support.

As a school family founded firmly in faith specific prayers were offered for children battling cancer, for families and caregivers supporting children and patients. The prayer service concluded with everyone singing Jesus in the Morning.



Pictured in front of the Dayton Helms Memorial Plaza are Dayton's siblings who are students at St. Rose School, Schulenburg.



BISHOP VISITS CLASSROOMS—Bishop Brendan Cahill celebrated Mass with the students of St. Michael School, Cuero on September 7. Bishop Cahill enjoyed interacting with the students as he visited all of the classrooms. The students asked him questions and learned about his life.



Guest Columnist

The urgent need for a moral values-centered education



By Tony Magliano

It's that time of year again, when many children, teens and adults fortunate enough to have access to formal education, head back to school to learn about such things as math, science, history and the arts.

But the most important lessons to be seriously taught and hopefully absorbed – moral values – will be given little attention in most educational settings.

Yet, moral values when comprehensively infused into the subjects and overall atmosphere of educational institutions, have the strong potential to form students who not only care about their future careers, but far more importantly, about the well-being and overall good of every single person on our planet – especially the poor and vulnerable – and about the planet itself.

For those of us seeking to build a truly humane world and advance the Kingdom of God, the universal teaching and acquisition of moral values is absolutely essential.

The famous Anglican spiritual writer C.S. Lewis said, "Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil."

But the world doesn't need more clever devils; it needs saints centered in Christ-like moral values.

Oh, but undoubtedly, many will voice the compliant "whose values?" For those who have little interest in forming morally sound students, this question is a red herring.

But for those who truly desire their children and themselves to have morally sound values, it's a valid question.

In his book, "The Moral Compass," William Bennett, former U.S. secretary of education, lists ten traits of character to aid in the task of the moral education of the young: self-discipline, compassion, responsibility, friendship, work, courage, perseverance, honesty, loyalty and faith.

These character traits get my vote! How can any decent person not want to absorb these highly desirable moral values, live by them, and instill them into the lives of young people and into the very culture itself – so often lacking in them.

Bennett adds that we must raise the young "as moral and spiritual beings by offering them unequivocal, reliable standards of right and wrong, noble and base, just and unjust." He then cites the philosopher John Locke who said, "Tis virtue ... which

is the hard and valuable part to be aimed at in education."

And in addition to the essential moral values mentioned by Bennett, especially faith, let us not forget the other two theological virtues of hope, and above all – love!

There is absolutely no reason, legal or otherwise, why moral values can't be conscientiously and comprehensively taught in not only Catholic schools, but in public schools as well.

As a 17-year-old junior at Morehouse College, Martin Luther King, Jr. even at that young age had the wisdom to write: "Education without morals is like a ship without a compass, merely wandering nowhere. It is not enough to have the power of concentration, but we must have worthy objectives upon which to concentrate. It is not enough to know the truth, but we must love truth and sacrifice for it."

And as we know, King gave all he had in loving and sacrificing for truth.

May we likewise aspire to learn, teach, love and sacrificially live the value of truth, especially the ultimate truth that is Jesus – the truth that will set us free!

Tony Magliano is an internationally syndicated social justice and peace columnist. He is available to speak at diocesan or parish gatherings. Tony can be reached at tmag@zoominternet.net.

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KJZT SOCIETY DONATES FUNDS—

The Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - KJZT adopted a statewide Fraternal 100 Project, provided \$100 from the State Office to be given to the charity of their choice. The St. Agnes KJZT Society #111, Edna presented a check to the Friends of Elder Citizens (FOEC). Pictured (left to right) are Georgia Orsak (KJZT treasurer); Mary Sheblak (KJZT vice president); and Ray Berry (FOEC transit manager).

Encountering Peace

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the future of this fundamental and indispensable institution and, with it, for the future of society as a whole. The revival of the Rosary in Christian families, within the context of a broader pastoral ministry to the family, will be an effective aid to countering the devastating effects of this crisis typical of our age."

Ever since I first published this teaching in October 2016 I've concluded my letters with same request:

Once again I ask that we remain committed to pray especially the Rosary for the gift of peace in the world and for the family. As St. John Paul II invited us to pray this faithfully, I believe we can maintain our confidence in the power of this prayer – more than we ever know! May God bless you and your families, let's keep each other in prayer.

