50 years of cherished memories with Fr. Joe Hybner, a Jubilarian and not quite retired

Since his official retirement last year on May 27, 2012, Fr. Joe Hybner celebrates yet another incredible milestone, a golden jubilee, of 50 years in religious life.

A 50th anniversary is “usually a big celebration with lots of people and food. Typically, there is music, singing, dancing... dignitaries giving speeches, and of course, koláče!”


From the first celebration in Cistern on February 12, he recalls stories shared with past parishioners including a veterinarian of Edna, Dr. Joe Bitter and his wife, Mary. Fr. Joe could easily identify with their family of 14 since he comes from a large family of 9 with 6 boys and 3 girls; of whom 2 brothers and 2 sisters are living in the diocese.

He says the music was fantastic that day as the Incredible Music Makers from Flatonia performed traditional Czech songs and polkas.

The food was delicious too and noted special thanks to Bob and Darlene Stryk, of Strykly Texas Cheese and Stryk Jersey Farm, for donating all of the cheese.

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4 men admitted to candidacy for the Diaconate

Four men were admitted to candidacy for the Diaconate at Mass on May 26 at St. Joseph’s Church, Moulton. The candidates are left to right: Tran Ngoc Dinh, St. Anthony of Padua Church (Vietnamese Apostolate) in Palacios; Edward Huse, Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus Church in Victoria; Anthony Hensley, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Ganado and Michael Tankersley, Sacred Heart Church in Hallettsville.

Pictured with the candidates above are Bishop David Fellhauer and the Director of Formation, The Rev. Gabriel Maison.

Admission to candidacy is the first official recognition of the positive signs of the vocation to the Diaconate, which must be confirmed with subsequent years of formation. A new class will start in September. For information about the Permanent Diaconate Program, call (361) 596-4674 or contact the Director of Formation at the Permanent Diaconate Office, C/O St. Joseph’s Church, P. O. Box 399, Moulton, TX 77975.

Pope says ‘throwaway culture’ harms environment and human life

By Francis X. Rocca
(Catholic News Service/Story Contributor Clare Myers the Vatican)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis blamed widespread degradation of the natural environment and disregard for human life on an increasingly common “throwaway culture” that does not value the needs of others.

“We are living through a moment of crisis,” the pope said June 5. “We see it in the environment, but above all we see it in man. The human person is in danger.”

The pope made his remarks during his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square.

Noting that the United Nations had designated June 5 World Environment Day, Pope Francis recalled the biblical account of creation according to which God made man and woman to “cultivate and protect the earth.”

“When are we truly cultivating and protecting creation?” the pope asked. “Or are we instead exploiting and neglecting it?”

“We are often guided by the arrogance

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**Bishop Fellhauer’s Schedule**

**July**

7 10:30 a.m. Mass, Installation of Father Dominic Antwi-Boasiako as Pastor of St. Mary Church, Victoria
11 6:30 p.m. Bishop’s Charity Banquet, Victoria Country Club
13 2:00 p.m. Mass, Incarnate Word and BlessedSacrament Sisters Jubilee celebration, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria
14 2:00 p.m. Mass, Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Sisters Jubilee celebration, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria
15 2:00 p.m. Mass, Diocesan Charities, Chancery Office
16 10:00 a.m. Mass, Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Sisters Jubilee celebration, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria
17 4:00 p.m. Diocesan Building Board Meeting, Chancery Office
19 11:00 a.m. Meeting, Austin
21 10:00 a.m. Mass, Installation of Father Robert Knippenberg as Pastor of Holy Family Church, Wharton
23 6:00 p.m. Evening prayer, Installation of the newly named Knights of St. Gregory the Great, Holy Family Church, Victoria

**August**

7 10:00 a.m. Priest and Lay Pension Board Meeting, Chancery Office
8 6:00 Mass and Serra Club gathering for seminarians, St. Mary’s Church, St. Mary (outside Hallettsville)
10 4:00 p.m. Mass, 100th Anniversary of St. Michael Church and 125th Anniversary of the parish, Weimar
12 5:00 p.m. Liturgical Commission meeting, Chancery Office

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**Official Appointments**

**By**

**Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer**

As of June 17, 2013, the Rev. Ty J. Bazar has been granted a temporary sabbatical leave. Effective June 19, 2013, the Rev. Gary W. Janak, Chancellor, is appointed temporary Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Port Lavaca, and its mission churches.

