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Making Travel Sacred



Above is a montage of pictures of various places to make a pilgrimage here in the state of Texas. Just to name a few places include The Grotto at the Oblate College of Theology, Basilica of the Little Flower both in San Antonio, Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle in San Juan, and all the painted churches that are in the Diocese of Victoria and surrounding dioceses.

By Ceci Triska

Pilgrimage: verb, a journey to a place of special meaning.

People make all sorts of journeys to places that have special meaning to them. For some, it is to attend a baseball game at all the different ballparks around the country. For others it might mean to visit every theme park, or perhaps to ski at different resorts.

As a Christian, the word pilgrimage has a deeper meaning. We

go on pilgrimage to sacred places to enrich our faith, to pray for divine help for ourselves or loved ones, in thanksgiving for answered prayers, or as a sacrifice. St. John Paul II said, “the key reason to go on pilgrimage is to seek Jesus Christ in some way.”

The word pilgrimage intimates people sometimes. It sounds like only special or holy people should go on such a trip. One has to remember that we are all pil-

grims making our way to Heaven. A faith journey helps us get a little closer to this goal. According to The New Concise Catholic Dictionary: “A pilgrim journeys to a Christian Shrine or other holy place to grow in holiness and undertake devotions that honor Mary and the saints, to do penance, to give thanks to God, to complete a vow, or ask for divine help.”

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Bishop Brendan Cahill *A Shepherd's Message*

Praying for Peace and People Around the World

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Three years ago I attended a workshop for all the newly ordained Bishops from around the world. After the workshop I wrote in the *Lighthouse* about an experience meeting a Bishop from Aleppo, Syria and following up on his request to keep the people of Syria in my prayer. I'm still keeping him and the people of Aleppo in prayer – for peace and for the protection of each family. As we've been praying many Catholic organizations have been offering support for the suffering

people of the area. Please continue to keep the people of Aleppo and Syria in prayer.

Another experience I had during that workshop occurred one evening when I decided to have dinner at a Spanish-speaking table. During the first few days I stayed pretty close to the English speakers and my small group activities were with the English-speaking group. When I finally got up the nerve to sit at the Spanish-speaking table I approached a group of Bishops who were speaking Spanish. They were from Colom-

bia, and I was able to say that I had been to Colombia. I shared with them that some of our seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston had come from a diocese called Malaga and Soata in the northern mountains of Colombia.

One time I was able to visit Malaga and Soata for the Deacon Ordination of two seminarians (who now are pastors in Bastrop and Austin). I had the chance to visit their families and thank them for their sons' vocations to serve in the U.S., and even had some barbecue on their rooftops! When I was sharing with the Bishops and my experiences in Colombia, one of the Bishops told me – "look over there; he is the new Bishop of Malaga and Soata." Soon I met Bishop Jose Libardo Garces and we started talking and sharing stories.

We now have two priests from Malaga and Soata serving in our diocese. I'm hoping we will soon have a third priest from there serving here in Victoria. Bishop Libardo

Garces has visited me here in Victoria and this month I'm going back to Colombia – hopefully to once again express gratitude to the families who have their sons serving as priests here in the U.S. I may even be able to show them the picture from the *Victoria Advocate* at Eastertime which identified the man in the cowboy hat as "Bishop Brendan Cahill." The man in the cowboy hat at Santisima Trinidad that day was Father Eliecer Patiño – from Colombia!

May the Lord continue to bless you and your families in this summer season with His peace. Once again I ask that as St. John Paul II encouraged us to pray the rosary with confidence, we pray with and for one another that we may be grateful for the beautiful truth shared with men and women from around the world.

+Brendan



Obispo Brendan Cahill *Mensaje del Pastor*

Orando por la paz y Personas de todo el mundo

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,

Hace tres años asistí a un taller para todos los Obispos recién ordenados de todo el mundo. Después del taller, escribí en el *Lighthouse* acerca de una experiencia en la que me reuní con un obispo de Alepo, Siria y hice un seguimiento de su solicitud de mantener a la gente de Siria en mi oración. Todavía lo mantengo a él y a la gente de Alepo en oración, por la paz y por la protección de cada familia. Mientras hemos estado orando, muchas organizaciones católicas han estado ofreciendo apoyo a las personas que sufren en el área. Por favor, continúe manteniendo en oración a la gente de Alepo y Siria.

Otra experiencia que tuve durante ese taller ocurrió una noche cuando decidí cenar en una mesa de hablaba español. Durante los primeros días permanecí bastante cerca de los hablantes de inglés y mis actividades en grupos pequeños fueron con el grupo que hablaba inglés. Cuando finalmente tuve el

valor de sentarme en la mesa donde hablaban español, me acerqué a un grupo de obispos que estaban hablando en su idioma. Eran de Colombia, y pude decir que había estado en Colombia. Compartí con ellos que algunos de nuestros seminaristas en el Seminario de Santa María en Houston provenían de una diócesis llamada Málaga y Soata, en las montañas del norte de Colombia.

Una vez pude visitar Málaga y Soata para la Ordenación de Diáconos de dos seminaristas (que ahora son pastores en Bastrop y Austin). Tuve la oportunidad de visitar a sus familias y agradecerles las vocaciones de sus hijos para servir en los Estados Unidos, ¡e incluso tuve una carne asada en sus techos! Cuando estuve compartiendo con los obispos y mis experiencias en Colombia, uno de los obispos me dijo: "mire allí; Él es el nuevo obispo de Málaga y Soata". De pronto conocí al obispo José Libardo Garces y comenzamos a hablar y compartir historias.



In this file photo, Father Eliecer Patiño and Father Nelson Gonzales who are both from Columbia are serving in the Diocese of Victoria.

En esta foto de archivo, el Padre Eliecer Patiño y el Padre Nelson Gonzales que son ambos de Columbia están sirviendo en la Diócesis de Victoria.

Ahora tenemos dos sacerdotes de Málaga y Soata sirviendo en nuestra diócesis. Espero que pronto tengamos un tercer sacerdote de allí sirviendo aquí en Victoria. El obispo Libardo Garces me ha visitado aquí en Victoria y este mes vuelvo a Colombia; espero poder expresar una vez más nuestra gratitud a las familias que tienen a sus hijos como sacerdotes aquí en los Estados Unidos. Es posible que incluso pueda mostrarles la imagen del *Victoria Advocate* en el tiempo de Pascua que identificó al hombre del sombrero de vaquero como "Obispo Brendan Cahill". ¡El hombre del sombrero de vaquero en Santisima Trini-

dad ese día fue el Padre Eliecer Patiño - de Colombia!

Que el Señor continúe bendiciéndole a usted y a sus familias en esta temporada de verano con Su paz. Una vez más, les pido que, mientras San Juan Pablo II nos animó a rezar el rosario con confianza, oramos unos con otros y por los demás, para que podamos estar agradecidos por la hermosa verdad compartida con hombres y mujeres de todo el mundo.

+ Brendan



Bishop Cahill's Schedule

August

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| 1 1:30 p.m. Pension Board Meeting, Chancery

6:00 p.m. Mass and Serran dinner for seminarians, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria | 24 Mass for the Carmelites, Meyersville

9:00 a.m. Lunch and Learn with third graders – Our Lady of Victory School, Victoria

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass at St. Michael Church, Cuero |
| 2-3 Nazareth Fishing Tournament, Port O'Connor | 31 Mass for the Carmelites, Meyersville |
| 3 150th Anniversary Mass for the parish of St. Joseph, Yoakum | Sacred Heart Golf Tournament, Hallettsville |
| September | |
| 4-8 Trip to Colombia to visit Bishop José Libardo Garcés Monsalve of Malaga – Soata | 1 9:00 a.m. Organ Dedication at Holy Family Church, Victoria |
| 10 7:00 p.m. Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul, Meyersville | 4 10:00 a.m. Presbyteral Council at the Chancery, Victoria |
| 11 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony Church, Columbus | 4:00 p.m. CCD visit at St. Agnes Church, Edna |
| 12 2:30 p.m. Communities of Faith meeting

5:00 p.m. Liturgical Commission meeting at the Chancery, Victoria | |
| 13-16 North American Maritime Ministries Association Annual Conference in Charleston, South Carolina | |
| 17 Mass for the Carmelites, Meyersville | |
| 19 Dinner with Healthcare Sisters at IWBS Convent | |
| 20 6:30 a.m. Relevant Radio Morning Air Show | |
| 21 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ft. Worth Celebration | |

Listen to Bishop Cahill Monthly on Radio Show



Once a month Bishop Brendan Cahill joins radio show host John Harper and co-host Glen Lewerenz on the Morning Air Show, on Relevant Radio.