+Brendan

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Prayer in Faith

This is a sermon written by Father Charles Kram for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Many of us have lived through hurricanes and electrical storms and hail and high water, and every now and then a severe weather alert or tornado watch, so we are all well aware of what the power of nature can do. Although we live in an enlightened age in which we can predict and track and to a certain extent even CONTROL nature, basically we remain at its mercy.

Life is full of storms. Life itself IS a storm. Although there are days when everything goes well, there come days when everything seems to be in turmoil and you can't get anything done.

And many of us are concerned with feelings of insecurity. Will I be able to provide for my family as long as they need me? Will I have enough money for my old age? Such problems are real.

One man, for example was receiving a railroad pension which was sizable enough to disqualify him from Medicaid in the nursing home but at the same time was not enough to pay his way. He had provided for his future too well.

For some, money carefully saved up over many years is suddenly wiped out by

an accident or illness. Even warranties that come with merchandise we buy turn out to be worthless.

In view of all our struggles and disappointments and disasters, what can we do—strike back, gripe and complain, give up?

None of these responses will make our problems go away. The Christian keeps trying to do what is humanly possible to solve his own problems, and is always willing to help others with theirs. He tries to see everything from the viewpoint of eternity and to leave the rest to God. What will it matter a million years from now whether we were well or ill, a success or a failure, whether we lost or gain another pound.

And in the Church, where the number of priests and sisters is dwindling, there too, the good Christian keeps the Faith and learns to accept lay ministers, married deacons, annulments, personal responsibility; all the things



that modern trend make necessary.

In every storm God is still with us, He still cares what happens to us, He still loves us, and in all things that God wants us to have, the old saying still holds, "God will provide".

So pray for rain and good weather, light a candle for your personal intentions, have a

Mass offered. Change what you can, accept what you can't and pray for the wisdom to know the difference. This combination of prayer and faith, together with earnest effort, will see you through.

How would you like this slogan for a button or a sticker, "Be strong, say yes to prayer."

Lord Jesus, thank you for subduing the winds and the waves and calming our storms. Help us to accept the things we cannot solve just as graciously as we accept the things we love the best. Grant that we may remain faithful in every storm until we find our final peace with you. Amen

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Guest Columnist

Hunger for Economic Justice is Problem we can Solve



By Father Mathew Kessler

Now is the time when school doors open and our children flood into classrooms. Amidst the youthful energy there is a story in the shadows: One in six children in the U.S. faces

daily hunger.

When a child lacks regular access to enough food, she lives in a “food insecure” home where usually there is money for food three out of four weeks a month, and the parents must choose between paying the rent or putting food on the table. Nearly 13 million children live in “food insecure” homes.

The cost of a hungry childhood?

A consistently hungry child has difficulty concentrating, is prone to illness and can quickly fall behind academically. Behaviorally, such a child will act out, which can include bullying, leading to possible dismissal from school, resulting in the lack of a degree and fewer job possibilities. We isolate the question of child hunger from school attendance and future life options at the risk of our own future.

It is easy to overlook these connections because as we rush to complete our own agendas, we miss the deeper consequences of our lifestyles and consumer mentality. Contemporary U.S. society is built on the assumption that people can and should take care of themselves financially. Who can disagree with that?

However, as much as we want adjustments for inflation to ease the pain, paid wages are disconnected from real costs of rent, clothing, utilities, insurance costs and so forth.

A recent Pew Research article relates that the purchasing power for today’s hourly wage is equal to that of the hourly wage in 1978. The government Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2017 says that 40 percent of U.S. adults do not have the cash to cover an unexpected \$400 bill.

Childhood hunger and little to no cash on hand to cover a \$400 bill. These are just two

examples that highlight the lives of vulnerable men, women and children.

If the idea of a just economy is to be more than a fantasy, we need to encourage and reward those employers and others who creatively engage the deleterious and widening gap between income and expenses that more and more families must cover.

The creation of these new ways must be built on ethical principles. One principle is that the economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy, which is the first principle in the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Framework for Economic Life. How might that principle inform the discussion of, say, implementing a single-payer health care system?