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**DSA & Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign Updates**

**2013 DSA**

Diocesan Goal: $1,721,343.00
Parish Pledge Totals: $645,821.35
Parish Contribution Totals: $552,853.98
Number of Parish Families Participating: 3,034

**Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign**

Diocesan Goal: $9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals: $12,880,248.33
Parish Contribution Totals: $10,975,806.91
Number of Parish Families Participating: 6,769

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**Recent prayer intentions of Pope Francis**

“For those around the world who still suffer slavery and who are victims of war, human trafficking, drug running, and slave labor. For the children and women who are suffering from every type of violence. May their silent scream for help be heard by a vigilant Church so that, gazing upon the crucified Christ, she may not forget the many brothers and sisters who are left at the mercy of violence. Also, for all those who find themselves in economically precarious situations, above all for the unemployed, the elderly, migrants, the homeless, prisoners, and those who experience marginalization. That the Church’s prayer and its active nearness give them comfort and assistance in hope and strength and courage in defending human dignity.”

—Recent prayer intentions of Pope Francis, as presented by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, at the worldwide, simultaneous Eucharistic adoration. (CNS)
Fishing Tournament to Benefit Nazareth Academy

The 11th annual Readin’-Ritin’-Reelin’ Fishing Tournament will be held in Port O’Connor on Friday, August 2 through Saturday evening August 3. This family, food, and fun-filled event is hosted by Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council #9088 at the Port O’Connor Community Center and benefits Nazareth Academy, Victoria.

Registration is 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening. Cost is $60 per person. This includes a cap as well as a meal ticket for Friday night’s all-you-can-eat BBQ and trimmings as well as all-you-can-eat fried-fish Saturday night. Door prizes, cash prizes, live auction and a gun raffle will be featured. Fishing begins Saturday morning at 5:30 a.m. Weigh-in will be in the evening 3:30-5:30 p.m. Limit is 6 persons per boat; not to exceed 4 persons 16 or over. Kids under the age of 16 may fish free on a team with each boat representing an individual team.

Steve Branch, Nazareth Academy advisory board member reports, “This event gets bigger and better every year. It has raised close to half a million dollars since its inception. The food, fellowship, and fishing are all phenomenal.” Proceeds have gone towards computers, smart boards, classroom supplies and the athletic program at NA. The Nazareth family expresses significant gratitude to the Knights of Columbus as well as the Port O’Connor community for their continued support.

40 boats went out last year and more expected this year. Trophies will be presented to the fishermen that catch the largest redfish and the largest trout. Trophies will also be awarded to an individual female, individual child, and Knight of Columbus member that catch the largest fish. Pot entry rules can be found at www.nazarethacademy.org. For more information, contact Scott Smejkal at (361) 655-2658 or George Wenzel at (361) 649-7707.

St. Michael Church, Weimar, was built in 1913 and in honor of the anniversary the church will celebrate 100 years on Saturday, August 10 at 4:00 p.m. Bishop David Fellhauer will serve as main celebrant and homilist of the Mass. Bishop Thomas Flanagan and Msgr. John C. Peters will assist in the rededication ceremony. After Mass a blessing of the prayer garden, built in memory of Mr. H.H. Moore’s wife, Marilyn, will be held. At 6:00 p.m. a meal will be served at Veteran’s Memorial Hall.

Do you have questions or need assistance with cemetery planning?

Are you interested in checking on your family’s genealogy?

Do you have questions about cremation and cemetery rules concerning cremains?

Contact the Diocese of Victoria Catholic Cemeteries Office:
1505 E. Mesquite Lane
Victoria, TX 77901
(361) 573-0828 x2233
cemeteries@victoriadiocese.org
www.vccms.org

Reporting Abuse
If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy or other church personnel, you can register a complaint.

• Call the bishop or the chancellor at the Chancery at (361) 573-0828; or
• Call Rev. Gary Janak (361) 575-4741 or Sr. Emilie Eilers (361) 575-7111, Coordinators of Pastoral Care and Outreach; or
• Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer Diocese of Victoria, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 Mark your letter “Personal and Confidential”

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

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

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is $15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received.