Listen to Bishop Cahill's show from July 23, (titled 56 Homilies: More than just words, Rocky Mountain High) which he speaks about his trip with the youth to Colorado and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Bishop Cahill's next time on-air will be August 20, at 6:30 a.m. Be sure to listen in or catch the recorded podcast later in the day (relevantradio.com).

Holy Day of Obligation Thursday, August 15

Please be sure to attend Mass on Thursday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Chancery Offices of the Diocese of Victoria will be closed.



VISITOR FROM SAIGON—Father Joseph Minh Triet, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saigon, came by to visit Bishop Brendan Cahill and the Chancery Office. Father Triet just completed a year and a half studying English as a second language at Houston Community College. He is now returning to Saigon and will be teaching at the seminary there. Pictured (l-r) are Father Francis Nguyen, parochial vicar at St. Anthony in Palacios; Bishop Cahill, Father Triet, and Joseph Duc Do.

Blessings and Prayers to all those returning back to the classroom!

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

Rev. Antonio Perez 08/18/90 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Wharton

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

Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say	8/04/2015
Rev. Charles Kram	8/13/2000
Rev. James Kelly	8/20/1986
Rev. Joseph Hamala	8/21/1992
Rev. Alphonse Padalecki	8/24/1992

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)



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Happy Birthday to Our Seminarians

Luke Prihoda will be in Theology II this coming Fall at St. Mary's Seminary, Houston. His birthday is August 10. Write to Luke at: St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024.

Dalton Ervin will be in Theology IV this coming Fall at Josephinum Seminary in Ohio. His birthday is August 25. Write to Dalton at: Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 North High St., Columbus, OH 43235.

Caleb Krischke will be in College III this coming Fall at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. His birthday is August 30. Write to Caleb at: Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving, TX 75062.



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12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Jungmeisters
2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Steve Curd
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Donation categories: Lector – \$.01 - \$99.99; Acolyte – \$100 - \$499.99; Candidate – \$500 - \$1,499.99; Transitional Deacon – \$1,500 - \$2,499.99; Priest – \$2,500 >.

Lector

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in Memory of Fr. Dan Morales

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Anne Duke
Fred & Sharon Patek
Russell & Kim Ulcak
*in Honor of Fr. Kirby Hlavaty
20th Anniversary to the Priesthood*

Rita Anders Kasper
*in Honor of Msgr. Arnold Anders
69th Anniversary to the Priesthood*

Russell & Elizabeth Rasmussen
in Memory of Andrew Rod

Acolyte

Deacon Joe & Mary Machacek
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20th Anniversary to the Priesthood*

Candidate

Transitional Deacon

Priest

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

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July 22, 2019

- **Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune Seminary Burse**
Lector

In honor of Leebert and Elna Brune's 50th wedding anniversary by
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- **Rev. Timothy Kosler Seminary Burse**
Acolyte

In memory of:
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Brother Knight Frankie Joe Cernosek
Brother Knight Edwin J. Zapalac
Brother Knight Ignac J. Pavlicek, Jr.
by K of C Council 2902, Schulenburg

- **Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Seminary Burse #8**
Acolyte

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the Arthur Spies Family
In honor of David Pratkan's birthday
celebration by the Arthur Spies Family
In honor of Mary Ann Pratkan's birthday
celebration by the Arthur Spies Family

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

In memory of Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB and parents, John and Marie Kolek by
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- **Rev. Dan Morales Seminary Burse in Honor of his Work for Vocations**
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Donation in memory Rev. Dan Morales by
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- **Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily Seminary Burse #2**
Acolyte

In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily's 86th birthday celebration by
Kelly and Karen Mudd

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

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Seminary Endowment Fund
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Victoria, TX 77903



In Memoriam

Duke Alicardi former NA Principal

GANADO - Carmen "Duke" Alicardi passed away on June 29, 2019, at the age of 80-years-old. He was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1938 to parents Joseph and Ethel Alicardi. Duke was the oldest of six children. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 61 years, Peggy Alicardi, two daughters: Sherry Parrott (Sam) of Houston, and Penny Boepple (Robby) of Edna. Grandchildren, Kacey Sowell of Edna, Chelsey Guthrie and husband, Travis of Edna, Kendall and Jessica Parrott of Houston, Meghan Raybon and husband, Quincy of Edna, and Whitney Martignoni and husband Kody of Victoria. Great Grandchildren Mykah Mabry, Marlee and Bishop Guthrie, Myah Williamson, Benjamin Boepple Provow, and Mila Martignoni.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Carol Miller and Nancy Teeter of

Johnstown, PA.

In 1956 Duke graduated from Johnstown High School and joined the United States



Air Force. He was stationed at Foster Field in Victoria, Texas where he met the love of his life Peggy at a traveling skating rink in Bloomington, Texas. They were joined in marriage on February 3, 1958. In 1972 Duke graduated from Pan American University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He then moved to Edna, became a teacher, and achieved his goal of a mid-mangement degree at the University of Houston in Victoria, Texas. His

first principal position was at Palacios High School. He retired and ended his career in the public school system at West Columbia High School.

After a short break he became the assistant principal at his first parochial school St. Phillips Catholic School in El Campo. He then became the assistant principal at Nazareth Academy Catholic School. In 2005 he became the first lay male principal of Nazareth Academy. In 2007 Nazareth Academy Athletic Field was dedicated and renamed "Alicardi Field." Duke's true passion was the Nazareth Academy Christmas Play that he wrote and produced every year. His favorite hobby was to write poetry. He was a faithful and devout Catholic that truly believed in the power of prayer.

Duke and Peggy, "Pap pap" and "Mamo", loved to travel with their grandkids, creating great memories during their summer visits.

Donations can be made to Nazareth Academy, 206 W. Convent St. Victoria, TX 77901, in Memory of Carmen Ralph "Duke" Alicardi.

Presidio LaBahia

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Saturday, September 7

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 8

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

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Upcoming Events

Aug. 9 - Catholic School Seminar

Aug. 19 - Traditional 1st day of school

Aug. 24 - Learn and Lunch with Bishop Cahill (3rd graders only)

St. Joseph Catholic Church - Inez

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Sunday, September 8, 2019

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SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



Back to School

“Back to School” are words that elicit strong reactions in the hearts of many of us. For some, especially those youngsters who dislike school or who prefer outdoor or unstructured activities, these words evoke feelings of dread of imprisonment as the thought of school looms uppermost in their mind. While these folks may have our sympathy, we encourage them to try to make the best of it and think of the more positive aspects of the school setting such as recess, holidays, weekends, friend, sports, music, etc. and who knows- they have a new chance of coping and achieving success in their studies and/or school activities. It is amazing what grace, good will, and extra effort can do.

Fortunately, most of our young folks anticipate the opportunity to return to school later this month. The thought of meeting old school friends again, showing off and using the new school supplies, clothing, and backpacks, being curious about new classes with new teachers and wondering about the new things they’ll be learning all override any anxieties that may surface.

It’s not only young folks who are looking forward to the beginning of the school year. I’ll bet that there are many parents, grandparents, and folks that take care of youngsters that are quietly rejoicing that the children are going to be involved in new adventures at school. Although they continue to understand that they are the God-given primary educators of their children, they will

appreciate this partnership with schools. No longer will they have to be alone in their task of keeping their young charges’ mind busy developing talents and interests or to avoid mischief or hearing “boring!” complaints. Ah! blessed relief!