Thankfully, in the case of childhood hunger, there are several strong national not-for-profit efforts that lock arms with government programs to meet this need. Women and men who are closer to the problems are generally better able to design workable solutions and anticipate needs.

In the case of childhood hunger, it didn’t take long for teachers to point out that a considerable number of children were not eating from Friday afternoon until Monday morning breakfast.

Problem noted; problem solved.

We are dependent on each other in ways that go beyond employer-employee, student-teacher relationships. We can conclude that childhood hunger is somebody else’s problem and sit down to our own dinners; or we can embrace our shared humanity and work to alleviate childhood hunger while confronting and changing the conditions that allow it to happen in the first place.

Source: nokidhungry.org/who-we-are/hunger-facts

Father Mathew Kessler serves as parochial vicar at Holy Cross parish in the Diocese of Victoria. His multi-cultural ministry has included parishes, mission preaching, and for nearly 15 years he was a Spanish editor and later CEO/publisher at “Liguori Publications”, a Roman Catholic publisher.

Diocese Hires Disaster Services Manager



Claudia Contreras joined the chancery staff as the Disaster Services Manager in September of 2018.

She grew up in Mercedes, Texas and currently resides in Victoria with

her husband Peter and 14-month-old son, Jacob. Claudia attended the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg, Texas and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Master of Business of Administration. She worked as a VP, Human Resources Manager for PlainsCapital Bank

and First National Bank of Edinburg for the South Texas region the last 12 years.

She shares, “I look forward to representing the diocese in assisting our community as it continues to recover from Hurricane Harvey. I am blessed to work for an organization knowing together we are helping others for the greater good.”

Her position is a grant funded position through April 30, 2020. Claudia is responsible for administering the DOV Hurricane Harvey Relief program; managing the timely and accurate receipt/distribution of the House in a Box® program; and representing the DOV at Long Term Recovery Group meetings. She will also assist in directing case management services to disaster survivors and their families through advocacy, information and referral, crisis intervention services, and recovery services.

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The Diocese of Victoria ACTS Chapter is seeking new members to fill five (5) positions. Meetings are once a month and some travel is required. Candidates must have served previously on Core for a parish in the diocese. For questions or if interested in a position please email dovactschapter@victoriadiocese.org.



CATHOLIC EXTENSION WHY IM CATHOLIC—Catholic Extension launched #WhyImCatholic campaign that invites Catholics to share stories of hope as a way to support one another and walk together in faith through the challenging times facing the Catholic Church. (CNS photo/courtesy Catholic Extension)

Sunday Readings from October 14 - November 18

*October 14 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalms 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Hebrew 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

*November 4 ~ Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28B-34

*October 21 ~ Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

*November 11 ~ Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
1 Kings 17:10-16
Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

*October 28 ~ Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

*November 18 ~ Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

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Lectura del santo **Evangelio** según san **Marcos**: Jesús, **mirando** a su alrededor, **dijo** entonces a sus **discípulos**: "¡Qué **difícil** les va a ser a los **ricos** entrar en el **Reino** de Dios!" **Los** discípulos **quedaron** sorprendidos **ante** estas **palabras**; pero **Jesús** insistió: "**Hijitos**, ¡qué difícil es **para** los que **confían** en las **riquezas**, entrar en el Reino de Dios! Más **fácil** le es a un **camello** pasar **por** el ojo de una **aguja**, que a un rico **entrar** en el Reino de Dios". **Ellos** se asombraron **todavía** más y comentaban **entre** sí: "**Entonces**, ¿quién puede **salvarse**?" Jesús, **mirándolos** fijamente, **les** dijo: "Es **imposible** para los **hombres**, mas no para **Dios**. Para Dios **todo** es **posible**".

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V National Encuentro



Daniel Cardinal DiNardo shared in his letter for the V National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry, "We are grateful to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who always encourages us to be Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of God's Love. As he has said many times, we are to go forth without fear, building a Culture of Encounter in an experience of the joy of the Gospel, and a source of deep and fruitful conversations in our dioceses." A group of delegates from the Diocese of Victoria and Bishop Brendan Cahill attended the V National Encuentro on September 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas.