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- **Previously reported** $103,089.00
- In loving memory of Deacon A. R. Wearden by Mrs. A. R. (Terri) Wearden 100.00
- Total $103,189.00

### Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch

- Previously reported $8,018.00
- In memory of Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch on the 3rd Anniversary of his death on April 4, 2010 by an anonymous donor 500.00
- Total $8,518.00

### Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily

- Previously reported $11,899.00
- In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily’s 80th Birthday celebration and his 55th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood by:
  - Monica Melmar 100.00
  - Jesse & Nancy Lednicky 50.00
  - Irene Bause 10.00
  - Bernice Dobeka 20.00
  - James Purdy Family 20.00
  - John and Aileen Kasper 25.00
  - Allen and Jeanette Hoelscher 25.00
  - C. A. and J. Moeckel 50.00
  - Eugene and Elizabeth Patalik 50.00
  - Frank and Therese Janacek 50.00
  - K of C Council #2153, Weimar 400.00
  - Family and Friends 500.00
  - Leon Hoelscher 50.00
  - Raymond and Barbara Miller 20.00
  - Dorothy and Leonard Bartos 25.00
  - Marvin and Leona Hreck 50.00
  - Georgianna Lapham 25.00
  - Jean Trefny 25.00
  - Kenneth and Gwendolyn Srinke 50.00
  - David and Cathy Divin 50.00
- In loving memory of Frank and Louise Ripper by Dolores Hall 20.00
- In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily’s 80th birthday celebration, his 55th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood, and his 25th year as Pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church, Weimar by:
  - Stazy Hajek & Georgia Cerny 100.00
  - Daniel C. and Bernice Ulrich 50.00
  - Jo Ann Vorsand 25.00
  - Charlene Spiess 50.00
  - St. Ann’s Lodge No. 7 – Dubina KJZT 50.00
  - Gladys Muras 15.00
  - Ernie, Elizabeth & Baron Kloeser 50.00
  - M/M Eugene Kristynik 50.00
  - Sharon Simmons 25.00
  - Suzanne Hunter 80.00
- In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily’s 80th Birthday by:
  - St. Anne Society, Weimar 200.00
  - James and Monica Stock 25.00
- In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily’s for his 55 years of service to God and his Parishioners by Johnny and Cynthia Barton 100.00
- In loving memory of Lonia Garcia by Gonzalo Garcia, Jr. 25.00
- Total $14,334.00

### Rev. Msgr. Michael A. O’Saughnessy

- Previously reported $2,340.00
- In honor of Bishop Fellhauer’s 23rd Anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria on May 28, 1990 and his 48th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood on May 29, 1965 by anonymous donor 1,000.00
- Total $2,340.00

### Rev. Gabriel Maison

- In honor of Rev. Gabriel Maison’s 35th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood on July 1, 1978 by an anonymous donor 500.00
- Total $500.00

### Rev. Ed. Winker

- In honor of Fr. Eddie Winker’s 27th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood on May 17, 1986 by an anonymous donor 500.00
- Total $500.00

### Rev. Michael Rother

- In loving memory of Pam Allums by:
  - John and Barbara James 100.00
  - Mrs. Mary Triska 20.00
  - M/M Dan Hollas 25.00
  - Herman and Carol Vaca 25.00
- In honor of Fr. Michael Rother in thanksgiving to God and the Blessed Mother for his dedicated service to OLV Cathedral and School and in honor of his new assignment as Pastor of St. Philip Church, El Campo by:
  - D.W. and Charlene Pennington 25.00
  - Family and Friends 375.00
  - Randy and Pam Bena 25.00
  - Delores Schrøller 25.00
- In honor of K of C Victoria Council #1329 Chaplain Rev. Michael Rother on His assignment to St. Philip Church, El Campo by KofC Council #1329 100.00
- In thanksgiving of Rev. Gary Janak’s Silver Jubilee by John F. Rother, Jr. 50.00
- Total $5,530.00

## Additional Burses for Donations:

- Rev. Msgr. Julius Petru Burse #2
- Rev. Joe Levya
- Rev. Marcus Valenta
- Rev. Godfrey F. Kuratko
- Rev. Msgr. John Hanacek
  - and more burses to choose from not listed

Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation to:

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Please note that you have to attend two classes (parts 1 and 2) in order to receive your 6hr. credit.

To register or for more information, contact the Pastoral Institute at:
mgutierrez@victoriadiocese.org, (361) 573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.
Fee is $4.25 for the companion booklet.

All summer courses are listed on the diocesan website calendar. Look for a class near you and register today!

Fall Extended Program

Online registration for Sacraments of Initiation is available at www.victoriadiocese.org. Click on Ministries tab, scroll to Pastoral Institute, then click extended program online registration. Classes begin August 27 at three sites: Chancery, Victoria and through distance learning at Holy Cross, East Bernard and St. Ann’s, Point Comfort. For more information, call (361) 573-0828.

