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45 Years of Dedicated Service to Catholic Education

By Sarita Villafranca Richmond, Editor

Michael Boyle has dedicated fifty years to Catholic Education. Forty-five of those years have been at St. Joseph High School (STJ), in Victoria. A lifelong journey began the day he said “yes” to the teaching position at St. Joseph. Mr. Boyle has personally witnessed the construction of new buildings, gyms and convents torn down, technology improvements incorporated throughout campus, and many changes in administration over the years. A lifelong career, a family, and influencing many young people through the spirit of Catholic faith have been some of the biggest blessings of his journey.

Born and raised in San Antonio as one of seven children, Michael Boyle attended St. Mary’s University and received a Bachelor of Arts in English and History and a Master’s Degree in English. As a Brother in the Society of Mary for nine years, his first teaching job was at St. Joseph High School in Victoria from 1966-1968, teach-

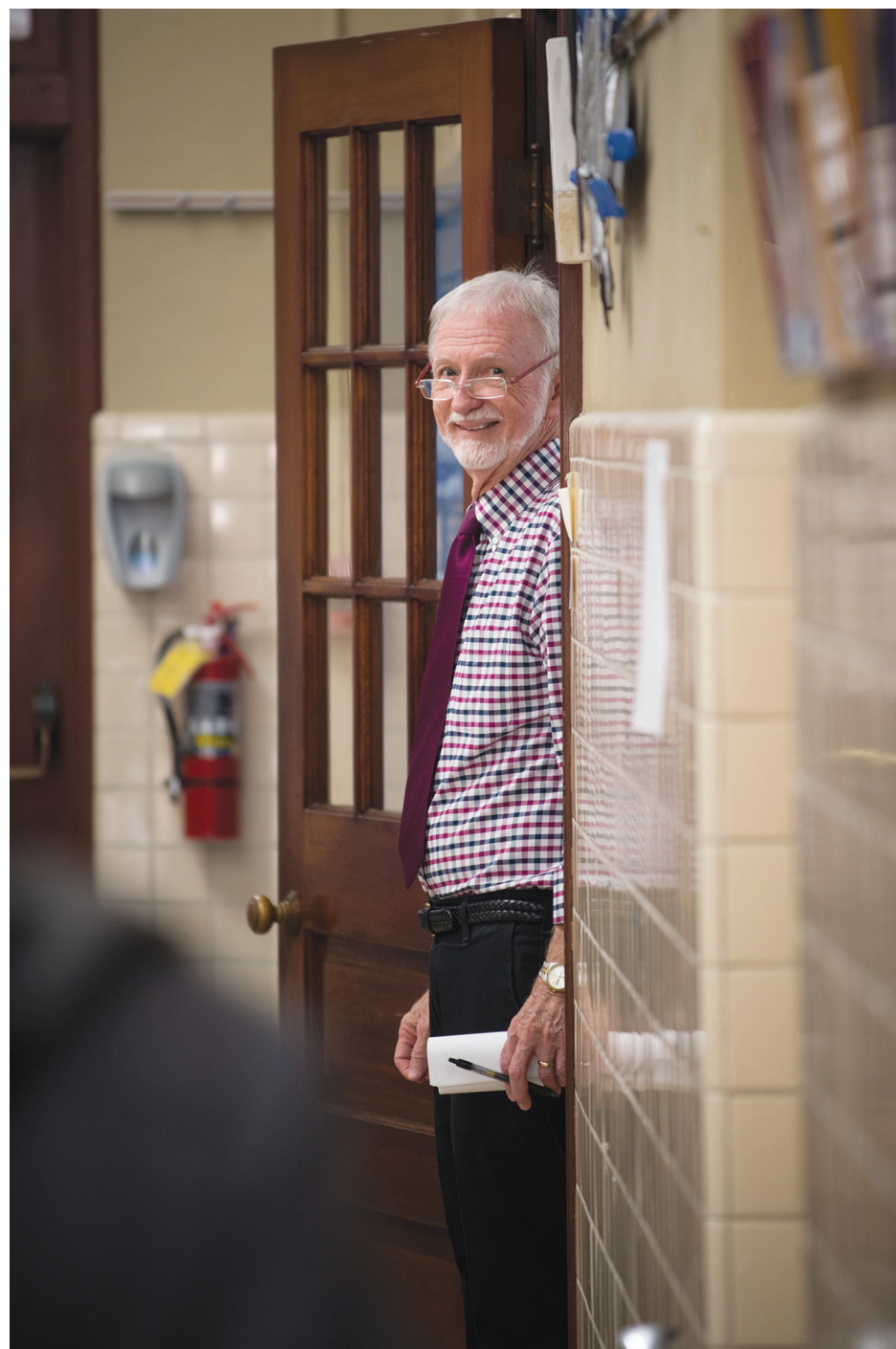
ing various levels from 5th - 10th grades. He was sent to Peru by the Brothers to teach English and Spanish, and in 1974, he had left the Society of Mary and was at Mount Sacred Heart Catholic School when his friend, David Pozzi, contacted him about a teaching position in Victoria. Mr. Pozzi, who was teaching at St. Joseph, an all boys’ school at the time, invited him to apply for a teaching job. He was hired by Sister Alberta and returned to STJ to teach at the now co-ed high school.

Lifelong Career

Over the years, Michael Boyle has taught many subjects, some of which include: all levels of English, World History, Government, Economics, and Spanish. He shared, “In a smaller school when you are asked to teach a different subject, you do what is asked of you, what is needed. If we need economics or we need Spanish, you say ‘yes Sister’ and you go do it. That’s the Catholic School tradition. You do what you have to do to help the whole program.” He has worn many hats in addition to teaching. From 1979-89, he served as Vice Principal and is currently the Director of Facilities and a part-time Spanish Instructor for the 2018-19 school year.

A Family

Little did Michael Boyle know that a wife and a child would be a part of God’s master plan. In 1986, Gretchen Gilley was hired to teach English at St. Joseph High School. An alumnus of St. Joseph High School and St. Edward’s University, Gretchen returned to Victoria to teach after the passing of Sr. Ernestine Vollmering, an IWBS Sister beloved by all. They were married in 1997 and have taught together for 33 years. He chuckled while he shared, “I like to say I taught her everything she knows, but that is not completely true. She is a natural teacher. She has done great work with that talent. As a natural leader, she sees things clearly and comes up with ways to improve



Michael Boyle, teacher of 45 years, stands at the doorway of his classroom at St. Joseph High School, Victoria. Mr. Boyle has seen years of transition at St. Joseph, but at the heart of everything is the spirit of Catholic faith. (Photo by Kevin Jordan)

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Bishop Brendan Cahill A Shepherd's Message

Reverence for God and One Another

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was watching Tiger Woods in an interview during the PGA Championship and someone asked him what his kids thought about his play in the Tournament. He responded something like "I don't think they know I'm playing, they're worried about getting back to school and all the things that go on with that!" Along with a lot of activity and stress, the new school year also marks a great time of new beginnings and optimism. As we're beginning the school year across the diocese, I'm especially keeping in prayer all of our teachers, coaches, administrators and families – may you know the love and peace of Christ as you educate our young people. I also offer my prayers and gratitude

for all of our catechists, parish catechetical leaders and families who pass on the beauty of our faith to future generations.

On Sunday, October 7, the diocese will be celebrating our Youth Spectacular at the Cathedral Center. You can look on page 8 for details of the event and how to participate. The theme for this year is "Bring Reverence Back" and will focus on how we prepare and participate in the Sunday Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: "In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he 'poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'"

See Reverence for God, pg. 14



Obispo Brendan Cahill Mensaje del Pastor

Reverencia por Dios y por los Demás

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,

Estuve viendo a Tiger Woods en una entrevista durante el Campeonato PGA y alguien le preguntó qué pensaban sus hijos sobre su juego en el Torneo. Él respondió con algo así: "¡No creo que sepan que estoy jugando, están preocupados por volver a la escuela y todo lo que pasa con eso!" Junto con la gran actividad y el estrés, el nuevo año escolar también marca un gran momento de nuevos comienzos y optimismo. Al comenzar el año escolar en toda la diócesis, mantengo especialmente en oración a todos nuestros maestros, entrenadores, administradores y familias, que puedan conocer el amor y la paz de Cristo al educar a nuestros jóvenes. También ofrezco mis oraciones y gratitud por todos nuestros catequistas, líderes de catequesis parroquiales y familias que transmiten la belleza de nuestra fe a las generaciones futuras.

El domingo, 7 de octubre, la diócesis

celebrará nuestra Espectáculo Juvenil en el Centro Catedral. Puede mirar en la página 8 para detalles del evento y cómo participar. El tema de este año es "Regreso de la Reverencia" y se enfocará en cómo nos preparamos y participamos en la Misa dominical. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica enseña que: "En la Eucaristía, Cristo nos da el mismo cuerpo que dio por nosotros en la cruz, la misma sangre que derramó por muchos para el perdón de los pecados" (CCC # 1365). Como presbítero en la Eucaristía, sigo admirando el amor de Dios derramado por todos nosotros en la Eucaristía. Pienso que este amor es todopoderoso. El día incluirá la enseñanza de la Misa, una Procesión Mariana rezando el Rosario y la celebración de la Misa dominical.

Octubre es el mes del rosario, y el 4 de octubre me uniré a un grupo de estudiantes

Ver Reverencia por Dios, pg. 17

On the weekend of August 18-19, Bishop Cahill published online his initial thoughts about the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report released that week. Below is a current news copy of said letter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I've read the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on the Church's Response to Clergy Sexual Abuse. As I wrote to you with my initial thoughts, the stories are violent and demonstrate leaders who seem more concerned with protecting the image of the institution than spiritually care for the victims. The actions reported are horrible, and I also realize this report will be used by many to advance their own causes.

I want to share with you again a few of my initial thoughts:

1. Sexual abuse is a horrible crime against the dignity of the human person. Especially since 2002 when the reports came out of Boston the Church has tried hard to be a leader in promoting the safety and health of all people, especially the most vulnerable. We need to remain committed to that, even as we are deeply disheartened and discouraged by the sickness revealed in this report.