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo compartió en su letra para el V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana/Latina, "Estamos agradecidos a nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco, que siempre nos anima a ser Discípulos Misioneros: Testigos del amor de Dios. Como nos ha dicho repetidas veces, debemos salir sin temor, construyendo una Cultura de Encuentro en la Iglesia y en la sociedad. El proceso del V Encuentro ha sido verdaderamente una experiencia de la alegría del Evangelio y una fuente de profundas y fructíferas conversaciones en nuestras diócesis. Un grupo de delegados del Diócesis de Victoria y el Obispo Bishop Cahill asistieron al V Encuentro Nacional en Grapevine, Texas.



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If you witness, suspect, or know of child and/or vulnerable adult abuse, you must file a report within 48 hours by contacting the Civil Authorities: Department of Family and Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400 or www.txabusehotline.org. If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.

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BLESSED CATHERINE KASPER — Blessed Catherine Kasper is pictured in this undated photo provided by the congregation she founded, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Born in 1820 in Dernbach, Germany, she will be canonized Oct. 14 at the Vatican. (CNS photo/courtesy Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ)

God is patient, even with failures, pope tells young Lithuanians

VILNIUS, Lithuania (CNS) — Meeting young Lithuanians in Vilnius, Pope Francis said he wanted a relaxed conversation, like they were sitting in a pub drinking “a beer or a gira,” a slightly alcoholic beverage made from fermented rye bread. Yet the stories two young adults shared with him Sept. 22 and his responses to their concerns were not casual. Monika Midveryte spoke about growing up with an alcoholic father who beat her and eventually committed suicide. A young man, identified only as Jonas, spoke about being diagnosed with an autoimmune disease and how serious illness made him and his young wife realize just how serious their wedding vows were. Meeting the teens and young adults outside the city’s Cathedral of Sts. Stanislaus and Ladislaus, which has been destroyed and rebuilt several times, Pope Francis urged the two and all their peers to think about how God has been close to them, too, even amid tragedy. Almost always, he said, it is through other people that God’s grace arrives to those in need. “It doesn’t drop from the sky. It doesn’t happen by magic, there’s no magic wand.”

Benedictine sister turning 105 said longevity secret is love people, God

ST. LEO, Fla. (CNS) — Benedictine Sister Helen Lange, who turns 105 Sept. 28, is described as someone who leaves an endearing mark on all those she encounters. For 44 years, she taught school in Texas, Louisiana and Florida and she talks about these years with great joy and amazing recall. A story in the Tampa Bay Times when she turned 100 said that Sister Helen, trained in elementary and music education, was part of the group known as the Texas Five who taught in Catholic schools across Florida. She also served as school principal for several years. When she was growing up, she wanted to study piano or pursue a career in nursing, but her parents couldn’t afford it. Becoming a sister offered her a chance to pursue higher education and a career. Her key to working with students, she told the newspaper, was simple: “You’ve got to trust the kids and teach them to trust you.”

East African bishops to prioritize fundamentalism in October synod

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) — Due to its impact on young Catholics in Africa, fundamentalism will be a topic that bishops from East Africa prioritize in their talks with other delegates during the synod’s intervention sessions. More than 300 delegates, cardinals, archbishops, bishops, priests, sisters and lay-people are expected to attend the Oct. 3-28 Synod of Bishops, which will meet at the Vatican to discuss “young people, faith and vocational discernment.” Bishops from the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa also will take to the synod topics such as young people as protagonists, the training of spiritual directors and holistic formation in Catholic schools and universities. Known by its acronym AMECEA, the group includes the bishops’ conferences of Eritrea, Ethiopia, Malawi, Kenya, Tanzania, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Djibouti and Somalia. Maryknoll Father Joseph Healey, a facilitator at AMECEA’s Sept. 4-7 preparatory meeting on the synod, said young Catholics in Africa want their peers to run their small Christian communities.