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The program will begin in August in Bay City, El Campo, and High Hill. Understanding God in Our Lives becomes familiar with the Old Testament, obtains an understanding of who God is, and understands who we truly are in His eyes.
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XXVI Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry

Saturday, September 28, 2013
7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. (Liturgy follows)
Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus Church
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Our Lady of Victory School, Victoria, recently competed at the 2013 Private Schools Interscholastic Association Academic State Meet (PSIA) in Fort Worth. Students awarded state medals were bottom row, left to right: 1st grader Mia Mabray, 5th place storytelling; 7th grader Kelsey Ellett, 6th place number sense; 7th grader Carson Young, 3rd place listening; 4th grader Matthew Janak, 2nd place music memory, and 5th grader Ricky Gonzales, 2nd place prose interpretation. Top row, left to right, 4th grader Andres Ramos, 1st place music memory; 6th grader Pranav Jain, 1st place music memory; 8th grader Benjamin Boyle, 6th place science, and 8th grader Jyotirmaya Jain, 3rd place spelling. Students receiving a perfect score on their test were Andres Ramos and Pranav Jain. More than 170 schools participated and Our Lady of Victory School placed 5th overall in the elementary division.

Puzzle Contest Winners

There was an overwhelming response for this contest as over 40 people sent puzzles. We appreciate your interest!

The winner of the June puzzle contest and the book Swinging Sisters by Madonna Dries Christensen is Elizabeth Schilhab of Victoria. The winner of the children’s contest is 12 year old, Ezri Nevarez of Vanderbilt. She will receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop.

The winner of the July contest will win Holy Goals for Body and Soul, 8 Steps to Connect Sports with God and Faith by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. He is a hockey-playing Catholic bishop from Illinois. He shares his personal story and provides steps connecting ways to wholeness and holiness.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past six months, please mail a completed July puzzle form by July 26, 2013 to The Catholic Lighthouse, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 for a chance to win!

Harvest Feast Celebration

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Sunday, August 11
Veteran’s Memorial Park - Weimar, Texas
Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner
11:00 a.m. • Adults $8.50 • Children $4.50 (12 & Under)
Drive-Thru Plates & Plates-To-Go $8.50

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Bingos

Free Dance: Shiner Hobo Band 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Red Ravens 2 - 7 p.m. and Hitmen 7 - 11 p.m.

Washer Pitcher Tournament - Sunday
Registration 3-4 p.m. • Tournament at 4 p.m. • Double Elimination
50 years of cherished memories

At the second celebration in Flatonia on April 15, on Divine Mercy Sunday, he joined many good friends including Velma Monaco and Chris Rybak. He also remembers in attendance that day were parishioners from his first parish he served, St. John the Evangelist in San Antonio. Bill and Jane Cain were high school sweethearts wanting to marry. Being of traditional times and before marriage encounter programs, they asked them if they still wanted to be married after attending college then they would marry them. It was a wise decision because the couple felt by waiting a few years it actually brought them closer in solidifying their decision to marry. According to Fr. Joe, the high divorce rate of those to marry at a young age does not apply to them as they tell everyone, “Wow! We are so happy!” Another friend and parishioner, Robert Staudt, and wife had 4 boys. Robert helped Fr. Joe put the church bulletin together and was a great artist. Before clipart or sophisticated computer programs existed, “he would draw beautiful [freehanded] pictures to incorporate into the bulletin,” Fr. Joe recollects. He once raced Robert to see who could run the fastest and Fr. Joe won! Robert validates the story to this day, all the while blushing.

Another great band at the third celebration in Shiner on May 6, the Shiner Hobo Band, provided entertainment and featured his sister, Rita Janak. Fr. Joe’s family, including Rita, Agnes, 14 nieces, and others held two preparation meetings to plan all of the activities. Bishop Graumann was scheduled to give the homily at Mass to make it very special as he was with Fr. Joe at his first Mass, at his 25th and 40th anniversaries, but he became ill and was in the hospital. Bishop Yanta accepted to attend and read Bishop Graumann’s congratulatory words.

John Hybner and son, Gregory, current assistant brewhmaster at the brewery in Shiner, made sure to include pivo (beer) at the festivities. There was plenty of Shiner Blonde served.

Rita, as well as Patrick from Janak Brothers Nursery, displayed flowers and photo décor at the entrance. Pecans were provided by the 17 pecan trees Fr. Joe’s father planted on his homestead. Annie Bartos meticulously peeled all of the pecans for all of the celebrations.