2. The cover-up by leaders is equally troubling. Here in Texas a report of abuse of a child must be reported immediately. There is not an exception for the Church. If you are aware of any situation that needs to be reported, please contact your local authority or you can contact Vicki Pyatt, the Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach for the Diocese of Victoria, at 361-827-7186 or email at pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org. She is the initial contact point for those who have experienced clergy abuse and is trained to assist people in these most difficult situations. Since the Charter of 2002

was established we are audited annually to ensure there are no unreported cases.

3. I personally met with Bishop Fellhauer and Father Janak and they confirmed to me that since the Charter every allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, within the Diocese of Victoria, has been reported to the proper police authorities and brought to the Diocesan Review Board. The majority of the Diocesan Review Board are lay people with specific competencies to make clear judgments.

As I wrote those initial thoughts my first concern was the people of the Diocese of Victoria, and it remains so. I also believe there are larger issues within the Church that still need to be addressed. By that, I specifically mean the reporting on former Cardinal McCarrick, and the question of how he could have been promoted, if what was reported was true. As I'm writing this, I've read what I consider a good strong comment from the Knights of Columbus, and I've been listening to and reading commentaries of many people including other bishops. It is clear that there is much pain and anger, yet I believe I am already seeing some hopeful signs in many of their responses.

Trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially in the most difficult of times, let us keep each other in prayer. Let us also once again entrust our hearts to Mary, praying and acting for God's healing grace for all God's children.

+Brendan

En el fin de semana del 18 al 19 de agosto, el Obispo Cahill publicó en línea sus pensamientos iniciales sobre el reporte del Gran Jurado de Pensilvania publicado esa semana. A continuación se encuentra una copia de noticias actual para publicación.

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas, Leí el Informe del Gran Jurado de Pensilvania sobre la respuesta de la Iglesia al abuso sexual del clero. Igual como cuando les escribí con mis pensamientos iniciales, las historias son violentas y demuestran líderes que parecen más preocupados por proteger la imagen de la institución que por cuidar espiritualmente a las víctimas. Las acciones informadas en el reporte son horribles y sabiendo eso, también me doy cuenta de que este informe será utilizado por muchos para promover sus propias causas.

Quiero compartir con ustedes nuevamente algunos de mis pensamientos iniciales:

1. El abuso sexual es un crimen horrible contra la dignidad de la persona humana. Especialmente desde 2002, cuando salieron

los informes de Boston, la Iglesia se esforzó por ser un líder en la promoción de la seguridad y la salud de todas las personas, especialmente las más vulnerables. Tenemos que seguir comprometidos con eso, incluso cuando estamos profundamente descorazonados y desanimados por la enfermedad revelada en este informe.

2. El encubrimiento de los líderes es igualmente preocupante. Aquí en Texas un informe de abuso de un niño debe ser informado de inmediato. No hay una excepción para la Iglesia. Si conoce alguna situación que debe ser denunciado, comuníquese con la autoridad local o comuníquese con Vicki Pyatt, la Coordinadora de Atención Pastoral y Divulgación para la Diócesis de

Ver letra de Obispo Cahill, pg. 17



Bishop Cahill's Schedule

September

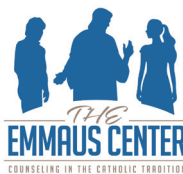
- 1** Mass for Carmelites, Meyersville
Sacred Heart Golf Tournament, Hallettsville
- 2** 8:00 a.m. & noon Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Wharton
- 5** Presbyteral Council Meeting at the Chancery, Victoria
- 6** 4:30 p.m. Supper with IWBS infirmity Sisters
- 8** Mass for Carmelites, Meyersville
- 10** Pro Life Committee Meeting, Washington, DC
- 12** 2:30 p.m. Finance Board Meeting at the Chancery, Victoria
4:00 p.m. Building Board Meeting at the Chancery, Victoria
- 14** 5:30 p.m. Mass for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre at St. Mary, Victoria
- 15** Mass for Carmelites, Meyersville
7:00 p.m. Reception/Dinner CDA National Regent honoring Olga Samaniego at Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade
- 16-18** Priest Convocation at Hyatt Regency Lost Pines, Lost Pines, Texas
- 18** 6:30 a.m. Relevant Radio Morning Show
6:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
- 20-23** V Encuentro National Event, Grapevine

- 24** Noon Mass with Missionary Catechists
Bishops' Dinner for St. Dominic Center, Houston
- 26** 5:30 CCD Visit - Parish of the Nativity, Eagle Lake
- 28** Mass of Welcome for Bishop Oscar Cantu at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in San Jose, California
- 30-10/1** Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Fall Meeting and General Assembly, Austin

October

- 2** 8:30 a.m. Mass and School Visit, Holy Cross, Bay City
- 4** Pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood, Houston
- 5** 8:00 a.m. School Mass and Visit Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
- 6** Mass for Carmelites, Meyersville
10:00 a.m. Diocese of Victoria Employee Picnic at the Spiritual Renewal Center
Magnificat House Gala, Houston
- 7** 3:00 p.m. Marian Procession/Mass for Youth Spectacular, Cathedral Center, Victoria

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NEW CDA POSITIONS APPOINTED—Congratulations to Olga Samaniego, the new National Regent for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Bishop Brendan Cahill, the newly selected National Chaplain for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We lift them in prayer through the intercession of the Blessed Mother Mary. *"Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all."*

Church Records Continue to be Digitalized

Last year, through generous grants from The Kenedy and Scanlan Foundations, the Catholic Archives of Texas (CAT) was able to purchase a high speed digital scanner and a transport van to assist dioceses with protecting fragile records. CAT began with the Diocese of Victoria and can travel to any Texas diocese needing this service to scan sacramental records. This is particularly helpful for the fragile records that are sometimes 200 years old on incredibly delicate paper. Creating digital surrogates

will capture records before further damage occurs; some of the records scanned show signs of damage from heavy use, water/humidity, and possible exposure to mold. The digital copies created will be provided to each parish, the Diocese of Victoria, and stored in CAT's archive. With hurricane risks on the Texas Gulf Coast, CAT's digital archive of sacramental records in a separate geographic location is an important piece of long-term preservation of the Church's history in Texas.

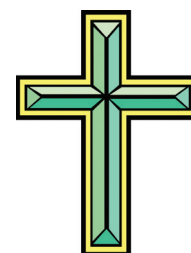
Please remember in prayer the priests of the Diocese of Victoria, who were ordained during the month of September:

Rev. Wayne N. Flagg 09/24/1988 St. Michael Church, Weimar

*"If some of you hear the call to follow Christ more closely,
to dedicate your entire heart to Him, like the Apostles John and Paul...
be generous, do not be afraid,
...because you have nothing to fear when the prize that you await is God Himself,
for Whom, sometimes without ever knowing it, all young people are searching."
— Pope Saint John Paul II*

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

Rev. Dan Morales 09/03/2016
Rev. Msgr. Werner Bockholt 09/08/1992
Rev. Marcus Valenta 09/09/1984
Rev. Msgr. John J. Hanacek 09/14/1994
Rev. Donald Hayden, O.Ss.T. 09/19/2009
Rev. Jude Belisle, O.Ss.T. 09/24/1994



*For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:8)*



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.

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 >.

August 20, 2018

• **Nicholas Aparicio Seminary Burse**

Lector

Donation in memory of Pete Aparicio by
Mrs. A.R. Wearden and Jim Wearden

• **Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily Seminary Burse #2**

Acolyte

In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily's
85th Birthday by: Weimar Knights of
Columbus Council #2153
In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily's 60th
ordination anniversary to the Priesthood
by Weimar Knights of Columbus
Council #2153

• **CDA Court of St. Ann #369 Seminary Burse #2**

Lector

In memory of Beatrice Thompson by
CDA Court St Ann #369

• **Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune Seminary Burse**

Acolyte

In memory of Rev. Msgr. Lawrence
Matula by M/M Elbert Brune

• **Knights of Columbus Victoria Council #1329 Seminary Burse #4**

Acolyte

In memory of Franklin Sedlar by
K of C Victoria Council #1329

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

Lector

Donation by the Anton and Agnes Kaspar
Family Reunion

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

Lector

In memory of Eugene Vaculik by
Richard and Wilma Schaefer
Donation by Soila Sanchez

• **Rev. Paul P. Kaspar and Parents, John & Frances Babica Kaspar Seminary Burse**

Lector

In memory of T. JoAnn Everett by
her brothers and sisters
Donation by the Anton and Agnes Kaspar
Family Reunion

To contribute to an existing Seminary
Endowment Fund send contributions with
the appropriate fund designation to:

Diocese Of Victoria
Seminary Endowment Fund
P. O. Box 4070
Victoria, TX 77903

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.

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Lector

Paz and Andrea Morales
in Memory of Fr. Dan Morales

CDA Court Resurrection #2054, Bay City
in Honor of Philippe Dubourdieu

Acolyte

CDA Court of St. Bernadette #1108

Candidate

Barbara M. Hartwell



BISHOP ATTENDS NAMMA CONFERENCE—Bishop Brendan Cahill is pictured at the recent North American Maritime Ministers Association Conference (NAMMA) with Deacon Paul Rosenblum, Regional (US, Canada and Caribbean) Director of the Catholic Apostleship of the Sea and Sr. Joanna Okereke, HHCI, National Director of AOS. NAMMA is an ecumenical ministry organization with special concern for seafarers in Canada and USA.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a young child I remember asking a priest a simple question and receiving a simple answer. I drew comfort from his answer, but what I remember the most was his comment afterward: "If only all questions were that simple to answer."

This childhood moment snapped back in the wake of the flood gates that have been opened regarding the recently acknowledged sexual abuses and the dysfunctional secrecy within the hierarchy. The Church is riddled with issues and situations that plead for reflective answers, resolutions, and prayerful cleansing.