Now what about the rest of us? How are we approaching the school of life which provides so many challenges in our daily existence? Are we using the opportunities to learn and enhance our spiritual life, our mental, social, and emotional lives, - and for chances that can freshen our outlook on life? I know of some retirees who feel isolated because it seems that life is passing them by. At

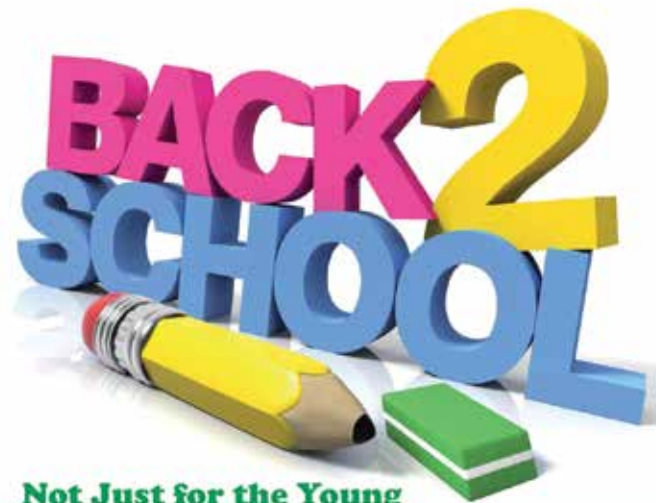
the same time, there is great need for volunteers for Church, school, and civic activities in which life experience is a plus. Religious education teaching, and tutoring, mentoring, and other activities are excellent ways of fulfilling our Baptis-
mal role of bringing Jesus to others through our efforts and our example.

There are many so venues of learning available: Check with your places of worship to see what is being offered. The Diocese of Victoria provides various activities and resources. Public libraries are often well stocked with books and media resources.

Civic groups often have interesting programs. Friends and neighbors can often give copious information on hobbies and crafts that you might like to explore.

So, volunteer, learn something new, start a garden, get into “Back to School” mode, and continue to become the wonderful person God created you to be. Your enthusiasm and consequent conversation

will inspire others, including those youngsters who are getting ready for a new academic experience.



**Not Just for the Young
but also Young at Heart!**

St. Mary's in Nada Festival & Homecoming Sunday, September 1

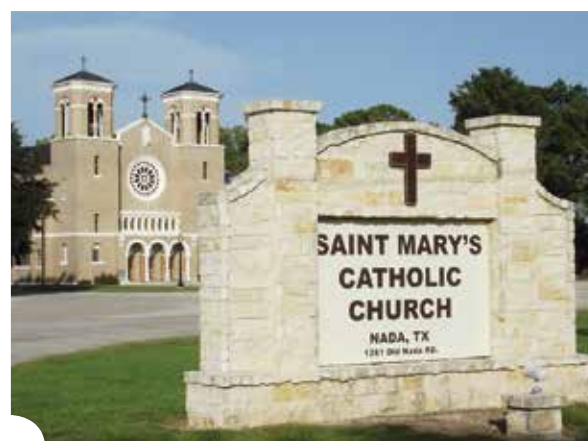


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AUCTION at 1:00 p.m.

**Music 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
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Diocesan Youth Attend Rocky Mountain High Retreat



YOUTH EXPERIENCE GOD'S PEACE—The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry sponsors the Rocky Mountain High Retreat each summer, in the heart of the San Juan Mountains, in Southern Colorado. More than thirty youth and young adults along with Bishop Brendan Cahill and Father Philip Brune attended from the Diocese of Victoria this year. They experienced the wonder and grandeur of the great outdoors and spent time reflecting on important issues of life, faith, family, and friends.



**Friendships
That
Endure
A
Lifetime**





Catholic Conference: *Embracing God’s Family*

There are many reasons to attend the 32nd Annual Catholic Conference, Saturday, October 19, 2019, at St. Joseph High School in Victoria.

The first, the keynote presentation by Lucia Baez Luzondo and many of the workshops will address the “family.” Today, more than ever, the Church is focusing on the family. In *The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World*, the bishops’ state, “Within the family are joys and trials, deep love and relationships, which at times, can be wounded. The family is truly the ‘school of humanity’ (Gaudium et Spes, 52), which is much needed today.”

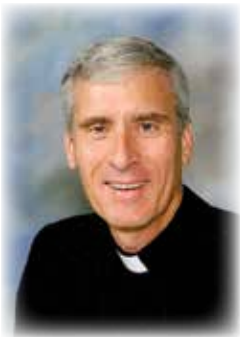
Second, blessed to have many of the local clergy and lay professionals offer a variety of workshops throughout the day. All workshops and descriptions are available at www.victoriadiocese.org, under the Office of Catechetical Ministry tab.

Third, there is something for everyone. With over 30 workshops in English and six in Spanish, ranging from liturgical topics, to sacramental preparation, to prayer, and many catechetical workshops, it will be hard to choose.

It will be a great day to gather as family. All adult Catholics are invited to attend. Additional information can be found on the diocesan website: www.victoriadiocese.org or by contacting Christella Alvarez at (361) 827-7171 or Brunilda Ortiz at (361) 573-0828. Registration for this event will begin in September 2019.



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Keynote Speaker
Lucia Baez Luzondo, J.D.



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If you plan to attend:

Event: Catholic Conference 2019
Keynote Speaker: Lucia Luzondo
Theme: *Embracing God’s Family*
Abrazando la Familia de Dios
When: Saturday, October 19
Where: St. Joseph High School, 110 E Red River, Victoria, TX 77901



Pastoral Institute

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FAMILY FUN

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH FESTIVAL
September 8, 2019
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MASS AT 9:30 AM
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ENTERTAINMENT STARTS 11:00 AM
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Catholic Rural Life - Victoria

August ~ Blessing of First Fruits

From early times, *first fruits* were something special. They were the first taste of a new season's produce with a promise of more variety and quantity to come. An end of the fast from fresh food and from a dwindling amount of last year's harvest. *First fruits* were seen as sacred. The best portion is to be offered in thanksgiving to the Creator, and then shared with those most in need and with each other as a blessing from God.

As preparation for this blessing, each person should bring the "first harvest/first fruits" of this growing season's labors.

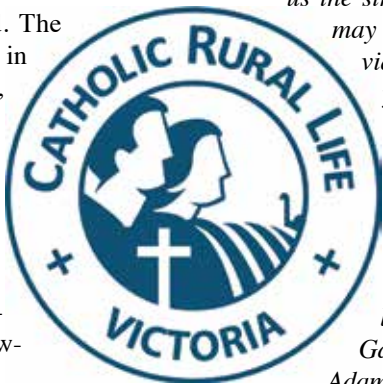
Opening Prayer

Creator and ruler of the universe, we thank You for Your guidance. Help us to be attentive to Your ways as we offer You the first fruits of our labor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before departing: Closing Blessing

O Bountiful Giver of gifts, you provide what we need for abundant living. You give us the strength of our bodies so we may work in your vineyard, providing for ourselves and those you have placed in our care.

We offer you thanks for these beautiful and useful gifts, the first and best of what we have. Make us always mindful of Your continuous symphony of life and love first found in the Garden of Eden by our parents Adam and Eve and the laborers of the land. Though our work has at times been difficult, we rejoice that trouble of every kind has been overcome with your help. May all who join in tasting the first fruits of our labor know the joy of your immeasurable love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Indian Open Golf Classic

Benefits Sacred Heart Catholic School Teachers

Saturday, August 31 Tee Time: 9:30 a.m.

Hallettsville Municipal Golf Course

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For more information contact:
Hallettsville Golf Association at (361) 798-9908 or
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2019 Fall Festival Sunday, October 6

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Prison Ministry Building Education Facility

An event for the Prison Ministry will be held on Saturday, August 10, at the Hallettsville Knights of Columbus Hall. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. with a chicken stew meal dine-in or plates-to-go. From 2:00-6:00 p.m. a free dance with music by Broken Alibi will be held in the hall with card draw-

ings during band intermissions for fabulous prizes. The Knights of Columbus Bar will be open during the event and there will also be a silent auction with nice prizes during the afternoon. All proceeds and donations will provide funding for the construction of an educational facility at the men's prison Unit in Cuero. Hosted by the 501-c-3 non-profit Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation.