Fr. Joe, Fr. Virgil Elizondo, and Msgr. Lambert Bily celebrated their 25th anniversaries together. Recently, Fr. Joe visited his fellow colleagues in San Antonio to commemorate their 50th anniversaries. At the same church where he was ordained, Fr. Elizondo held a wonderful celebration at the Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica. More than 30 priests attended and music was provided a mariachi choir. Msgr. Lambert celebrated his jubilee at St. Clare Parish.

Also, Fr. Joe remains active with organizations. He celebrates a televised Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral every year with the Victoria County Czech Heritage Society. This year the society celebrates 28 years. He also enjoys being the state chaplain for the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas K.J.Z.T. This year marks his 18th year of involvement.

Fr. Joe has a lifetime of shared memories since being ordained May 25, 1963 by Bishop Steven A. Leven in his hometown of Shiner.

His first assignment was as an associate pastor in Kerrville at Notre Dame parish. He served 7 years as chaplain at the Veterans Association Hospital and two state hospitals. Next, he went to Our Lady of Victory, Victoria, for a year and then St. Monica, Converse, for 3 years. His first time as pastor was at Sacred Heart in Floresville. After serving for 4 years, he needed to take respite at home in Shiner with his father since his mother had passed. His next parishes would include St. Agnes, Edna; St. Mary’s, Victoria; Assumption parish, Ganado; Sacred Heart, Flatonia; and Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Cistern.

Although he has impacted numerous lives in these communities, he has also created friendships around the globe. His travels have included trips to the Vatican and to the Czech Republic. He especially enjoyed the time when he stayed with dear friend Vit Pestuka’s family. The bazín or pheasants from the nearby park would come into their yard for recreation displaying their unique feathers. Mrs. Pestuska recently spoke with Fr. Joe jokingly reminding him that the birds eagerly anticipate his next visit!

He believes language and culture are necessary parts to a person’s identity. He said love comes from family. He has helped many families learn another language. For example, “by taking two evenings per week and only speaking Spanish families will speak vocabulary words at first, then sentences, and eventually full conversations! Children will become avid speakers with their parents, in their classes at school, and among their peers as they grow. Expanding a child’s knowledge base, trying to bridge language gaps and cultures can

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truly broaden one’s horizons.”

In retrospect, Fr. Joe noted his 40th anniversary as a priest thinking, “I might not make it to a 50th! The Lord, God, has given me 10 more years on this earth! Here we are to celebrate my 50th as a Jubilee!” Although he is not officially a pastor of a parish, he remains active doing priestly work. He readily accepts the telephone calls asking, “Joe can you help me?” In his retirement he continues to minister to people from Fredericksburg and Kerrville to Hillje and Louise, Shiner, and other parishes. Fr. Joe says he is “grateful to God for 76 years of life, 50 years of parish priestly ministry, and all who have been part of my life.”

Fr. Joe currently resides in the Cleanest Little City in Texas and says, “the world on my chalice keeps me going.”

Pope Benedict XVI declared Fr. Joe a Prelate of Honor on August 6, 2012. He was installed by Bishop Fellhauer on November 19, 2012, with the title of Monsignor.

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Our daughter used to end each day with the words, “This was the best day ever!” In those years, everything was new and exciting. Frustration or disappointment was usually fleeting. Like all children, she would cry when a balloon slipped through her fingers and disappeared into the sky or a favorite toy went missing, but she did not cling to these losses. She traveled lightly, as children do and this made room for many great days.

Somewhere along the way, as adults, we lose that ability to travel lightly. The hurts stack up and we simply cannot let our grievances go. There is no room for ‘best days’ because we carry too many painful experiences. We have a heart of flesh and we want to protect it. We coat it in an impenetrable exterior. We encase it in a tough shell like a hard candy-apple coating. With the slightest offense, we become angry. We blame another’s small offense rather than ourselves for having such a brittle exterior. Feuds and wars may begin and marital happiness may end.

When I was teaching, my students always liked the story of Elijah on Mount Carmel. They said the name reminded them of caramel; the soft, chewy candy with a sweet-cream base. I let them make the association between Mount Carmel and caramel because there is a great object lesson in the comparison. Given the choice, they would all pick a caramel apple over a candied apple. The fruit should be accessible with the exterior soft, pliable, and willing.

Our hearts are like the apple. Our spirits are the caramel; sweet and malleable. As we age, it takes effort to retain a gentle spirit. We want to cling to those memories that serve as warning bells so that nobody else can hurt us. In time, we forget how to have good days. We are too focused on maintaining our hard outer shell.