Introspective Catholics must feel some

sense of hurt, betrayal, and disgrace. I know I do. But at the same time, I love my church and draw strength and guidance from her. Throughout history all shades of sinfulness have occurred within the Church, and because we all belong to this Body, we all share in this staggering mess that has far-reaching complexities.

Thankfully there is integrity and goodness that pulsates throughout the veins of our Body -reaching or trying to reach to every part of it. It's in our faithful clergy and laity, but most essentially it rests in the Divine Physician who seeks to heal us individually and collectively!

It reminds me of the humble words of another priest, Father Say, when he would tell us: "The Church is not the Hilton - it's a hospital." His words call us to trust in Jesus even when others, whom we may have trusted, have betrayed us. Our Body will be restored to health as we march onward. It always has!

Laurie Bautista

Transitional Deacon

~

Priest

Robert & Kathryn Kennedy

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Education of Seminarian Fund
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DSA update

2018 Diocesan Services Appeal

Diocesan Goal: \$ 2,054,129.00
Parish Pledge Totals: \$ 742,907.99
Parish Contribution Totals: \$ 653,552.99
Number of Parish
Families Participating: 2,529
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A Tribute to a Priest Dearly Missed

By Rev. Max Landman

Lately my thoughts have been turning to a man who for a great many people in our diocese and elsewhere was not only a good priest and mentor, but truly a father. September 3 marks two years since Father Dan Morales died, and as we observe this anniversary I would like to offer just a few of my personal reminiscences, and I hope they might bring a smile to the reader's face and a fond remembrance of a man who is dearly missed.

More than anything I remember Father Dan's generosity of spirit. Everyone knows he had a great deal of charisma and that wherever he was, people were virtually assured of having a good time. But perhaps the reason that people were attracted to his personality was because it was so open—and not just to the people he really liked. He had an innate understanding that his joy was meant to be given away to those who were most in need. He demonstrated this constantly—at any number of parish functions, during a game of ping pong with seminarians, over dinner or a movie—but most profoundly as he approached death. In his final months, Father Dan was not in need of visitors, so devoted were his wonderful sisters and other close family and friends. Still, he received each guest with patience and warmth, and even though everyone knew inwardly that he was giving more to his visitors than they were to him, no one seemed to mind.

Father Dan did not have the best memory! Names sometimes escaped him, but unlike so many of us who cower at the mere thought of having to ask someone to repeat

a name, Father knew that people would understand how hard it is to memorize the names of the many thousands of people he came across in his ministry. But eventually he did know your name and he knew you. He would ask not just how you were doing, but how your mother and sister were doing — by name — and you knew that he wasn't just asking but actually cared. His was not just a generosity of time but of attention.

For me, this beloved priest became more deeply a father after I lost my own dad unexpectedly. I was midway through a two-day road trip to my new seminary to study theology when I got the horrible news, and after I got off the interstate in Chattanooga, Tenn. and miraculously wandered into the parking lot of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, I knew the first person I was going to call was Father Dan—he would take care of me. He told me to go into the parish office, hand the secretary the phone, and he explained the situation. It was by the grace of God, the

assistance of our Blessed Mother, and Father Dan Morales that at the worst moment of my life, I immediately had a place not only to make the initial funeral arrangements and to stay the night, but a plane ticket home. He also drove me back from the funeral,



"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

~ 2 Timothy 4:7

and when a state trooper signaled a big white F-150 to pull over for speeding on I-35, the driver had an excuse that would have been good enough for even the most callous of lawmen. We were off with a warning!

When I think back on Father Dan's own beautiful

funeral, I am still struck by the readings he chose. On various occasions he had spoken of just trying to make it to purgatory (I always thought this was risky—what if you fall short?), so it was no surprise that he chose a reading from the Second Book of Maccabees in which Israel's ruler, Judas Maccabeus, makes an expiatory offering for his fallen soldiers after he discovers they had been carrying idolatrous tokens. "Thus he made atonement for the dead that

they might be freed from this sin." While even today many funerals resemble more a canonization of the deceased than a plea for God's mercy, Father Dan wanted nothing of the sort. He wanted us to pray for his soul. He also picked a reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy: "I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." Indeed, Father Dan, indeed.

I know I am not alone in saying I miss him a great deal. Life is less enjoyable without him! While I have no doubt of Father Dan's friendship with our Lord, I offer a prayer for his soul, as I know he would want, and I ask all who are reading this to do the same.

Father Max Landman is parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville.



Father Dan Morales and Father Max Landman are pictured together after Father Max was ordained a Transitional Deacon in 2015.



A beautiful plaque and bell was dedicated to Father Dan Morales for his dedication and love for the people of Obras Sociales, in Antigua, Guatemala. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me". Matthew 25:40

*Rev. Dan Morales
June 17, 1964 ~ September 3, 2016*

BARBECUE TURKEY WITH DRESSING DINNER

**St. Peter's Catholic Church Blessing, Texas
Parish Center
Sunday, October 28, 2018**

**Country Store
Raffle**

**Mass at 9:30 A.M.
Dine-In or Drive-Thru -- 11:00 a.m.**

**Live Auction
12:00 Noon**

\$10.00 per plate

**BARBECUE TURKEY, HOMEMADE DRESSING, GREEN BEANS,
SWEET POTATOES, CRANBERRY SAUCE, DESSERT, &
TEA/COFFEE**





SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS

All God's People

Last year when I had celebrated my 60th Jubilee (anniversary of profession of vows) my sister told me that she and Jim, her husband, wanted to give me a trip. Then when her church in Austin was sponsoring a tour in Europe, she asked me if I would like to go. Now I really like to see new places; however, since the tour had a lot of walking in it and since I no longer have as much stamina as I once had, I declined. But I told my sister that I would really like to visit my brother's vineyard and winery in the Upper Napa Valley in California since I had never taken the opportunity to do so. I was thinking that as I was getting older, I might never get there. But now, along with other factors, the news coverage of the California fires had aroused my interest in the area. Also, the cooler summer temperatures in northern California made the idea of escaping some days of Texas heat very inviting.

So we went! Upon arriving in the San Francisco airport, we began to experience the California traffic and sights in our rental car. And after seeing the crowded buildings on the hillsides, I immediately increased my appreciation for the level terrain of the

Texas coastland with which I am familiar. After crossing the Golden Gate Bridge we stopped at a lookout point where we could view the city and other points of interest, such as Alcatraz, from a distance. Then we began our stop-and-go way to Napa and eventually were greeted by a "Kitten Crossing" sign at the entrance to my brother's vineyard. The numerous rodent control felines keep the area well patrolled.

Of course we were shown the daily life and behind the scenes activities of the winery as well as the surrounding area. I was especially interested in seeing the status of some of the homesteads which were the victims of last year's fires. Some of the places were being rebuilt; others were totally covered by tall dry grass that had grown up during the rainy spring and now was dried up and ready to provide fuel for future fires. I realized that the homeowners were rebuilding with the hope that they would not experience another fire. I had once asked a California cousin why he had built his home in an area which was so prone to earthquakes and fires and he replied, "Because it is so beautiful. Besides, it's home."



One cannot miss the similarity of their situation with that of the residents of the Texas Coast where recovery from Harvey is still ongoing and we are currently in the midst of another hurricane season. Look around and see the buildings in our areas that are still covered by blue tarps or are

in the midst of repair. Let us pray for all those who are suffering the effects of fire, flood, earthquake or hurricanes. We are all God's children and need God's help. Let us continue to pray for one another and extend a helping hand to one another wherever we are.

BISHOP CAHILL ATTENDS KJT MEETING—The Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, celebrated Mass with the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Ammannsville on Sunday, August 12.



Afterwards, he was the guest of honor for Society #4's quarterly KJT meeting. Pictured with the bishop are Society #4 officers. From left to right, Treasurer Michael Bartosh; Secretary Kevin Kana; President John Kana; and Vice-President Frankie Osina. Bishop Cahill joined the KJT recently and is a member of Society #115 in Victoria.



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Experiencing the Beauty of Our Universal Church

By Luke Prihoda, Seminarian
Theology I at St. Mary's Seminary

This January, I entrusted my application for the Rome Experience to Our Mother Mary in which I needed not only be accepted but also be awarded the Midwest Theological Forum's scholarship to cover most of the tuition. Our Immaculate Mother came through with her intercessory prayers on February 2nd when I received a call congratulating me on my acceptance and scholarship. The only thing that remained was to "wait patiently" all spring knowing the blessed opportunity that would lay ahead from May 25 to July 3 traveling through Spain, France and to the Eternal City of Rome, Italy.

A group of 21 seminarians and two priests set forth towards France for the first leg of the trip, but our trip was delayed in Madrid due to an airline strike in France. This was a blessing in disguise as we were able to attend Mass at the Basilica of the Miraculous Medal in Madrid where I experienced the first of so many beautiful Basilicas and pondered the Marian statue and the stained glass windows of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This drew me to seek Mary as intercessor to the Trinity for me on this pilgrimage. I was also able to visit the world famous art museum, The Prado, which had beautiful religious art including the Transfiguration, the Coronation, the Passion and Crucifixion, the Nativity of our Lord, but one that struck me was a painting of the Holy Family that included St. Anne and St. Joachim. This depiction of the Holy Family portrayed the importance of grandparents in cultivating the faith of both the children and grandchildren to come.

The next leg of the trip was to Ars, France where we would quiet our minds for a 5-day silent retreat in the small pilgrimage town made famous by the Cure de Ars, St. John Vianney. The story goes that St. John Vianney was lost as he was seeking his parish when he came across a young peasant boy who asked him, "What are you looking for Father?" St. John Vianney said, "I am looking for Ars as I am the new parish priest." So, the young boy showed him to the Church. St. John Vianney told

him after arriving "Since you have shown me the way to Ars, I shall show you the way to Heaven." Learning the story of St. John Vianney during the retreat and how he spent endless hours in prayer, the sacrifices he made for his people, and his dedication to hearing confessions from pilgrims all over



Europe, inspired me to draw strength from the Lord as I seek to lead others to the Lord. After my 5-day silent retreat, I could only think that St. John Vianney is still showing many pilgrims the path to heaven. After Mass at the Tomb of St. John Vianney, we headed to the airport to make our way to the Eternal City of Rome.