The Emmaus Center



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Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Most Powerful Prayer

Excerpt from Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat - by Father Michael Gaitley

The Prayers of Mercy - According to St. Faustina, if we can't do a deed of mercy or speak a word of mercy, we can always reach out to others spiritually through our prayers. How do we do this, specifically? From among the infinite ways of offering prayer of mercy, I'd like to recommend the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The chaplet is particularly effective as a prayer, because through it we offer the suffering of Jesus to the Father. In fact, because of this action, the chaplet is the most powerful prayer there is. One hearing this, perhaps someone might say, "Wait a minute, I thought the Mass was the most efficacious prayer." That's right. It is - and that's the whole point. The chaplet is a kind of extension of the prayer of the Mass. For, in the chaplet, as in the Mass (and in union with the Mass), we offer the Body and Blood of Christ to the Father- along with our own joys, sorrows, sufferings, and prayers. Because of this connection between



the chaplet and the Mass, I recommend that whenever we pray the chaplet, we consciously unite our praying of it to the prayer of all the Masses being said throughout the world.

Conclusion - Now let us reflect on what we have read during this retreat. In the beginning I said, "All Jesus wants is for us to be his friend. All he wants is for us not to be afraid of him and to come to him. ...That's all." As we reflect, let's think not only about how Jesus (the head) is asking us to trust in him and go to him in prayer but also about how he's calling us to have the courage to lovingly go to him (the body) in the person of our neighbor. This truly is all he wants from us. In fact, it's simply an expression of the two great commandments to love God and neighbor. May the Lord give us the grace to trust him and go to him, the head of the Mystical Body.

May he heal our hearts and make them loving like his.

Note: This appeared in the Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Shiner bulletin July 7, 2019.

Prayers of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

- 1. The Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- 2. Opening Prayers (optional):** You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us (*Diary, 1319*).
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (*three times*) (84).
- 3. The Our Father:** Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.
- 4. The Hail Mary:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
- 5. The Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

- 6. On the "Our Father" bead before each decade:** Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world (476).
- 7. On the "Hail Mary" beads of each decade:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 8. Repeat "Eternal Father" and "For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion":**
(Number 6 & 7) Prayers for four more decades.
- 9. After 5 decades, the concluding doxology (three times):** Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 10. Closing Prayer (optional):** Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen (950).

HOW TO RECITE THE CHAPLET OF MERCY

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. At the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, the Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and followed by a closing prayer.

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He Who Humbles Himself Shall be Exalted

The following sermon was written by Father Kram from the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C.

Human beings like to play the parts of characters they are not. Some individuals build themselves up to hide some deep seated insecurity. Bullies push people around but when challenged, turn into cowards and sometimes even burst into tears.

Still others rely on status symbols such as membership in an exclusive club, furs and diamonds for the wife, a Mercedes in which to drive around.

Sometimes it is hard to tell what the individual is really like.

The late Bishop Sheen once compared human beings to onions. You peel off the layers one by one to see what the person inside is really like, but when you reach the center you sometimes find that there is nothing left.

This is not hard to understand because one of the strongest drives in our nature is the desire to be recognized and appreciated.

Even animals share this with us.

For example, the famous medical missionary Dr. Sweitzer had a dog of which he was very fond. When the dog misbehaved,, the doctor would punish him by simply ignoring him, and this made the animal totally miserable. Not matter how much he wagged his tail, nobody cared.

Even horse trainers have a technique. Rather than breaking a horse by beating it or jerking it off its feet with a tight rope, they use touch and body language and a slack nose. They get in touch with the feelings of the horse and show it what they intend. The horse responds by calming down and nuzzling up close as if to ask, "What do you want me to do next?" in one demonstration in a rodeo arena a trainer tamed a previously untrainable horse so easily that some of the seasoned old horsemen who witnessed it were touched to the point of tears. The technique meant everything.

Is it not also true that we feel more confident and perform better when our work meets with someone's approval? Praise and appreciation can bring out the best in us but if our sincere efforts are never recognized or are continually criticized, we will eventually become discouraged and we will quit trying.

Sometimes self doubt or lack of self esteem can do strange things to us.

For example, I once jokingly referred to a nurses' aide as not being a nurse, meaning that she was an aide. This made her so angry that she reported me to her supervisor and accused me of calling her a worthless nobody and of almost causing her to have

a heart attack.

It must have been some serious unresolved conflict that I did not know about that made her so touchy. Her reaction was totally unexpected but it taught me to be more sensitive to the feelings of others, including those dear to me and not to take anything for granted.

Now looking at it from the other side.

What can we do to keep going when our best efforts go unrewarded or when the pettiness of others keeps putting obstacles in our path?

People say rude things. They make promises they don't keep. They don't do their fair share of work.

Remember that what is outside of us can hurt us only to the extent that we let it. We are not responsible for the misdeeds of others. Sometimes our best defense is a strong offense in the form of patient endurance and renewed devotion to duty. No one can stop us if we won't quit. We can often win others over if we just kindly lead them on.

We can learn to listen first to understand and not just to reply, "i understand, but I disagree, and here's why," goes a lot farther than, "you know better than that and you need to get it straight."

If there is a problem we first try to fix it. If we can't fix it, we can change the way we look at it. With most problems the solution is 90 percent attitude and only 10 percent problem. A change in attitude makes many a problem go away.



And we can pray for humility. Humility is that special virtue which helps us to deal with the faults of others by helping us to admit that we are not without faults ourselves and that often the faults we most resent in others may be our own worst.

Our greatest example of prosperity in

adversity is our own Lord Jesus. He emptied himself of his divinity and took upon himself our humanity and became like us in every way but sin.

So if we are like onions, let us grow inside, so that when our outer layers are peeled away, our likeness to him may be revealed.

Lord Jesus, thank you for humbling yourself so that in you we might be exalted. Help us to drop our pretenses and admit our limitations and see the truth about ourselves.

Grant that we too might one day have a place at your banquet, even if it be the lowest.

Amen.



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Sunday, September 1, 2019

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Sunday Readings from August 4 - September 8

August 4 ~ Eighteenth Sunday
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Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 11 ~ Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalms 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

August 18 ~ Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

August 25 ~ Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalms 117:1, 2
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

September 1 ~ Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20 28-29
Psalms 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24A
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8 ~ Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18B
Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

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in the Bible and one of the most difficult to understand, has fascinated and puzzled Christians for centuries with its vivid imagery of disaster and suffering - the Battle of Armageddon, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, the hideous Beast whose number is 666. Come discover and be inspired by the true meaning of this final book in the Bible.

Cost is \$30 per person for each six-week course. You may register online at www.victoriadiocese.org or by calling Christella Alvarez or Brunilda Ortiz at (361) 573-0828. All Catholics, but especially parish catechetical leaders, catechists, and others in parish ministries are highly encouraged to attend.

Introduction to the New Testament
and the Synoptic Gospels

September 3 - October 8

(Tuesdays: 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.)

September 5 - October 10

(Thursdays: 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.)

Two locations: Chancery, Victoria and Holy Cross, East Bernard

Gospel of John and the
Book of Revelation

October 15 – November 19

(Tuesdays: 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.)

October 17 – November 21

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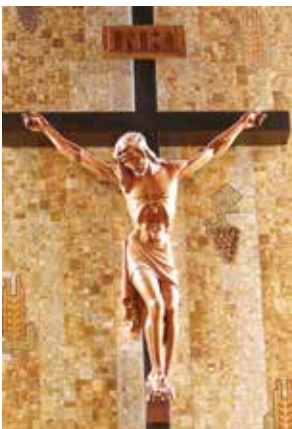
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Chris Rybak 4 p.m.

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Two Years After Harvey: Cathedral Continues With Renovations

The continued effects of Hurricane Harvey are especially evident at this current stage of renovation in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory. Due to the extensive water damage, the murals along the ceiling had to be removed and are being re-created on new panels. The pews are being deconstructed, rebuilt, re-stained and sealed. The Cathedral walls are being carefully cleaned of mold and the wood restored as the walls are painted a lighter color, all the while safe-guarding the integrity of the original murals on the walls. All of the statues are being reconditioned as well.



April 2017



July 2019



Open rafters where murals have been removed. Inset: One of twenty-two murals being removed from the walls near the ceiling.