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Meals • Picnics and More

October/November

Victoria—Nazareth Academy Festival, Oct. 7, at the Community Center; turkey and dressing dinner; 11:00 a.m.; \$10 p/p

Hostyn—Holy Rosary Festival, Oct. 7, on parish ground; fried chicken/sausage dinner; 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for \$10 p/p

Hungerford—St. John Bazaar, Oct. 7

Mentz—St. Roch Picnic, Oct. 7, on the parish grounds; BBQ beef/pork/sausage dinner; 11:00 a.m.; \$10 p/p

Hallettsville—Sacred Heart Home and School Association Apple Strudel Bake Oct. 13. Orders can be picked-up in Hallettsville from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Family Center. Unbaked strudels for \$15 and baked for \$17. Orders to pick-up in Victoria available on Oct. 14, from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Center (3102 N. Laurent). To order, call Sharon Wagner at (361) 576-2060 or email shsstrudelbake@gmail.com. Advance orders are required to guarantee order fulfillment.

Moulton—The Moulton Christian Mothers are leading a Public Square Rosary at the City Park Pavilion at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. The rosary is held in conjunction with America Needs Fatima. For more information, please call Mary Ann Wenske at (361) 596-7085.

Bay City—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica, Oct. 14, on church grounds. Starting at 11:00 a.m. food (Mexican, American, and Egg Rolls), games, cakewalk, music, auction, and more.

Columbus—St. Anthony Fall Festival, Oct. 14, will be held at the KC Hall. A BBQ beef and sausage dinner served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for \$10 p/p.

East Bernard—Holy Cross Parish Bazaar, Oct. 14, at Riverside Hall. A BBQ beef, chicken, and sausage dinner with dressing will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. Auction (12:00 p.m.) and music (12:00-6:00 p.m.).

El Campo—St. Robert Bellarmine Festival, Oct. 14, at the KC Hall.

Victoria—The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Festival, Oct. 14, at the Community Center. A BBQ beef and sausage dinner served beginning at 11:00 a.m. for \$10 p/p.

Victoria—Our Lady of Sorrows Jamaica, Oct. 14 on parish grounds from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A BBQ brisket dinner served 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at \$9 p/p.

Goliad—Immaculate Conception Festival, Oct. 21 on the parish grounds.

Wharton—Holy Family Fall Festival on the parish grounds, Oct. 21 serving fried fish dinner, \$10 p/p. A live auction begins at noon.

Eagle Lake—Parish of the Nativity Fall Festival, Oct. 21. See ad on pg. 12.

LaSalle—St. Theresa Annual Turkey Dinner/Picnic, Oct. 21. See ad on pg. 9

Victoria—CDA Court St. Ann Fall Games Party, Oct. 25, at the KC Hall from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for \$8 p/p. For reservations call Joan at (361) 485-2387 or Dolores at (361) 575-6111.

Blessing—St. Peter's Parish Turkey Dinner, Oct. 28 at the hall.

Cuero—St. Michael School Fall Festival, Oct. 28. See ad on pg. 11.

Seadrift—St. Patrick Fall Festival, Oct. 28, at the parish hall (310 W. Cleveland). A turkey and dressing dinner catered by Werner's of Shiner for \$9 p/p. There will also be a bake sale, egg rolls, and fried rice.

Port Lavaca—Our Lady of the Gulf Altar Society turkey and dressing dinner catered by Werner's, Nov. 4 at St. Jude Hall. From 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Baked goods available.

Ministries • Ongoing Activities

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.couragerc.net.

Crisis Pregnancy Center of Victoria—An organization staffed by volunteers that offers help to girls and women who find themselves in a difficult situation due to an unplanned pregnancy. Office located at 1501 E. Red River, is open 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. A free pregnancy test is offered and medical referrals are made for prenatal care. They are a sister organization to the Gabriel Project. New volunteers are welcome. For more information call (361) 575-6171.

Emmaus Center—Offers individual, couple, family, adolescent and children's counseling as well as specialized support groups. Spiritual direction is also available on request. Appointments may be made by calling (361) 212-0830. For more information see pg. 3.

Engaged Encounter—2018 Dates: November 16-18, registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Gabriel Project—Helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy- an alternative to abortion. **Victoria:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 101 W. Convent. Light supper included. For angel workshop/training dates, contact Lisa Kainer (361) 676-3264 or lisa_heysquierdo@yahoo.com; **Meyersville:** Sts. Peter and Paul, meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (during the school year) at 11220 FM 237 (77974), the coordinators for DeWitt Chapter are Wayne and Margie Smith (361) 564-3742; **Lavaca County:** Meets 6:00 p.m. (during the school year), contact Julie Kubena Lavaca County Coordinator at (361) 798-3579 for dates and location. See ad on pg. 12.