As we approached the seminary where we would stay for the next 4 weeks, I was in total awe of St. Peter's Basilica at sunset. The beauty of the Iconic Church built upon the Rock, that is Peter left me amazed and sending pictures to family back in Texas. Over the next four weeks, I would be immersed in classes discussing Human Virtue, Christian Rome, and Pastoral Seminars. I would also attend a General Audience with Pope Francis in which I received his blessing as he drove by in the Popemobile. The beauty of the Papal Basilicas blew me away and left me awestruck each time I visited, which was about 3 to 4 times each. I found the history of St. Peter's Basilica and Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls to be intriguing and inspiring. After the



Seminarian, Luke Prihoda stands in front of St. Peter's Basilica, in Rome. (Left picture) The statue of St. Paul is pictured in front of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, in Rome.

Martyrdom of St. Peter and St. Paul, they were laid to rest in their respective tombs. As Christianity continued to spread in spite of persecution, many Christians would take pilgrimages to pray at the tombs of these pillars of the early church. Both original Basilicas were built in the fourth century above the tombs where Peter and Paul were buried, before needing renovations later in the 16th and 19th centuries due to fire. Words can hardly describe the experience. For me to be a pilgrim 1900 years later and absorbing the history and stories of these beautiful basilicas was awesome!

The universality of the Catholic Church was on full display as Catholics from Asia,

the Middle East, Europe, Africa, South America, and the United States prayed together at the Pallium Mass in St. Peter's Square where 30 newly installed Archbishops received their Pallium Vestment from Pope Francis. Seeing so many nationalities praying together put everything in perspective for me as I saw how the Catholic faith sees no borders. As we were leaving, I received a Blessing in Arabic from a Bishop from Iraq who asked that I pray for peace. Walking where the saints walked in Rome as well as Assisi allowed me to see the way God worked by drawing from the talents

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Associate Director Appointed

Shannon Thomas is the new Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Victoria. She grew up in Cuero and currently resides in Meyersville with her husband, Shea, and 8 month old daughter, Avila. Shannon attended the University of Texas at Austin and earned a Bachelor of Social Work and a Master of Science in Social Work. She helped to establish the Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County in Cuero, before becoming the Youth Director and Parish Catechetical Leader for St. Michael and Our Lady of Guadalupe. "I am excited to continue working with the youth of our diocese," she stated. Shannon has been involved with Camp David and Rocky Mountain High for several years. "It is a new adventure, and I am grateful for this opportunity!"



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First Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, Most. Rev. Charles V. Grahmann Dies

July 15, 1931 - August 14, 2018

Bishop Charles Grahmann, 87, concluded his life's journey and arrived at the household of the Father on August 14, 2018. The Hallettsville native was a priest of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, an auxiliary bishop there, founding bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, and was later appointed sixth shepherd of the Diocese of Dallas, the see from which he retired.

Bishop Grahmann died at St. Luke's Baptist Hospital in San Antonio. He had celebrated Mass earlier in the day at the Casa de Padres priest retirement residence and received the sacrament of anointing of the sick.

He was born on July 15, 1931, the fourth child in a family of 11 children in Hallettsville. His early life was spent on a farm. Under the direction of his mother Annie Grafe Grahmann, Charles and his brothers and sisters



Bishop Charles Grahmann with long-time secretary Hortence Ward in his office in Victoria.

did all of the work on the family farm while his father Nicholas A. Grahmann worked as a carpenter to supplement the farm income. The work was hard and the hours long as there were no mechanical implements, stated Charles. Everything was done by hand or with horse or mule-driven implements, and there were chores every day.

He attended Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville from 1938 to 1945. He and all of his siblings attended parochial school in spite of financial hardships; the family walked to church and school. When the vocation director of the Archdiocese of San Antonio visited Hallettsville and talked to the seventh grade boys about priestly vocations, Charles discerned a call and left elementary school to enter St. John's Seminary in San Antonio to study for the priesthood. By 1946 the four oldest Grahmann children had all entered religious life or the seminary. His oldest brother, James Nicholas, had already entered the Christian Brothers and his sisters Alice Marie and Mildred both became Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament.

Charles had never been away from the Hallettsville area and the journey to San Antonio was a major milestone for him. Friendships from his seminary days endured

the rest of his life and into his retirement. His studies at St. John's took him through high school. In the summers he would return home to chop cotton in June and pick it in

and obtained a master's degree in Education and Counseling. While serving as priest-secretary for the archbishop of San Antonio, he was appointed archdiocesan director of



The three bishops who have served as shepherd of the Diocese of Victoria gathered in 2016 for the rededication of St. Mary Church in Praha. Above are Bishops (left to right) David Fellhauer, Brendan Cahill, and Charles Grahmann.

August. His philosophy and theology classes were taught at Assumption Seminary. In the summer of 1954 Charles and two other seminarians traveled to Germany, and he visited relatives there. It was the first of many trips he would make to Europe as a priest and bishop to visit relatives.

Archbishop Robert E. Lucey ordained him a priest on March 17, 1956 – St. Patrick's Day – at San Fernando Cathedral. He celebrated his first Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Hallettsville on March 18, 1956. His assignments took him to St. James Parish in San Antonio in 1956 and St. Joseph in Yoakum from 1956 to 1961. In August 1964, he was appointed priest-secretary to Archbishop Lucey. During this time he attended business college in order to monitor the business office and computerize the operation. Father Grahmann also attended Our Lady of the Lake University

Catholic Relief Services (CRS). After a trip to South America with CRS, his heart was moved greatly by the suffering of the poor people in that region. As a result, he pledged a lifetime commitment to caring for the poor which continued throughout his ministry.

After Archbishop Lucey's retirement in 1969, he continued as secretary to Archbishop Francis Furey, with pastoral duties at St. Gregory the Great from 1970 to 1980. He was also named a monsignor during that time. Upon the death of Archbishop Furey, he was named vicar general to Archbishop Patrick Flores with pastoral duties at St. Joseph's Church in downtown San Antonio. In June 1981, he was appointed auxiliary bishop to the archbishop of San Antonio and

*"Walk Humbly
with Your God"*
Micah 6:8

ordained bishop on Aug. 20, 1981. He chose as his episcopal motto, "Walk Humbly with Your God" (Micah 6:8).

On May 29, 1982, he was named by Pope John Paul II as the first bishop of the newly created Diocese of Victoria. He created a diocesan-wide consultation process to bring together clergy, religious, and lay people in a systematic way to put a face on the new diocese.

Then, on Dec. 11, 1989, he was appointed co-adjutor bishop of the Diocese of Dallas to Bishop Thomas Tschoepe. He became the ordinary of the Diocese of Dallas on July 15, 1990.

In 2006 Bishop Grahmann marked the triple jubilee of his 75th birthday, 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and 25 years as a bishop. His biography, *"To Walk Humbly with Your God,"* was also published. On his 75th birthday, he submitted his resignation to Pope Benedict XVI, and on May 1, 2007, he became bishop emeritus upon appointment of a new bishop to Dallas. In retirement Bishop Grahmann remained busy until illness restricted his activities in recent years. In 2012 he moved to Casa de Padres.

He is preceded in death by his parents and three sisters: Sister Anastasia, IWBS; Sister Sylvia, IWBS; and Rita Zaruba. He is survived by brothers Nicholas, Jr., Marcus, Jerome, Fred, and Brother Nicholas, FSC; as well as sisters Anita Spangle and Mary Ann Michalke. He has 25 nephews and nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces and two great-grand nephews. Services were held in Dallas, San Antonio, and Hallettsville where he was buried at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.



One of the hopes of the Diocese of Victoria since its beginning on May 29, 1982, was to have a Spiritual Renewal Center whose principal purpose would be to offer the people of the diocese a haven for prayer, reflection, and spiritual nourishment, plus a unique meeting place for organizational learning and training conferences. Bishop Charles Grahmann was instrumental in building the Spiritual Renewal Center that continues to serve the diocese today. The Renewal Center was dedicated on November 20, 1988.



NEW CDA OFFICERS INSTALLED—The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Holy Family Court #2665, Victoria recently installed new officers. They are (left to right) Karen Janak-Recording Secretary; Kathey Motley-Vice Regent; Rosalie Phillips-Regent; Cheryl Olsovsky-Treasurer; Nancy Frazer-Financial Secretary; and Deacon Eddie Huse, Chaplain.

St. Mary's Altar Society to Host Annual Retreat

The Annual Retreat sponsored by the St. Mary's Altar Society in Victoria will be Tuesday, September 18, in the St. Mary's Activity Center, 401 S. Liberty St., and is open to all parishes. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the retreat beginning at 8:30 a.m. The retreat will conclude with noon Mass followed by lunch.

The retreat's theme is: *"May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be."* Integral to the retreat will be the celebration of Mass with Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer as celebrant. As a ministry to its' own parish and to surrounding parishes, the Altar Society has been offering these days of reflections since September 2009.



Sr. Pat Casey

Directing the retreat will be Sr. Pat Casey, a Dominican Sister from Houston. Sr. Pat brings with her many gifts – including the gift of joyfully sharing her faith with others. As a Dominican Sister, she has served in four Texas dioceses. Her many and varied ministries have included: teaching, directing retreats and days of reflection, campus ministry, seminary formation advisor, and university dorm manager. She has also served her Dominican community in the business office, as Vocation/Formation Director, and twelve years on the community General Council. Presently, she is involved in a variety of volunteer ministries.

All men and women are welcomed to attend. There is no fee for the retreat or lunch. For more information contact the Altar Society president, Evelyn Dierlam at (361) 652-4843, Laurie Bautista at (361) 573-9561, or the parish secretary during office hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) at (361) 573-4328.

Shiner Parishioner Elected National CDA Director

Carolyn Malik was recently elected National Director for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA), one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas (catholicdaughters.org). She was elected at the organization's 57th Biennial National Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, attended by over 1,200 members, voting delegates, and clergy from across the country.