100 YEARS OF SERVICE—The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369 celebrated 100 years of Unity & Charity on July 13 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory. Mass was celebrated with Bishop Brendan Cahill and Msgr. John Peters (Texas State Junior Catholic Daughters Chaplain) con-celebrated. Following Mass, a reception and dinner was held at the Cathedral Center. Scrapbooks from throughout the years were on display. Court St. Ann was inaugurated May 4, 1919, as Daughters of Isabella with 56 charter members. In April 1921, at the 9th Biennial National Convention, the name of the organization was changed to Catholic Daughters of the America. Later at the 38th National Convention it became the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Pictured above with Bishop Cahill, Texas Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Chaplain are members of Court St. Ann, district deputies, past and present state and national officers. Photo credit: Danny Vivian

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KC OFFICERS INSTALLED—Knights of Columbus Council #1329 in Victoria installed their new officers for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year on June 25, 2019. After the Mass, celebrated by Father Stephen Vacek, installation was done by District Deputy Jeremy Martin. Officers installed, seated, are (l-r) Silvano Silva, Chancellor; James Wilson, Warden; Michael Starnes, Inside Guard; Michael Nevlud, Grand Knight; Joe Rainosek, Recorder; Ernest Rosas, Outside Guard; Howard Motal, Lecturer; standing are (l-r) Jeremy Martin, District Deputy; Mike Merritt, 3 Year Trustee; Chris Krejci, Treasurer; Father Stephen Vacek, Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory and Council Chaplain; Loren Hackbarth, 1 Year Trustee; and Allen Rather, Advocate. Not pictured are Juan Lara, Deputy Grand Knight; Gary Buckler, Financial Secretary; and Richard Gutierrez, 2 Year Trustee.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—Knights of Columbus, Holy Family, Council #9088, had an installation of officers on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, after Mass in St. Peter's Hall. The officers for 2019-2020 seated are (l-r) Mike Sims, Warden; Charles Bluntzer, Ted Sheblak, Financial Secretary; Father Patrick Knippenberg, Chaplain; Jeremy Martin, District Deputy; and Paul McCoy, Advocate; standing, (l-r) Robert Seale, Lecturer; Robert Sobczak, Two Year Trustee; Larry Marek, Deputy Grand Knight; Manuel Gonzales, III, Grand Knight; Norm Huehlefeld, Treasurer; Clyde Svetlik, John Valdez Three Year Trustee, and Gene Polasek. Not pictured are Wayne La Croix, Tim Michalski, Robert Rodriguez, Tommy Gonzales, and Jerry Hajak.

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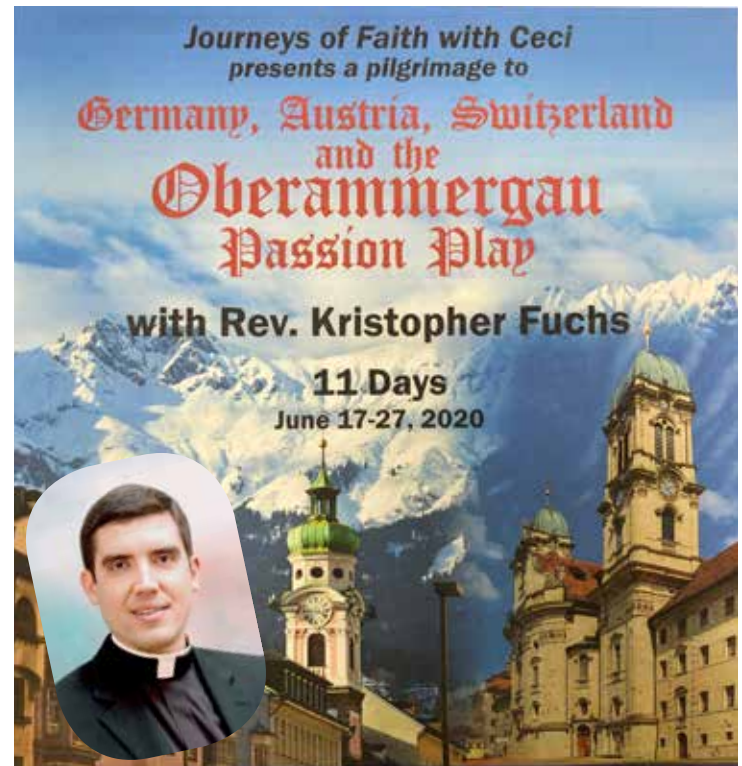
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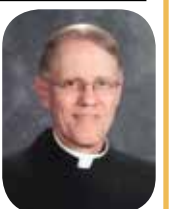
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Texas Faith Leaders say Chaplains Shouldn't be Banned From Executions

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — More than 180 faith leaders in Texas, including 18 Catholics, signed a statement sent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice July 23 asking the agency to change its policy banning prison chaplains from execution chambers.

“Clergy have the right to minister to those who have placed themselves in their care, up to and including the moment of death. The state cannot, and should not attempt to, regulate spiritual solace,” the faith leaders said.

The signers representing several religious traditions, including Episcopalian, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Presbyterian, Reform Judaism, United Church of Christ, United Methodist and Buddhist, urged the state agency’s officials to reconsider a policy it adopted this spring. Women religious, priests, deacons and laity were among the Catholic signers.

The group acknowledged that they have

differing opinions on the death penalty but said they are “united in recognizing that the right of condemned people to spiritual comfort at the moment of death is a long-standing and widely recognized religious practice.”

On April 3, just five days after the U.S. Supreme Court blocked the execution of Texas death-row inmate Patrick Murphy because his Buddhist religious adviser wasn’t permitted to be present, state officials announced its ban of all prison chaplains from the chamber during executions but allowed inmates to choose spiritual advisers to be in the viewing room.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice said the change in its execution protocol was in direct response to the high court ruling and said it would only allow security personnel in the execution chamber in future executions.

The statement’s signers urged the agency leaders to reconsider this position saying their concerns are “moral, ethical and rooted in our nation’s constitutional guarantee of the free exercise of religion.”

They pointed out that the “physical companionship of a chaplain in the execution chamber is a small but vital form of human compassion in an otherwise dehumanizing process. The presence of a chaplain or spiritual adviser in the viewing room is no substitute for this direct ministry.”

They also said the agency’s decision infringes on the religious liberty rights of chaplains and spiritual advisers, saying: “Placing a wall between a prisoner and clergy violates the religious liberty that has characterized our nation since its founding.”

A month before the high court’s ruling about the Texas death-row inmate, the court had allowed the execution of Domineque Ray, an Alabama Muslim, to proceed even though Ray had appealed the state’s decision to deny an imam’s presence at his execution.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh – who opposed Ray’s stay of execution but supported a stay for the Texas inmate – explained his reasons May 13. He said Ray, who was executed in

February, had not claimed unequal religious treatment under the First Amendment and his demand for an imam’s presence came too late.

He said Murphy, whose execution was stayed, raised an equal-treatment claim and made his request for a Buddhist adviser’s presence a month before his scheduled execution. At the time, Texas policy only allowed Christian or Muslim ministers to be present.

Two U.S. bishops called the Supreme Court’s refusal to allow an imam to be present at Ray’s execution Feb. 7 was “unjust treatment” that is “disturbing to people of all faiths.”

The Texas interfaith statement points out that in Texas, death row prisoners are denied contact visitation and spend 23 hours a day in solitary confinement.

Texas has 10 executions scheduled from August 15 until early November. Last year, it executed 13 of the 25 people put to death nationwide.



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Incarnate Word Sisters Celebrating Their Religious Consecration

On Saturday, July 6, 2019, three Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament of Victoria celebrated the anniversaries of their religious profession. Sister Mary Virginia Sheblak celebrated her 70th anniversary and Sister Donna Bonorden and Sister Stephanie Marie Martinez celebrated their 50th anniversary of religious profession.

And on Sunday, July 7, 2019, four Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament celebrated their 60th anniversaries. They were Sister Stephana Marbach, Sister Serena Etzler, Sister Mary Theresa Fritz and Sister Odilia Korenek.

Together they all contributed 410 years of service to the Church in ministries of education, health care, administration and pastoral services.

The Most Reverend Brendan Cahill, presided at both Masses. Co-celebrants were the Most Rev. David Fellhauer, Bishop Emeritus of Victoria, and priests of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas and visiting priests. Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Mr. Dalton Ervin. Bishop Cahill was the homilist for each celebration.