Grief Ministry—An on-going Grief Group meets at Holy Family Church, Victoria in the Conference Room, 7:00 p.m., on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Adults who have experienced the death of a loved one, may attend (after three months have passed). Please call Sharon at (361) 578-7572 before attending.

id.9:16 Ministry—For adults in their 20s-30s, single or married. Held at Holy Family in Victoria every first Thursday of the month. Starts with the 6:00 p.m. daily Mass, dinner, a talk live streamed from the headquarters in Michigan followed by fellowship. Childcare is available to those who RSVP. It is open to all young adults of the diocese. For more information or to RSVP for events, email id916victoria@gmail.com.

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.

Mothers of Grace—A new mothers' group at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory. For more information contact Jennifer Ruiz at jenniferschobey.ruiz@yahoo.com.

Natural Family Planning—NFP is the only church-approved form of family planning. For the CREIGTON MODEL Fertility Care System (CrMS) featuring NaPro TECHNOLOGY™ contact Susanne Koch in Wharton at (505) 710-0903 or susannekoch614@gmail.com.

Raphael's Refuge—RR's mission is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies, born and unborn. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Flatonia. Peer counseling and spiritual direction are available for those suffering a loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. For more information, contact Midge Elam at (361) 865-3021, (361) 258-1514, or visit www.raphaelsrefuge.org.

Pilgrimages

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Very Rev. Charles Otsiwah, pastor of Immaculate Conception, Goliad. Walk the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ on April 29– May 9, 2019. Some locations visiting are Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, the Room of the Last Supper, Bethlehem, Old City of Jerusalem, Holy Hour in Gethsemane – Dead Sea, walk the Way of the Cross, Nazareth, Cana, Acre, Caesarea, Jaffa, and Tel Aviv. For a full itinerary, please contact Dora Silva at (361) 550-0103 or Dsilva4415@gmail.com. Cost is \$3,599 – includes airfare, hotels, breakfast, and dinner.

Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic, and Germany for 10 days (August 22-31, 2020) including tickets to the 2020 once a decade Oberammergau Passion Play. Bishop Brendan Cahill will be the spiritual director. Reservations and deposit must be made by December 2018 by contacting Susan DeBartol at (888)843-7373 or susan@littleflowerpilgrimages.com. For information call (361) 549-9147.

Pilgrimage to EWTN and Our Lady of Angels Monastery (Alabama) with Father Stephen Vacek December 26-29. The day starts with a Spiritual Talk, a tour of the Shrine with a visit of the John Paul II Eucharistic Center. The cost is \$875 which includes airfare, hotels and daily meals in Alabama. For a full itinerary, contact Dora Silva at dsilva4415@gmail.com or (361) 550-0103.

For more pilgrimages see **Journeys of Faith with Ceci** on pg. 12.

Conferences • Masses • Retreats

Tu, Yo y Cristo Couples Retreat (Spanish)—Nov. 3-4 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (705 W. Broadway), Cuero. This is 2 day retreat that includes daily life topics and real testimonies that will give couples the tools to refresh, rekindle and deepen their relationship with each other and most importantly with God. Retreatants are encouraged to invite Christ to be the center of their home which is critical to deepen their Faith and therefore become better spouses, parents and Catholic Christians. For more information, contact Fernando and Juanita Prado at (361) 433-6795; Jose and Magdalena Cabrera (361) 655-8900; or Jorge and Elsa Resendiz (361) 243-0082.

ACTS Retreats—Anyone needing any information regarding ACTS Retreats in the diocese should email dovactschapter@victoriadiocese.org.

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



Father Dan Avila (standing), Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Fresno; Father Louis Iasiello, OFM (seated), Director of Pastoral and Apostolic Formation for the Pontifical College Josephinum are celebrating Mass for a group of people in the campesinos.