As a National Director Carolyn is a member of the organization's top national leadership, consisting of five National Officers and nine National Directors who administer, set policy and establish goals for the CDA.

Carolyn Malik resides in Shiner and has been a member of Court St. Paul #1604, also in Shiner, since 1968. Court St. Paul was chartered in March 1952, and has 301 members. Rev. Bryan Heyer, pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, is court chaplain.

Carolyn has held Texas state positions including Texas State Secretary, Second State Vice Regent, First State Vice Regent,

and State Regent. She has held all local court leadership positions. She instituted the Junior Catholic Daughters (ages 8 to 18) local court 20 years ago serving as chairman for four years and counselor to the present.



Carolyn Malik
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Leadership and Discipleship

This is a sermon for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B written by Father Charles Kram.

One of the main duties and opportunities of every follower of Christ is to serve, that is, to put our goods and our talents to work for the honor and glory of God and for our own well being and that of our fellow man.

Not everyone should or can be a leader.

Actually, leadership can be quite a burden. Sometimes we hear that an individual chosen for a position of leadership declines the offer. In one case I know of, a parish organization with a good many members went out of existence because their president was killed in a car wreck and no one else was willing to serve. Yet every organization must have leaders. Without leadership we have disorganization, confusion, and a waste of resources.

Since all these things are so, what should our attitude toward our leaders be, and how should we act toward them?

Perhaps a good rule about how to treat our leaders would be to treat them as WE would wish to be treated if WE were in their place. Let's take some examples.

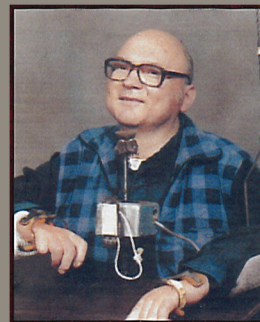
First let us consider that many of us like to criticize the efforts of others. In fact, criticizing others is sometimes a lot more fun than saying something nice about them.

It is almost as though someone else's success is a threat to our own. This is what a jealous attitude can do. Sometimes we are told, "If you can't say something good about someone else, don't say anything." This may not be absolutely correct, but certainly we should be at least as ready to praise and give credit as to find fault.

Let's take another example. Once when I offered free advice to a friend, he said, "Did you ever notice how whenever someone is busy doing something, there are always plenty of people standing around telling him how to do it?"

The next time you are tempted to criticize, first stop and ask yourself, "Is it my place to criticize, and is my criticism necessary and useful?" Then, if it meets all these requirements, make sure it is constructive, and not just the kind that finds fault. Have something better to offer. Just cutting the trees down without planting new ones in their place soon creates a barren waste.

Another good rule might be, if you are liberal with your advice, also be ready to bear the responsibility in case your advice causes harm. The person who points an accusing finger at his neighbor and says, "I'm telling you and you'd better listen," is usually also the one who is nowhere to be found when his advice turns out to be wrong and the harm has been done.



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*Father
Charles Kram
Korner*

In summary, some are meant to be great and influential leaders. Others are meant to be faithful followers. Whatever our position, our Christian calling is to serve. As a poet once said, "He also serves who only stands and waits."

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving each of us a chance to serve.

Help us to find our place and fill it.

Grant that our efforts may bear much fruit for your honor and glory and our own mutual well being and happiness. Amen.

Prayer to Father Charles Kram

Heavenly Father,

I praise you, I adore you, I glorify you and I thank you for all the gifts you have given to me. Your priest, Father Charles Kram, left me a wonderful example of pastoral charity and patient suffering. He is for me a perfect model of your Divine Mercy.

May I accept your divine will in the adversities I now encounter, offering them up in union with the silent suffering of Jesus on the cross and Mary at the foot of the cross.

If it be your will and by your Divine Mercy, grant the petition I present to you this day _____ and may Father Kram be raised to the altar as a saint in Heaven.

I pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior in union with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Bishop Cahill Highlights Graces of Joy, Gratitude at Prayer Breakfast

By Jonah Dycus
Texas Catholic Herald

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HOUSTON — Bishop Brendan Cahill discussed the life, trials and triumphs of the late Father Charles Kram Jr. at the July 19 Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Prayer Breakfast.

Bishop Cahill, a priest in Galveston-Houston for 25 years, was ordained the third bishop of Victoria in June of 2015. Father Kram's hometown of Shiner is part of the Diocese of Victoria.

"(Bishop Cahill) does such a great job of bringing the people of the Diocese of Victoria into common community together," Daniel Cardinal DiNardo said. "That's the role of the bishop ... to teach, govern and sanctify."

In his introduction, Cardinal DiNardo also thanked the more than 900 attending the Prayer Breakfast. This year's event was emceed by Steve Smith and chaired by Danny Grant. "Our Catholic identity teaches us always to be mindful, merciful and ask for God's help," Cardinal DiNardo said. "And certainly to ask Him to continue to forgive us

and give us a new and improved relationship with the world around us and with our own Catholic communities."

Bishop Cahill, a graduate of St. Cecilia Catholic School, St. Thomas High School and St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, made time before and after the event to visit with numerous friends and acquaintances in at-

tendance.

The theme of the 2018 Prayer Breakfast was taken from Father Kram's book "Gladly Will I Glory (In My Infirmities)," co-written by Anthony Warzecha, which chronicles Father Kram's "joyful journey through life despite enormous suffering." During his keynote, Bishop Cahill said he



Bishop Brendan J. Cahill was the keynote speaker at the 2018 Prayer Breakfast on July 19 at the Hilton-Americas Houston in downtown Houston. (Left to right): Steve Smith, Danny Grant, Bishop Cahill, Mrs. Raye G. White and Daniel Cardinal DiNardo attended the 2018 Prayer Breakfast. (Photo by Jonah Dycus/Herald)

all faithful to follow, according to Bishop Cahill.

"There are many stories about how this man who was confined to a wheelchair and suffering physical disability was witnessing to the power of God's grace and God's love each day," Bishop Cahill said. "(Father Kram) saw his physical limitation as an opportunity to give thanks to God because he would say 'I'm able to allow others to serve me.' Think how hard that level of humility is. I know myself, I like to be strong and doing things for others. What is it like when others have to take care of me? Will I be able to see that as a blessing and have gratitude, that God even gave me this weakness so others could grow in holiness?"

Citing Scripture and Father Kram's books throughout his talk, Bishop Cahill said one's spiritual path must include gratitude and emptying of self-will.

"(Emptying our self-will) is common to our spirituality, yet it's a very hard thing to do each and every day ... To hand over my will to God, trusting that God who has given me everything will provide everything for me each and every day," Bishop Cahill said.

Father Kram's life expectancy was only five years at the onset of his illness but he went on to live for almost another 50 years.

"In a sense, the day he contracted his disease he lost control of a lot of his life. He could have been ordained a priest (in 1953) like he had planned," but the fullness of life is found in trusting in God each and every day, Bishop Cahill said. "If we are open to the Spirit, we come to realize everything in our life is a gift from God."

The 2018 Prayer Breakfast meal was underwritten by Mrs. Raye White. Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza, who ordained Bishop Cahill a priest in 1990, was among the numerous Archdiocesan priests in attendance. Auxiliary Bishop George A. Sheltz offered the benediction.

The annual Archdiocesan Prayer Breakfast was created to unite the Greater Houston community in expressing trust in and dependence on God through prayer.

As a forum to encourage people of all backgrounds in their journey of faith, the Prayer Breakfast reaffirms the desire of each participant to integrate their faith and daily life. This yearly gathering acknowledges the need for all persons to be supported in prayer as they strive to encounter the living God and thereby discover lasting meaning and hope.

To listen to Bishop Brendan Cahill's inspiring talk, "Gladly Will I Glory" visit the following website: www.archgh.org/prayerbreakfast.

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was introduced to Father Kram's story just a few weeks into his role as the Bishop of Victoria.

Shortly before his priestly ordination, Father Kram had contracted polio in 1952 and was paralyzed from the neck down. He was later ordained a priest in 1975. Upon Father Kram's death in 2000, a group called the Father Kram Beatification Project began a process of remembering the priest's life and sharing his stories of faith. After reading "Gladly Will I Glory" and listening to many of these stories, Bishop Cahill started inviting people to pray in devotion to Father Kram and for his intercession.

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James Dvorak, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria is pictured with the Auxiliary Bishop of Brownsville, Bishop Mario Alberto Avilés.

A STEP CLOSER TO THE PRIESTHOOD—James Dvorak third year Theologian at St. Mary Seminary in Houston, received the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders. The rite of Admission to Candidacy is celebrated when it has been established that the intention of those aspiring to Holy Orders is supported by the necessary qualifications and has achieved sufficient maturity. The intention of receiving Holy Orders is expressed publicly by the aspirants. The bishop then accepts the aspirants' intention. James is at a stage in the discernment/formation and is recognized as a Candidate for Holy Orders. He petitioned Bishop Brendan Cahill, and he accepted him as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

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James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

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Isaiah 50:5-9A
Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

September 23 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8
James 3:16—4:3
Mark 9:30-37

September 30 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday
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Numbers 11:25-29
Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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Genesis 2:18-24
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

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

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Pope says he's excited to return to Ireland to celebrate families

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As he prepared to travel to Dublin and to Knock Aug. 25-26 for the World Meeting of Families, Pope Francis said he hoped his visit would “remind us all of the essential place of the family in the life of society and in the building of a better future for today’s young people.”

The World Meeting of Families, he said, “is a celebration of the beauty of God’s plan for the family. It is also an occasion for families from all over the world to meet and support one another in living out their

special vocation.”

Pope Francis said he recognized that “families today face many challenges in their efforts to embody faithful love, to bring up children with sound values and to be a leaven of goodness, love and mutual concern in the larger community,” and he said he knew his listeners already know that.

“I ask everyone to pray that this great festival will be a moment of joy and serenity, a caress of Jesus’ tender love for all families, and indeed, for all God’s children,” the pope said.