Among the many guests were the bishops, priests, sisters, family members, associates, and friends who joined these Sisters in the Eucharistic Celebration and the reception that followed.

After the Mass each day there was a grand reception with many guests celebrating with the jubilarians.

70th Jubilee Celebration

• Sister Mary Virginia Sheblak

Sister Mary Virginia Sheblak, IWBS, the daughter of Elmer and Annie Hollas Sheblak, was born in Edna, Texas, and is the eldest of five children - one girl and four boys. She completed grammar school at Haynes School near Edna and is a graduate of Nazareth Academy in Victoria.

She became a postulant in 1947, was received into the novitiate in 1948, and professed her first vows as a Sister of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament in Victoria on June 7, 1949.

During her 70 years as a member of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, Sister Mary Virginia has taught on the elementary, junior high and high school levels in the following schools: St. Michael School in Weimar, Sacred Heart School in Floresville, Immaculate Conception School in Sealy, St. Agnes School in San Antonio, St. Ludmila Academy in Shiner, Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville, Blessed Sacrament Academy in San Antonio, Blessed Sacrament Parish School in San Antonio, and

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School in Houston. She also ministered at St. Joseph High School in Victoria as a teacher in the 1970's and served as registrar during the 1990's.

Sister Mary Virginia reached out

Academy High School in San Antonio, and as Pastoral Associate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Selma, Texas. Sister Stephana has served in congregational ministries as vocation and initial formation director, and



Pictured (l-r) are Sister Donna Bonorden, 50th, Sister Odilia Korenek, 60th, Sister Stephana Marbach, 60th, Sister Mary Virginia Sheblak, 70th, Sister Serena Etzler, 60th, Sister Mary Theresa Fritz, 60th, and Sister Stephanie Marie Martinez, 50th.

in ministry as Secretary General of the congregation from 2000-2012. She continues to use her talents as she responds to the needs of those around her, whether in the kitchen, the dining room, the laundry, the chapel, the sewing room, etc.

60th Jubilee Celebration

• Sister Stephana Marbach

Sister Stephana Marbach, IWBS, daughter of Udo and Erna Schumann Marbach, was born in Converse, Texas, the eldest of thirteen children (three sisters and nine brothers). She attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Elementary School in Selma, Texas, and Nazareth Academy High School in Victoria, Texas. At 19, she professed her first vows as a Sister of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament in Victoria on August 6, 1959 and final vows five years later.

Sister Stephana has ministered as a teacher and/or principal at Holy Cross School in Bay City, Holy Cross School in East Bernard, Our Lady of Victory School, Nazareth Academy, and St. Joseph in Victoria, Blessed Sacrament Parish Elementary School and Blessed Sacrament

on the leadership team including that of the congregation's General Superior. Presently she is serving as First Councilor of the congregation and as Vicar for Religious for the Diocese of Victoria.

Sister Stephana says with a smile: "I have been a happily professed Sister for 60 years and every day finds me filled with more gratitude for God's call and goodness to me. My family life and my religious life have been blessed beyond measure. My life's cup has been filled to overflowing! The Love of my life, Jesus the Incarnate Word, continues to fulfill all my dreams."

• Sister Serena Etzler

Sister Serena Etzler, IWBS, daughter of Theo and Agnes Christ Etzler, was born in Hallettsville, Texas, and is the youngest of six children. She attended Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville where she was taught by the Incarnate Word Sisters of Victoria. She graduated in 1957, and entered the convent; she professed her first vows on August 6, 1959, and made final vows in 1964.

Her ministry began at Nazareth Convent where she worked in the laundry for 3 years; she was missioned to Shiner to continue ministry in the laundry and cooking for the

Sisters. She loved children and gradually began teaching 3rd graders and working with all levels of P.E. for 14 years.

After 25 years of teaching 3rd grade and coaching at Nazareth Academy, she moved to Incarnate Word Convent where she continues to minister in the Gift Shop.

To help spread devotion to Mary, Sister makes and repairs rosaries. Other hobbies she enjoys are making baby blankets, bracelets, etc., she is so gifted.

Her heart is full of thanks to all those who helped in any way to get her where she is today in helping spread the Incarnate Word's message to the world.

• Sister Mary Theresa Fritz

Sister Mary Theresa Fritz, IWBS, the daughter of Richard C. and Mary A. Fritz, was born in Victoria. She has three older brothers. She attended Nazareth Academy for 12 years, graduating in 1958. She went 1½ blocks up the street to enter Nazareth Convent and professed her vows on August 6, 1959. She taught in LaGrange, Selma, Crosby, Hallettsville, Shiner, San Antonio, Nada, Sealy and Victoria.

She served as Assistant Treasurer for 3 years at Incarnate Word Convent. After completing the Religious Education Formation Institute from the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, Sister was certified as a Catechist and Coordinator of Religious Education and ministered in Danbury and Houston.

Through the years Sister Mary Theresa became a Nationally Certified Bereavement Facilitator-Advanced, Certified Advanced Reiki Practitioner, Certified Celebrant for meaningful religious and non-religious funeral services, and Certified Thanatologist. She has been a Life After Loss Grief Support Facilitator and Trainer since 1995.

Sister's ministry to hospice patients and their families as a Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator for the past 25 years continues.

• Sister Odilia Korenek

Sister Odilia Korenek, IWBS, daughter of Adolph and Justina Janish Korenek, was born in Nada, Texas. She came from a family of four boys and eight girls. She attended St. Mary School for elementary grades and did three years of high school at Garwood High before entering the convent. She graduated from Nazareth Academy in Victoria, professed her first vows as a Sister of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament in Victoria on August 6, 1959 and made final



TEXAS STATE JCDA ELECT OFFICERS—The Junior Catholic Daughters of America (JCDA) held their 28th Biannual Texas State Convention June 28-30 in Sugar Land. JCDA officers elected from the Diocese of Victoria are pictured seated (left) Sydney H., State Court Reporter from Shiner and (far right) Kara I, State Court Secretary from Hallettsville. Also pictured are the Catholic Daughters of the Americas chairman (standing left) Sheila Martinka from Victoria and (right) Peggy Supak from LaGrange. Msgr. John Peters of Hallettsville (center) is the State Chaplain for the JCDA. For more information on joining the JCDA, check with your local Catholic Daughters of the Americas court for more details.

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50th Jubilee Celebration

vows in 1964.

As a member of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, Sister Odilia ministered as a teacher and/or principal at Sacred Heart School in Floresville, Sacred Heart School in Crosby, Sacred Heart School in La Grange as well as Our Lady of Victory School, Nazareth Academy, and St. Joseph High School in Victoria and St. Agnes School, St. John School, St. Leo School and Blessed Sacrament Academy in San Antonio.

Sister Odilia served on the Congregational Leadership Team. She also ministered in the Diocese of Victoria as Director of the Farm Aid Outreach and the Gulf Coast Organizational Effort. In 1990, Sister was missioned to develop new programs needed by San Antonio's south side at Blessed Sacrament Academy. She continues this ministry as development director and supervisor of the Child Development Center, Parents' Academy, and President of Charter Academy Schools in San Antonio and Corpus Christi. She also serves as liaison between Blessed Sacrament Academy and the Jewish Family Service, Bexar County Ropes Challenge Course on the BSA campus; and liaison of the Mission Road Collaborative which brings together neighboring St. Peter, St. Joseph Home, Seton Home, BSA programs and the Jewish Family Service for planning meetings as needed.

• **Sister Donna Bonorden**

Sister Donna Bonorden, IWBS, daughter of Emil and Viola Faltisek Bonorden, was born in Victoria and is the second of five children—three girls and two boys. She attended grammar school at Nazareth Academy and Our Lady of Victory and then back to Nazareth Academy for high school. She entered in 1966 and attended classes at Incarnate Word Convent which was an extension of Nazareth Academy; she graduated from Nazareth Academy in 1968.

She entered the novitiate in 1968, and professed her first vows as a Sister of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament in Victoria on August 5, 1969.