Seminarian Experiences the Universal Mission of Priesthood

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sistently employed migrant farm workers to assist in the delicate task of the harvest. The owner relayed the events of the unionization of migrant farm workers in the 1960s, the involvement of certain priests in the political sphere, and the ensuing damage caused to his family, the practice of their faith, and their business. This brief encounter quickly manifested for me the necessity for priests to be attentive to the needs of everyone, by being conscientious of the effects caused by their advocacy for justice in society.

After a week in the Diocese of San Bernardino the group and I traveled to the Diocese of Fresno, following the path of seasonal work for the migrant farm worker, moving from south to north. The encounter with the owner of the vineyard in the Coachella Valley inspired the group to seek a meeting with a priest in the Diocese of Fresno, who was active during the years of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers Movement. This priest candidly told stories of the tensions he experienced in his own parish with a parish made up of both farm workers and farm owners. The use of parish halls for union meetings was one of many contentious issues faced by the parish priest. He also shared how the United Farm Workers

Movement was occurring simultaneously with the developments of the Second Vatican Council, creating additional demands on the priests and faithful as everyone adjusted to what was occurring in the life of the Church. We were told by this experienced priest that our role in a parish is to hear and see the needs of each person, and to respond with loving concern. I was hungry for the experiences of farm workers, owners, and priests. I was fed with the message to love as Christ has loved me; "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34).

In order to enter into the spiritual lives of the migrant farm workers, on several occasions we were able to assist at Masses in the "campesinos" of Fresno and Stockton, with farm workers, their families, and the catechists who regularly serve these

people. The Masses were typically in the evening and held outside, under tents, or under a tree near the fields where the men and women had been working all day. People brought their lawn chairs and set them on the dusty ground wherever they could find shade from the setting yet still intense sun. After Mass, they shared their experiences, fears, concerns, and dreams with us. They explained how they were worried about their children losing their culture and their faith as they became accustomed to the society around them. Many of the fears and concerns of the people were so far outside of my control that I felt inadequate to be there. Yet in the midst of my inability to "do" anything, the people were happy to have me there and share what each of us had to offer. Following the discussions, food would come from everywhere to create feasts. The seminarians and farm workers ate and shared stories of how our lives had brought us all to this point, sitting at tables together in the hot California valley. We played soccer with the kids and heard their perspectives of growing up in a place so different from what their parents knew. We heard about their struggles of having to move throughout the year, so their parents could find work harvesting the various crops. Eventually it would become too dark to see, everything was put away, and we would return to the hotel reflecting on these treasured evenings.

Our last week was spent in the Diocese of Stockton. On one of the final days of the trip our group went out early in the morning to a watermelon field outside of the city. We joined the farm workers in harvesting the watermelons, lifting them onto conveyor belts, and stacking them into trailers. In this monotonous work, what began as repetitive



Seminarians Noah Minton and Dalton Ervin lifted watermelons off the conveyor belts as they worked in the fields.



While at Mass in the campesino outside of Fresno Dalton Ervin helped a mother feed her baby.

bending down, picking up, placing, and stacking in silence except for the sound of the engines of the tractor and conveyor belts, soon developed into conversations about their lives and families, how long they had been migrant farm workers, and the changes they had experienced throughout their years migrating up and down the west coast. The atmosphere in the field as we followed the tractor and trailer quickly transformed from dull and tedious work to a lively, boisterous, and joyful labor with music, dancing, laughter, and the tossing of watermelons to one another to break up the repetitive movements. What had begun as a group of seminarians from across the United States, on a summer program, working in the watermelon field with a group of migrant farm workers of all ages and from all walks of life, culminated as a group of men working together to accomplish a common goal. We arrived that early Friday morning as strangers in the field, and we were welcomed.

When I arrived in California for the *Summer Scholars Program* I had expectations of what I could do for other people, and by the end, I realized that I was learning so much more from them. Each experience and conversation brought me to a fuller realization of the call to serve, and all the various forms that service can take - the universal mission of the priesthood. I arrived thirsty to work, to ease the plight of the migrants and refugees. I was given the drink of humility, realizing I cannot always bring about change, but I can always listen and journey with the people of God wherever they may be or where they might be going.

*"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some."
1 Corinthians 9:22*