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OLV ACTS RETREAT TEAM—A Commissioning Mass for the Our Lady of Victory ACTS team was held on July 22, 2018. Father Kristopher Fuchs and Julie Ward, director of the next women's ACTS retreat are pictured with the team. The next retreat is scheduled for October 25, 2018.



KNIGHTS SUPPORT NAZARETH—The Nazareth Academy (NA) Fishing Tournament was a huge success! Thanks to the Holy Family Knights of Columbus (KC) Council #9088 for their support. Left to right are Monroe Rieger, KC; Sr. Ann Meletio, IWBS; Sr. Evelyn Korenek, NA principal; and Manuel Gonzales, KC Grand Knight.



KNIGHTS STAND HONOR GUARD—The Knights of Columbus, St. Michael and Bishop Odin 4th Degree Assemblies served as Honor Guards for Most Rev. David Fellhauer, Emeritus Bishop of Victoria Diocese, in celebrating Mass at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Praha. Front row (left to right) Daniel Kuehn-Fayetteville, Charles Herzik-Weimar, Jack Muggli-Weimar, Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer-Victoria, Thomas Bargas-Weimar, Benedict Kallus-Hostyn, Adam Kozel-Hostyn, Richard Hoffman-Hostyn, Jimmie Bertsch-Schulenburg. Back row (left to right) Martin Luchak-Weimar, Ted Bratton-Flatonia, Patrick Janda-Hostyn, Francis Janacek-Weimar, Patrick Hoffman-Hostyn, and Walter Stoeve-Color Core Commander from LaGrange.

Experiencing the Beauty of Our Universal Church

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they offered. Each saint has a story. Some were studious, others worked with the poor, some were martyred for their faith, but they all had in common their unity with God to utilize their talents to give Him the glory.

The last leg of the trip was a Silent Day of Recollection at the Marian Shrine of Torreciudad in Spain. Just as the trip began with reflection on the Blessed Mother and the Trinity, I was able to reflect on the

working of the Holy Spirit throughout my experience while at the Marian Shrine. The Rome Experience offered me an unbelievable foundation of formation towards the Priesthood, which I will be forever grateful to Bishop Cahill, Father Tommy Chen, and the Midwest Theological Forum for giving me the chance to embrace this opportunity.

Mary Queen of the Heaven and Earth, Pray for Us.

Reverence for God and One Another

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(CCC #1365). As a presider at the Eucharist I still stand in awe of the love of God poured forth for all of us in the Eucharist. I think to myself that this love is all powerful. The day will include teaching on the Mass, a Marian Procession praying the Rosary and the celebration of the Sunday Mass.

October is the month of the Rosary, and on October 4, I will be joining a large group of students and adult leaders from the diocese in a non-violent protest at the largest Planned Parenthood Center in Houston. We will be praying the Rosary for an end to abortion in the United States. Some of our Pro-Life leaders have shared stories that they have witnessed lives saved when parents decided to keep a child because of the witness and words that someone offered before they went in those doors. These actions for life and the reverence we show for God and one another in the Eucharist could be seen as steps on a spiritual journey.

In the spiritual classic *The Imitation*

of Christ, Thomas a Kempis wrote about "Peace of the Soul" in the form of a conversation between Jesus and his disciple. The conversation has four practical steps that may be as powerful today as when they were written:

"Study, my child, to fulfill another person's will rather than your own. Choose always to have little worldly riches rather than much. Seek, also, the lowest place, and desire to be under others rather than over them: desire and pray always that the will of God be entirely done in you." 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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exercises you do in high school; but Mr. Boyle continually stressed the importance of writing in a way that was impactful and inspiring, reaching the point that I couldn't think of doing anything else," she said. "Everything I've done in my adult life has involved writing in some way – editing the paper, writing songs, writing books, writing articles – and Mr. Boyle is a huge reason why I do what I do."

Wendy Mares Ohrt- Class of 1994

Wendy is the Manager of Corporate and Member Services at South Texas Electric Co-Op. She remembers that Mr. Boyle helped her design her letterman jacket. She also recalled, "He tutored me, as I came from public school, and private school was difficult for me at first; but he took the time and effort to bring me up to speed."

Lauren P.- Class of 2020

"He is the best teacher ever. He is humorous and one of the most understanding

teachers. He makes sure everyone understands. We talk about what's happening all over the world. He will find a way to incorporate a way to relate it to things happening now."



Clayton H.- Class of 2020

"He is always funny and brightened my day. When I needed help, he was there for me."

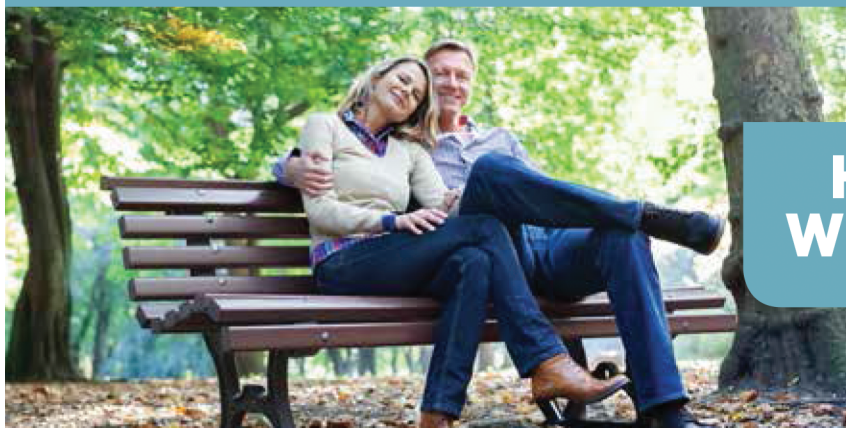
(Right) During student orientation, a group of students stop to see Mr. Boyle. (Bottom photo) Mr. Boyle and a group of STJ students visit in Welder Hall.



Michael Boyle feels that teaching at St. Joseph Catholic School has had an effect on him, as he has mellowed and become a better person because of it. His students, although they do not realize, have left an impression on him too. He shared, "The best thing that happens in my day, the thing that tells me I am doing

things right, is when students greet me genuinely. We exchange a few words of banter, and we are good. This friendly relationship of respect continues. I can be anywhere, even H.E.B., and they (my current and past students) are happy to see me and carry on a conversation." Forty-five years of service so far to St. Joseph, and he is not quite ready to retire. When he does, what a blessing to look back on a lifelong career, a family, and the privilege of influencing thousands of young people throughout the years.

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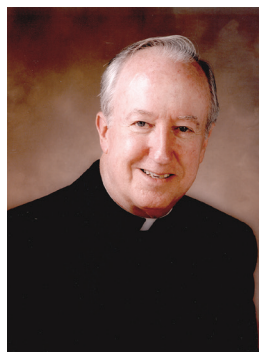
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Bishop McCarthy dies; had national role in church's efforts on poverty

AUSTIN, Texas (CNS) — Bishop John E. McCarthy, who served in Houston and Austin and provided national leadership for the church in its work to address systemic poverty, died Aug. 18 at his home in Austin surrounded by his family. He was 88. "Let us give thanks to God for the priest and bishop that he was to so many people, here in Austin, Galveston-Houston and throughout the country and world," the diocese said in announcing his death. "Please keep his family in your prayers." A viewing of Bishop McCarthy's



body was held at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin, followed by an evening prayer vigil at St. William Church in Round Rock with Austin Bishop Joe S. Vasquez officiating. Retired Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston will celebrate an afternoon funeral Mass at St. William Church. In 1986 he was appointed the third bishop of Austin. He came to the diocese when its see city, Austin, was still something of a sleepy college town. The diocese had about 115,000 Catholics who gathered in 107 parishes. Bishop Vincent Harris's most quoted advice to his successor was to stay clear of the long-running rivalry between the two large universities in the diocese, the Aggies (Texas A&M) and the Longhorns (University of Texas). By the time he retired, 14 years later, there were about 400,000 Catholics and 20 more parishes.

Twin sisters used to celebrating sacraments together share wedding day

MUNJOR, Kan. (CNS) — Growing up in Munjor, and later Hays, fraternal twins Amber and Brianna Wooldridge were used to celebrating milestones together. From their baptism and their birthday to first Communion, confirmation, and graduation, pictures and home videos tell the story of sisters used to sharing the major events in each other's lives. Fast forward to 2016 when Amber and Brianna, both newly engaged, began planning their weddings, Amber to Zach Binder and Brianna to Clay Kear. The sisters were part of each other's plans from the beginning, both preparing to be the

other's witness during her nuptial Mass. As the arrangements began to take shape, the pair and their husbands-to-be discovered that scheduling was going to be difficult. Initially both weddings were scheduled within weeks of each other. They eventually decided to have a double wedding this summer in front of family and friends at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Munjor to celebrate their nuptial Mass. As the couples look toward the future, they know the sacraments and their faith will be the foundation of their unions, and that their faith, like their wedding day, is meant to be shared.

'Taste and believe' is Benedictine Brewery motto; taproom opening soon

By Katie Scott
Catholic News Service

ST. BENEDICT, Ore. (CNS) — Tyrant Cascadian Dark Ale and the less-forebodingly dubbed St. Benedict Farmhouse Ale will be among the beers crafted not at the trendiest Portland brewery but on the peaceful, prayer-suffused land of Mount Angel Abbey.

The abbey's Benedictine monks began making beer about four years ago -- honing recipes at a small brewery at the monastery but primarily working out of Seven Brides Brewing in Silverton.



Black Habit Dark Ale and St. Benedict Farmhouse Ale are two of the beers brewed at Mount Angel Abbey in St Benedict, Ore. The abbey's Benedictine monks began making beer about four years ago, and hope to have a new taproom ready in time for Mount Angel's Oktoberfest. (CNS photo/courtesy Mount Angel Abbey)

This September, Benedictine Brewery will complete its own on-site brewery and taproom, located on the west side of the abbey hilltop and seating about 50 people. It is one of just three monastic breweries in the United States, according to Father Martin Grassel, abbey procurator and lead brewer. "Procurator" is much like a chief financial officer.