During her 50 years as a Sister of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, Sister Donna has taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Selma, St. Michael School in Cuero, Blessed Sacrament Academy in San Antonio, Sacred Heart School in Hallettsville and Our Lady of Victory School in Victoria. She also attended the Institute of Religious Formation at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and worked with formation in the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Community.

The Catholic faith has always been an important part of her family's heritage. Teaching religion to elementary school children has been an integral aspect of her ministry. But shortly after she came to OLV, she felt called to extend this ministry to adults. She was asked to be part of the RCIA team and she eagerly accepted, and just a year later the directorship fell to her. It has been a vital part of her ministry ever since. To walk with others in their faith journey is life-giving and growthful and she is so grateful to have had this experience.

• **Sister Stephanie Marie Martinez**

Sister Stephanie Marie Martinez was born in Hobson, Texas, to Guadalupe and Ramon Martinez, graduated from Falls City High School, and entered Incarnate Word Convent in 1967. She made her First Profession of Vows in 1969 and graduated from the University of the Incarnate Word in 1976.

Through the last 50 years, she has shared her God-given gifts with her family, the IWBS community, friends, the people of the Austin, El Paso, Houston, and Victoria dioceses, and the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas. She is presently missioned at Blessed Sacrament Academy, San Antonio, Texas, which was also her first mission in 1971.

Some special events in her life have been making Directed Retreats, visiting the different cities in France, where our Foundress Jeanne Chézard, founded the Order and established convents, participating in the National and International Reunions of the IWBS Sisters, and the celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Order in 1996.

Prayer and the Eucharist are the central focus of her daily life. She especially enjoys the silence and quiet of the monthly Retreat Sundays and the annual retreats.

Sister is a member of the Generalate of the IWBS Sisters and is a team member on the Reunification Committee of the three USA congregations and the five in Mexico.

Her favorite pastimes are reading, writing, puzzles, and playing cards.

Sister Stephanie Marie's inspirations for becoming a Sister were Sister Therese Kopecky, her high school teacher in Falls City and Sister Marian Sturm, her classmate in school in Falls City. Through the years, she has been supported in her vocation by family, the IWBS community, friends, and alumni of the different places where she has ministered.

Where is God Calling Me?

A call is a very precious gift from God. All of us are called to holiness and to help bring about the Reign of God. Some of us are called to do this through the consecrated (religious) life. As Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament we carry out the request of Jesus to our foundress Venerable Jeanne de Matel to carry His Name to the ends of the earth and make Him known and loved. Who knows? He may be calling you to join us in this mission!

How Do I Know if God is Calling Me to Be a Sister?

Some signs that God might be calling you to become a Sister of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament are the possession of the following requirements:

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Abrazando la Familia de Dios

Hay muchas razones para asistir a la 32a Conferencia Católica Anual, el sábado 19 de octubre de 2019 en la Preparatoria de San José en Victoria. La primera, el discurso principal presentado por la Señora Lucia Baez Luzondo y mucho de los talleres se dirigirán a “la familia”. Hoy, más que nunca, la Iglesia se esta enfocando en la familia. En la Vocación y Misión de la Familia en la Iglesia y en el Mundo Contemporáneo, los obispos dicen, “Regazo de alegrías y pruebas, de afectos profundos y de relaciones a veces heridas, la familia es una auténtica “escuela de humanidad” (cfr. Gaudium et Spes, 52), de la que se percibe fuertemente la necesidad.”

La segunda, somos bendecidos al tener muchos de nuestro clero local y laicos profesionales ofrecerles una variedad de talleres durante el día. Todos los talleres y

descripciones son disponibles en www.victoriadiocese.org, bajo la pestaña de la Oficina del Ministerio Catequético.



*El Orador Principal
Sra. Lucia Baez
Luzondo, J.D.*

La tercera, hay algo para todos. Con más de 30 talleres en inglés y seis en español, abarcando temas litúrgicos, preparación sacramental, oración, y muchos más talleres catequéticos, será difícil escoger.

La conferencia será el sábado 19 de octubre de 2019, en la Preparatoria de San José en Victoria. Sera un gran día para reunirnos como familia. Como adultos católicos somos invitados a asistir. Para mayor información lo pueden encontrar en el sitio web diocesano: www.victoriadiocese.org o contactando a Christella Alvarez al 361-827-7171 o Brunilda Ortiz al (361) 573-0828. La registración para este evento iniciará en septiembre 2019.

Cardenal Jaime Ortega, voz de los pobres de Cuba, muere a los 82 años

Por Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El cardenal Jaime Ortega Alamino, ex arzobispo de La Habana, un hombre con orgullo de ser cubano y quien trabajó por una mayor libertad para su iglesia y para poner un fin al bloqueo económico de Estados Unidos contra su tierra natal, murió el 26 de julio a la edad de 82 años.

Por su trabajo en la Arquidiócesis de La Habana durante casi 35 años, el cardenal asumió un papel prominente como portavoz de los católicos cubanos en asuntos nacionales e internacionales, pero también dedicó gran parte de su energía a apoyar a los católicos activos de la isla y alentarlos como misioneros a sus vecinos.

Pasó ocho meses en un campo de trabajo del gobierno comunista, de 1966 a 1967, pero llegó a convertirse en cardenal y le dio

la bienvenida a Cuba a san Juan Pablo II en 1998, al papa Benedicto XVI en marzo del 2012 y al papa Francisco en septiembre de 2015.

El cardenal Ortega aprovechó toda oportunidad para suplicar al gobierno de los Estados Unidos que pusiera fin al bloqueo económico impuesto contra su país, repitiendo la posición de papas sucesivos de que el bloqueo mantenía a miles de personas pobres y al mismo tiempo sin lograr que el gobierno cubano aumentara la libertad y los derechos humanos.

En 2014, cuando quedó claro que el presidente de los Estados Unidos, Barack Obama, podría estar dispuesto disminuir las restricciones del embargo, el papa Francisco le entregó dos cartas al cardenal Ortega, pidiéndole que le entregara una a Raúl Castro y la otra a Obama.

Como figura pública, el cardenal Ortega también dedicó mucha energía a presionar a su gobierno que permitiera que la Iglesia Católica en Cuba tuviera una voz pública y ayudara a los pobres.

El acceso limitado de la Iglesia Católica en los espacios públicos no frenó el esfuerzo del cardenal Ortega para evangelizar; simplemente significaba que sabía que compartir el Evangelio era algo que tenía que comenzar poco a poco, implicaba un contacto personal y con frecuencia, y oportunidades de servicio.

Papa: Dar gracias a Dios por el don de la creación nos lleva a respetarla

**Por Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service**

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Los seres humanos están llamados a alabar a Dios por su regalo de la creación, no a ser depredadores para saquear la tierra y todo lo que contiene, dijo el papa Francisco.

En un mensaje enviado el 8 de julio a los participantes de una conferencia italiana sobre las consecuencias de la deforestación en la Amazonía, el papa dijo que la situación actual en la selva sudamericana “es un triste paradigma de lo que está sucediendo en muchas partes del planeta”.

Es “una mentalidad ciega y destructiva que prefiere el beneficio a la justicia; pone de relieve la actitud depredadora con la que el hombre interactúa con la naturaleza”, dijo. “Por favor, no os olvidéis que ¡la justicia social y la ecología están profundamente interconectadas!”

El foro internacional patrocinado por la Comunidad Laudato Si ‘, una asociación inspirada por la encíclica del papa sobre el medio ambiente, dice que la Amazonía es la clave de la conversión ecológica para obtener una “mejor comprensión de ecología integral y obtener el conocimiento de vivir en armonía con la creación”.

La conferencia se llevó a cabo en la ciudad de Amatrice, en el centro de Italia, que fue derrumbada en 2016 después de que un terremoto de magnitud 6.2 azotara la región. Amatrice fue la ciudad más afectada, con 234 de las 290 muertes estimadas, según la oficina italiana de Protección Civil.



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and

• Vicki Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186, pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.

or

• Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, (361) 573-0828. Written allegations can be mailed to Office of the Bishop, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 marked “Personal and Confidential”.



If sexual abuse by a member of clergy has occurred in another diocese, the Diocese of Victoria will help bring your concerns to church officials. For assistance contact Vicki Pyatt at (361) 827-7186 or pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.