Last fall, volunteers helped raise the first timbers for the new structure with wood from abbey-owned land, which also yields the water and hops for the beer. The brewery's motto is "Taste and believe."

"We know the tradition behind monks brewing beer and are proud to be carrying it on," Father Martin told the Catholic

Sentinel, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Portland.

Monks began making the fermented beverage in the sixth century, when Benedict of Nursia wrote in his Rule of St. Benedict that monks should earn their own keep and donate to the poor through the work of their hands. In the following centuries, monasteries have produced tasty goods that include cheese, honey and beer.

Due to water contamination in medieval times, beer was a safer way to quench thirst. It additionally provided sustenance for monks during

Lenten and Advent fasts.

The Benedictine monks at Mount Angel plan to have the new taproom ready for business in time for the town's Sept. 13-16 Oktoberfest, one of the largest folk festivals in the Pacific Northwest. Father Martin said the taproom will provide a simplified service during the festival to accommodate the large crowds.

Throughout the rest of the year, he believes the space will draw visitors to the small town as well as be enjoyed by local folks.

"With Oktoberfest and a German heritage, this is a beer-loving town," said Father Martin.

Most of the beers -- previously sold only at the abbey bookstore or at special tastings -- are Belgian with a Northwest hop influence. Along with the farmhouse and dark ales, there will be Haustus Pale Ale and a Munich Helles, "for lager lovers," said Father Martin.

He believes the taproom will provide a unique way for the monks to interact with people and to tie the consecrated men more closely to the Mount Angel community.

"We hope that people will discover the goodness of God through visiting the brewery," he said.

Scott is special projects reporter for the Catholic Sentinel, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Portland.

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Papa: La fe es una Relación, no un Conjunto de Reglas

Por Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Hacer la voluntad de Dios significa primero que todo creer en Jesús y permitir que el amor por él se convierta en el amor por el prójimo, dijo el papa Francisco.

El papa dijo que la historia del Evangelio de la multiplicación de los panes demuestra la preocupación que Jesús mostró por las necesidades materiales diarias de la gente, pero que el pasaje que le sigue muestra cómo “es aún más importante cultivar nuestra relación con él, fortalecer nuestra fe en él, que es el ‘pan de vida’ venido para saciar nuestra hambre de verdad, nuestra hambre de justicia, nuestra hambre de amor”.

Antes de recitar el Ángelus el 5 de agosto con visitantes en la Plaza de San Pedro, el papa Francisco ofreció comentarios sobre la lectura del día del Evangelio, Juan 6:24-35, que cuenta sobre las multitudes alimentadas por Jesús que lo seguían y le preguntaban qué significa hacer “las obras de Dios”.

Jesús les contesta: “Esta es la obra de Dios: creer en aquel que él ha enviado”.

El papa dijo que con esta contestación Jesús quiere que la multitud dé un paso

adelante en la fe, “a preguntarse sobre el significado del milagro (la multiplicación de los panes), no solo aprovecharse de él”.

Jesús “quiere satisfacer no solo los cuerpos sino también las almas, dando el alimento espiritual que puede satisfacer el hambre más profunda”, dijo el papa Francisco.

El papa dijo que la gente pensaba que si ellos hacían ciertas acciones específicas Dios respondería con milagros como alimentar la multitud con solamente cinco panes y dos peces, pero Jesús quiere que la gente sepa que Dios los ama como sus propios hijos y quiere una relación con ellos.

“Es una tentación común esto de reducir la religión a la práctica de las leyes proyectando en nuestra relación con Dios la imagen de la relación entre los sirvientes y su amo”, él dijo. “Los sirvientes deben realizar las tareas que el amo ha asignado para poder obtener su benevolencia”.

Decirle a la gente que hacer la obra de Dios significa creer en Jesús demuestra que “la fe en Jesús nos permite hacer las obras de Dios”, dijo el papa. “Si nos dejamos envolver en esta relación de amor y confianza con Jesús podremos hacer buenas obras que tengan el perfume del Evangelio para el bien y las necesidades de los hermanos”.



Reverencia por Dios y por los Demás

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y líderes adultos de la diócesis en una protesta no violenta en el Centro de Planned Parenthood más grande de Houston. Rezaremos el rosario por el fin del aborto en los Estados Unidos. Algunos de nuestros líderes Por-vida han compartido historias de que han visto vidas salvadas cuando los padres decidieron quedarse con un niño debido a los testimonios y las palabras que alguien ofreció antes de que entraran por esas puertas. Estas acciones para la vida y la reverencia que mostramos por Dios y por los demás en la Eucaristía podrían verse como pasos en un viaje espiritual.

En el clásico espiritual La imitación de Cristo, Tomás a Kempis escribió sobre la “Paz del alma” en la forma de una conversación entre Jesús y su discípulo. La conversación tiene cuatro pasos prácticos que pueden ser tan poderosos hoy como

cuando fueron escritos:

Procura, hijo, hacer antes la voluntad ajena que la propia. Elige siempre tener menos y no más. Busca siempre el último lugar, y estar algo a otros. Escoge y siempre reza para que la voluntad de Dios se cumpla íntegramente en Ti. Así se ingresó en los términos de la paz y la quietud.

Una vez mas les pido que sigamos comprometidos a orar especialmente el rosario por el regalo de la paz en el mundo y para la familia. Como San Juan Pablo II nos invitó a orar con fidelidad, creo que podemos mantener nuestra confianza en el poder de esta oración, ¡más de lo que nunca pensamos! Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias, mantengamos el uno al otro en oración.

+ Brendan

Marcelo Perdomo se sienta frente a un gran retrato del beato Oscar Arnulfo Romero el 2 de agosto en el Santuario del Sagrado Corazón en Washington. Perdomo trabajó como sacristán con el beato Romero en San Miguel, El Salvador, a principios de los años sesenta. (Foto CNS-Rhina Guidos)



Letra de Obispo Cahill sobre el reporte del Gran Jurado de Pensilvania

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Victoria, al 361-827-7186 o envíe un correo electrónico a pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org. Ella es el punto de contacto inicial para quienes han experimentado el abuso del clero y está capacitada para ayudar a las personas en estas situaciones tan difíciles. Desde que se estableció la Carta de 2002, somos auditados anualmente para garantizar que no haya casos sin ser denunciados.

3. Personalmente me reuní con el Obispo Fellhauer y el Padre Janak y me confirmaron que desde el Estatuto de 2002 todas las denuncias de abuso sexual de un menor por cléricos en la Diócesis de Victoria han sido denunciadas a las autoridades policiales correspondientes y presentadas a la Junta de Revisión Diocesana. La mayoría de la Junta de Revisión Diocesana son personas laicas con competencias específicas para emitir juicios claros.

Cuando escribí esos pensamientos iniciales, mi principal preocupación fue la gente de la Diócesis de Victoria, y sigue

siéndolo. También creo que hay problemas más grandes dentro de la Iglesia, que aún deben abordarse. Por eso, me refiero específicamente a la información sobre el ex Cardenal McCarrick, y la cuestión de cómo podría haber sido promovido, si lo que se informó fue cierto. Mientras escribo esto, he leído lo que considero un comentario bueno y fuerte de los Caballeros de Colón, y he estado escuchando y leyendo comentarios de muchas personas, incluidos otros obispos. Está claro que hay mucho dolor e ira, pero creo que ya estoy viendo algunas señales de esperanza en muchas de sus respuestas.

Confianto en la guía del Espíritu Santo, especialmente en los momentos más difíciles, vamos a mantener a los demás en oración. Permítanos, una vez más, confiar nuestros corazones a María, orando y actuando por la gracia sanadora de Dios para todos los hijos de Dios.

+ Brendan

	<h3>Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Reporting Procedures</h3> <p>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.</p>
	<p>If Church Personnel Is Involved In Alleged Abuse:</p> <p>Step One: Contact Civil Authorities, if individual is a minor.</p> <p>Step Two: Contact one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria at (361) 573-0828. <i>Written Allegations Should Be Sent To: Office of the Bishop, P. O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903, Mark as “Personal and Confidential”</i> Call Vicki L. Pyatt, LMSW, Pastoral Care and Outreach, at (361) 827-7186 or email: pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org <p>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. For further assistance please contact Vicki L. Pyatt.</p>



PERMANENT DEACONS ATTEND CONFERENCE—Deacon Dennis Kutach, Deacon Luan Tran, and their wives attended the 2018 National Congress of Catholic Deacons in New Orleans from July 22-26. The main purpose of the Congress was to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Reinstitution of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States. They are pictured with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, who is the current President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Cardinal DiNardo was the closing speaker at the Congress and celebrated the closing Mass. Over 1,300 deacons from all over the country attended along with cardinals, bishops, and priests. Counting wives, children, and deacon candidates, about 2,800 total were in attendance. There are over 18,000 permanent deacons serving in the United States.

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I have done for you, you should also do.*

John 13:15

187th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in Hostyn!

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Pastoral Institute – Extended Program

Introduction to the Bible and the Pentateuch is a six-week course for all adult Catholics. In this course, participants will learn how the Bible came to be; the difference between Catholic and Protestant Bibles, and the first five books of the Bible will be reviewed to better understand God's message to us in these books. \$30 per course. Register online at <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/extended-program->.

2018 Catechist Training Program

Sunday, September 18, 2018 The Vocation of the Catechist course will be offered throughout the diocese. This course will provide information, guidance, and inspiration for parish catechetical leaders, catechists, aides, and others involved in catechetical ministry. For more information, visit <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/catechist-formation>.

Parish Catechetical Leadership Training

The Diocese of Victoria Policy and Procedure Resource Manual for Youth Ministry and Parish Catechetical Programs states that all parish catechetical leaders (PCLs) must complete the Basic Formation in Catechetical Leadership & Management training within the first year of hire.

Part Two (Catechetical Program Development) of the Basic Formation in Catechetical Leadership & Management course will be offered Tuesday, September 4, at the Chancery, Victoria from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$200 for the course. For more information visit <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/pcl-parish-catechetical-leader>

31st Annual Catholic Conference Missionary Disciples: Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ

The 31st Annual Catholic Conference will be held Saturday, October 20, 2018, at the Cathedral Center (next to The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory), in Victoria. All adult Catholics are invited to attend this annual diocesan event. More information will be available on the diocesan website: www.victoriadiocese.org, Church bulletins, and by calling the Office of Catechetical Ministry.