Meals • Picnics and More

August

- Frelsburg**—Sts. Peter and Paul Country Festival, Aug. 4 beginning with a Mass at 8:45 a.m. A fried fish meal at 11:00 a.m.
- Palacios**—St. Anthony Annual Shrimporee, Aug. 4 at the Recreation Center.
- Victoria**—Our Lady of Sorrows and Capilla de la Santísima Trinidad Jamaica, Aug. 4, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Community Center, serving a BBQ brisket dinner.
- Yoakum**—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Aug. 4 at the Yoakum Community Center. A stew and sausage meal served starting at 10:30 a.m. at \$9 p/p.
- Weimar**—St. Michael Harvest Feast Picnic, Aug. 11, begins with a Polka Mass at 10:30 a.m. with Father Wayne Flagg and Lost Cause Band at the church. Following Mass at the Veterans Hall will be the picnic with music by Lost Cause, Shiner Hobo Band, and Chris Rybak.
- Praha**—164th Prazska Pout/Praha Picnic Thursday, Aug. 15. A 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church. Beginning at 11:00 a.m. a stew and fried chicken dinner will be served at \$10 p/p. Music from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. There will be a cakewalk, games, country store and more throughout the day. Auction at 1:00 p.m.
- Hillje**—St. Andrew Summer Festival, Aug. 18 at the Parish Hall. A prime beef barbecue and sausage dinner at 11:00 a.m. with dine-in or drive-thru plates-to-go available both at \$10 p/p. Indoor auction at 12:30 p.m. There will be a country store, bake sale, cakewalk and more along with some music. Proceeds to help defray cost of a new church roof.
- Cistern**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Picnic, Aug. 25, serving fried chicken and V&V Sausage plates at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 9.
- Hallettsville**—Indian Open Golf Classic, Aug. 31, see ad on pg. 9.

September

- Cuero**—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica, Sept. 1, serving a BBQ dinner at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 13.
- Fayetteville**—St. John Church Picnic, Sept. 1, 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. at St. John Recreation Hall. Auction at 1:30 p.m. Bingo, music, and other events throughout the day.
- Hallettsville**—Sacred Heart Parish Picnic, Sept. 1, serving fried chicken, stew, and dressing at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 14.
- High Hill**—St. Mary's Parish Picnic, Sept. 1, serving chicken and stew dinner at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 12.
- Nada**—St. Mary's Parish Festival & Homecoming, Sept. 1, serving a BBQ beef and sausage dinner at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 6.
- Shiner**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Picnic, Sept. 1, serving fried chicken, stew, and sausage dinner at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 4.
- Vanderbilt**—St. John Bosco Festival, Sept. 1, serving pork steak and sausage dinner at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 11.
- Inez**—St. Joseph Church, Picnic, Sept. 8, serving fried chicken, brisket, and sausage dinner at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 5.
- Yorktown**—Holy Cross Festival, Sept. 8, serving BBQ shoulder clod and sausage at \$10 each. See ad on pg. 8.
- Meyersville**—Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Festival, Sept. 29
- Bay City**—Holy Cross Fall Festival, Sept. 29

Ministries • Ongoing Activities

- Catholic Family Services**—To find Catholic organizations which focus on family, visit the Catholic Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers at www.nacflm.org.
- Courage**—Ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. The ministry also has an outreach, EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. It is a Roman Catholic Apostolate endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. For more information, visit www.couragerc.net.
- Crisis Pregnancy Center of Victoria**—An organization staffed by volunteers that offers help to girls and women who find themselves in a difficult situation due to an unplanned pregnancy. Office located at 1501 E. Red River, is open 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. A free pregnancy test is offered and medical referrals are made for prenatal care. They are a sister organization to the Gabriel Project. New volunteers are welcome. For more information call (361) 575-6171.
- Emmaus Center**—Offers individual, couple, family, adolescent and children's counseling as well as specialized support groups. Spiritual direction is also available on request. Appointments may be made by calling (361) 212-0830. For more information see pg. 9.
- Engaged Encounter—2019 Dates: Sept. 20-22, and Nov. 15-17**, 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**: 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. 5.

Masses • Retreats and more

- Victoria**—Magnify an adoration and worship night at the Cathedral Center of Our Lady of Victory, Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to this free parish mission event. For more information visit olvcathedral.org or call (361) 575-4741.
- ACTS Retreats**—Anyone needing any information regarding ACTS Retreats in the diocese should email dovactschapter@victoriadiocese.org.

Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 27-May 7, 2020, with Fr. Albert Yankey, who will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination, with Amazing Grace Pilgrimages. Some locations to be visited are Nazareth, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Sea of Galilee, Baptismal site on the River Jordan, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and many other locations. Group will be departing from Houston with daily Mass, three meals daily, and more. For further information, contact Lori Janak at (281) 221-0568 or email janak.lori@gmail.com.

For more pilgrimages, see Journeys of Faith with Ceci on pg. 14.

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 id916victoria@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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.

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Upcoming Events: Weekly Prayer: Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Adoration in GEM Chapel, Tuesdays, noon-3:00 p.m.



Making Travel Sacred

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So how does one make a pilgrimage? It begins with intent, a devotion, and a destination that fulfills the intention and devotion. Intention can be to pray for the needs of oneself or a friend or a family member. It

could be to enrich a particular devotion to the Blessed Mother or a particular saint or saints. It could be simply the desire to travel. Devotion points the direction. Praying for healing or a love of our Blessed Mother will lead you to a Marian Pilgrimage that goes to many shrines dedicated to her and

her appearances which include Fatima and Lourdes. Perhaps your intent is to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and pray in the very places where he was born and where he died and the tomb that he laid in for three days. To delve into the saints of our Faith, a pilgrimage to Italy would be a good place to start.

How will you go? Group travel is an option many pilgrims choose. You travel with a priest and a group of people who are seeking similar devotions. By traveling with a priest, the group will have daily Mass at wonderful, beautiful and meaningful churches. Whether Mass is at a chapel at the

Group travel works well for international destinations because many of the planning details are already done and ensures that you are not missing any of the important sacred sites of the journey. The beauty of



because we are a universal Church. International pilgrimages that are 10 to 12 days in length include Marian Shrines (Fatima and Lourdes), shrines of Italy, shrines of Eastern Europe (Poland-Czech Republic), and the Holy Land. Shorter trips that are 7 to 8 days

each other for years, often traveling together more than once.

International pilgrimages not only enrich our faith, but they also expose us to different cultures, food, and people. To understand the faith of a people, you need to understand the culture and the history of the country. This unifies us in the Catholic Church

include Mexico and Rome.

But you do not have to leave the country to make a spiritual pilgrimage. There are great destinations in the United States and Canada. You can do the footsteps of St. Junipero Serro in California, visit EWTN that was founded by Mother Angelica and visit the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacra-



ment, or go to Caritas of Birmingham and learn more about Our Lady of Medjugorje. There are a great many shrines throughout this country dedicated to our Blessed Mother and our holy saints.

There are many places to make a pilgrimage to grow your faith and devotion, whether abroad, or within the United States, or even within the State of Texas.

Texas has wonderful opportunities for pilgrimage. There's a beautiful devotion to Our Lady of San Juan del Valle in San Juan, Texas. Many pilgrims make their way to this minor basilica to pray for healing.

You can make a short visit to San Antonio and visit San Fernando Cathedral, the Basilica of the Little Flower, and the Grotto (a replica of the Lourdes Grotto) at the Oblate College of Theology. A visit to the Co-Cathedral in Houston and the Holy Cross Chapel on Main Street, which is full of relics in the middle of town, is a great day trip. Another great day trip option would be the Painted Churches (over 5 of them) in the Diocese of Victoria.

We are all pilgrims on a lifelong journey to Heaven by way of seeking holiness and a deeper faith in God. Wherever you journey, do it with a pilgrim heart.



Basilica of Lourdes, or a chapel in St. Peters or in the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, it will be a memory that is cherished for a lifetime.

group travel is that within just a few days, a group of strangers bond together as a family. Many pilgrim groups stay in touch with

Pictures:

Top Left – The Holy Sepulchre

Top Right – Jerusalem

Middle – Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bottom Left – Our Lady of Czestochowa

Bottom Right – Our Lady of Lourdes