Bishop Brendan
Cahill

Bishop Cahill will lead a panel discussion: *Reaching out to the Peripheries*. The panelists: Hermes Silva is currently helping the marginalized through Prison Ministry; Sr. Rebecca Janacek, IWBS, is currently involved with Promise Point Ministry, which helps the homeless, and Rhonda Cummins helps fishermen/shrimpers and people of the sea. Each will share their experiences of going out to the peripheries through their work and the ministries in which they are involved.



Father Bruce
Niel, C.S.P.

Father Bruce Niel, C.S.P. will offer the afternoon keynote: *"Thinking Eucharistically: Isolation versus Encounter."* Father Niel will also offer a workshop, *Evangelizing American Culture* and another in Spanish, *Evangelizando la Cultura de los Estados Unidos*. Father Eliecer Patino Hurtado will provide a Spanish workshop: *La Alegria, Camino Para Evangelización*. Another workshop: *Living on the Periphery – Understanding Marginalization and Generational Poverty*, will be presented by Sr. Rebecca.





EVENTS

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Meals • Picnics and More

September

- Cuero**—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica, Sept. 2, serving a BBQ dinner at \$10 each.
- Fayetteville**—St. John Church Picnic, Sept. 2, Mass with Polka Music at 10:00 a.m. All-you-can-eat BBQ beef, pork, and sausage dinner beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- Hallettsville**—Sacred Heart Parish Picnic, Sept. 2, serving fried chicken, stew, and dressing at \$10 each.
- High Hill**—St. Mary's Parish Picnic, Sept. 2, serving chicken and stew dinner at \$10 each.
- Nada**—St. Mary's Parish Festival & Homecoming, Sept. 2, serving a BBQ beef and sausage dinner at \$10 each.
- Shiner**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Picnic, Sept. 2, serving fried chicken, stew, and sausage dinner at \$10 each.
- Vanderbilt**—St. John Bosco Festival, Sept. 2, serving pork steak and sausage dinner at \$10 each.
- Inez**—St. Joseph Church Picnic, Sept. 9, serving fried chicken, brisket, and sausage dinner at \$10 each.
- Yorktown**—Holy Cross Festival, Sept. 9, serving BBQ shoulder clod and sausage at \$10 each.
- Port Lavaca**—Our Lady of the Gulf Festival, Sept. 16 at the Bauer Community Center, serving shrimp and catfish dinner at \$10 p/p. See ad on pg. 8 for more information.
- Moulton**—St. Joseph Picnic, Sept. 16, at St. Joseph Social Center (on church grounds). Mass at 10:00 a.m. A fried chicken and stew dinner at \$10 p/p served at 10:30 a.m. Along with music by Damon Curtis 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Auction at 1:00 p.m. Games, cakewalk, food in the afternoon, and more.
- Victoria**—Victoria County Czech Heritage Festival, Sept. 22. See ad on pg. 10 for all the information.
- Meyersville**—Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Festival, Sept. 30, (11220 FM 237), serving a BBQ beef dinner with all the trimmings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a live auction, silent auction, country store, bingo, cake-walk, kids games, and lots of fun for all.
- Bay City**—Holy Cross Fall Festival, Sept. 30, serving turkey and dressing dinner at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 16.

October

- Columbus**—St. Anthony Fall Festival, Oct. 7, will be held at the KC Hall. See ad on pg. 13 for more information.
- Victoria**—Nazareth Academy Fall Festival, Oct. 7. See ad on pg. 6 for all the information.
- Hostyn**—Holy Rosary Festival, Oct. 7. See ad on pg. 18 for all the information.
- Mentz**—St. Roch Picnic, Oct. 7. See ad on pg. 7 for more information.
- Victoria**—The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory Festival, Oct. 14. See ad on pg. 14 for all the information.
- Goliad**—Immaculate Conception Festival, Oct. 14 on the parish grounds.
- Wharton**—Holy Family Fall Festival, Oct. 15 serving turkey and dressing, \$10 p/p. For more information see ad on pg. 12.
- LaSalle**—St. Theresa Annual Turkey Dinner/Picnic, Oct. 21, at the church hall, serving plates-to-go or dine in beginning 11:00 a.m. at \$10 p/p, catered by Robert Werner of Shiner. Live auction at 12:30 p.m., cakewalk, and country store.
- Blessing**—St. Peter's Parish Turkey Dinner Oct. 28 at the hall. See ad on pg. 5 for more information.

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.
- 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: September 21-23 and 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. 16.

Conferences • Masses • Retreats

Victoria—St. Mary Altar Society Annual Retreat, Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the St. Mary's Activity Center, 401 S. Liberty St, and is open to all parishes. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the retreat beginning at 8:30 a.m. The retreat will conclude with noon Mass followed by lunch. See pg. 10 for more information.

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

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On-going opportunities: Guidance and discussion on one's spiritual journey are available with experienced spiritual directors. Call for appointment.

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.

i.d.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 ld-916victoria@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 CREIGHTON 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.

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.

Pilgrimages

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Very Rev. Charles Otsi-wah, 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.

For more pilgrimages see **Journeys of Faith with Ceci** on pg. 13.

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things that are not working.”

In 1998, their son, Benjamin was born. He attended Our Lady of Victory from Kinder to 8th grade and graduated from St. Joseph in 2017. He is pursuing a degree in Math, from St. Mary's University, in San Antonio. Mr. Boyle shared, “He has it in his own mind that he will return to teach math at STJ. If that works out, two years from now it would be possible that Gretchen, Benjamin and I may be teaching at the same time. It is a motivation for me to hang around (and not retire) for that milestone to all be working here!”

Influencing Through the Spirit of Catholic Faith

Mr. Boyle has seen years of transition at St. Joseph, but at the heart of everything is the spirit of Catholic faith. The values of Catholic Education have remained steadfast throughout the years. Mr. Boyle explained, “Here we teach theology; it has a way of informing all the other disciplines. In history, math, or science, we can incorporate how God is truth. We are able to cross-teach. There is a God-like element to all of our courses. We blend it all together.” He delights in the transition he sees as his students mature from their freshman year until they graduate. Mr. Boyle shared, “In the 4 years, you can see a transformation in not only maturity, which comes with age, but attitude, determination, and a willingness to try new things. The shy and scared freshman becomes a leader and class president by their senior year or joins the drama club. That happens over and over again.”

Unlike large public high schools where students often have to choose one extracurricular activity, the small environment of St. Joseph allows the students to participate in more than one activity. The teachers and coaches collaborate to make it possible, encouraging them to be well rounded, for example, allowing them to play basketball but also sing in choir. Mr. Boyle shared, “What we are trying to do is prepare them (students) for whatever they choose. If it is college, fine. If not, you have the stuff you need to cope with life. Either way the students are learning personal relationship knowledge, to be courageous, to try new things, and the development of personality.”

With values, goals, priorities, and respect aligned there is greater success for everyone as parents, teachers, and fellow stu-

dents are all moving in the same direction. Mr. Boyle describes St. Joseph as a small town Catholic school. He said, “We are old as far as old buildings like Welder Hall built in 1950 and O'Connor Hall built in 1937, but we are a small town Catholic School. St. Joseph is a place where students can grow and rise to their full potential.” He explained that his teaching style has changed over the

sense of humor and expectation of excellence has made a difference in the lives of many. This is apparent by the attitude and heartwarming comments shared by some of his past and present students.

Bridget Bomersbach- Class of 1988

Bridget is a Dyslexia Specialist at Victoria Independent School District. She shared, “Mr. Boyle embodies the true spirit of STJ- discipline, tradition, good values and an advocate for excellence. I remember watching the slides of his trips abroad, mostly Spain. Those were unforgettable slides.”

Terese Durocher Arnecke-Class of 1992

Terese is the Chief Financial Officer at St. Joseph High School. She did not have him as a teacher but shared, “I remember him being the disciplinarian. I made sure not to get in trouble.” Now, years later, she works with him at STJ and said, “He is such a pleasure to work with; he has a dry sense of humor. I think he has chilled in his old age!”

Rebecca Torrellas-Class of 1994

Rebecca is the Managing Editor of the *Texas Catholic Herald*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. She said that Mr. Boyle helped her discover that her career path was going to involve writing. “It's funny, because as a teen you don't appreciate the essays and creative writing



years. He noted, “I evolved from an attitude of ‘I am your teacher, and I will teach you to I am your teacher, and I will try to be more Christ-like in my approach to you.’” Teachers do not always realize the difference they make in the lives of their students. They obediently show up each day to teach, unaware of the lasting impressions they are leaving. Mr. Boyle's gentle demeanor, dry

History of St. Joseph High School

St. Joseph was originally established in 1868, by Father Augustine Gardet, Pastor of St. Mary's who also brought the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament (IWBS), to Victoria, to establish Nazareth Academy as an all girls' school. In 1868 he organized St. Joseph's Institute for Boys. Father Lawrence Wyer continued this work, but with his death in 1902, the school was unable to continue. Four years later the Superior of the Brothers of Mary was persuaded to send three Brothers to Victoria to re-open St. Joseph College. With Brother John Garvin, S.M. as principal, the school re-opened in 1906. In 1935, a number of prominent Victorians formed a non-profit corporation to operate St. Joseph College. The first major goal of this group was to establish a new campus. In 1937, the school was moved to its present site on Red River with the completion of a new school building. The Brothers of Mary continued to administer and staff the school until the Spring of 1970. At this time the IWBS Sisters and the Board of Directors of St. Joseph Schools, Inc. worked out a plan in which the Sisters would assume administration of St. Joseph, with Nazareth Academy and St. Joseph sharing facilities. In 1975, Nazareth Academy became a co-educational school for grades kindergarten through 8 and St. Joseph became a co-educational high school for grades 9 through 12.



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