In my bathroom, I have an image of Our Lady of Mount Carmel surrounded by my favorite saints: St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Therese of Lisieux. Each morning, I pause before the image and ask the Blessed Mother to teach me to be softer, kinder, and more forgiving.

If we can learn these things, we will again pronounce each day as ‘the best day ever!’ Only then can we hope to obtain sufficient grace to live as little children; therefore to enter the Kingdom of God.

It is the message of the fifth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew to let your heart be soft and permit them to be broken. You are soft and sweet, like caramel. In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells us to let go of our grievance against a brother, or a sister, or a mother. Let the anger against your former friend pass. Live lightly, as children do.

Then you may approach the Table of Our Lord ready to be all you were created to be. You belong to Christ and you were made for ‘the best days ever!’

By Denise Bossert
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The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America have launched www.faithandsafety.org, a resource for adults to help children safely navigate online. The website and complementary social media channels offer advice for safe use of the Internet, mobile devices and other technology, while emphasizing the positive use of technology to support faith. (CNS)

Osman continues, “It is intended to honor the idea that parents are probably the best ones to understand new areas. It focuses a lot on helping them understand this world where their kids are more comfortable than they are, as well as the need to help their children understand the potential and the risk of how to deal with things such as bullying and pornography. We try to provide some technical advice through the understanding of Catholic and Greek Orthodox teachings are that all of creation is good.”

To keep the site fresh, “we are trying right now to expand our partnerships,” Nicolakis said. “We do not pretend we are experts in every area. We want to be a good clearinghouse of information for experts in particular areas.”

The site has also engaged a slew of bloggers and commentators to weigh in on current events. Among them are Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the bishops’ Communications Committee and Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne of Indianapolis, another committee member.

By Mark Pattison
(Catholic News Service)
WASHINGTON (CNS)—Roman Catholics and Greek Orthodox in the United States have collaborated on a new website to instruct Web users, primarily parents, on how youths can navigate the online world, taking advantage of its promise while steering away from its pitfalls.

The site, www.faithandsafety.org, is loaded with news about sites teens use, eyebrow-raising details about children’s first exposure to online pornography, suggestions on how to use technology safely at home, and tips on negotiating the mobile-app scene.

Its genesis was during a brainstorming session as part of a summit meeting of the Religious Alliance Against Pornography attended by Catholic and Greek Orthodox leaders.

“We were challenged to come up with actionable items as a result of the summit,” said Theo Nicolakis, chief information officer for the Greek Orthodox Church in the United States. “One of the items we were going to come up with was an initiative that would give the voice of faith in regard to online and technological safety.”

“It’s primary audience is intended to be parents and others who are concerned about children’s digital safety,” said Helen Osman, secretary of communications for the U.S. bishops, adding the Catholic Communication Campaign helped bring FaithAndSafety to launch with grant funding.

Protesters rally outside Texas Capitol
Thousands of protesters rally before the start of a special session of the Texas Legislature in Austin July 1. Lawmakers were called back to debate and vote on proposed abortion legislation and both supporters and opponents of the bill gathered outside the Capitol. (CNS photo / Mike Stone, Reuters)
Why Changes?

Last month we remembered that our current Incarnate Word Convent building was dedicated fifty years ago. We also realized that this date coincided with the first session of Vatican Council II in Rome. Much has happened during those fifty years.

We have lived through numerous changes that have taken place in society and in the church. Why the changes? I have fond memories of yesteryear and wish that we could return to the simpler lifestyle of that era. I think of the small rural church that was the center of the community. I remember the everyday family meals, the wholesome home-grown food, the simple pleasures that families shared, and the close-knit school community that we experienced. However, when more realistic memories come to mind, I sigh and I think, “That was then; this is now.” This reality check happens especially when I drive by the hay meadows and the flourishing crops at this time of the year. Memories of dancing around barefoot and trying to step in the shadows of the stalks to avoid the scorching sand as we chopped or harvested the crops, help me appreciate the current methods of cultivating and harvesting.

I have similar memories such as the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Latin Masses in which the only recipient of holy communion was the presiding priest. At that time it was necessary to fast the midnight before in order to receive holy communion. One time, as a young child, I fasted to receive holy communion during Mass. I succeeded, but must have similar memories such as the end-all and be-all.”

For Mother Dolores Hart, it is time for her close-up... again

By Mark Pattison
(Catholic News Service)

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Dolores Hart is about to become a star again, 50 years after her last movie.

Hart, that is Mother Dolores, the prior of a Benedictine women’s monastery in Connecticut now has her memoir published a year after a documentary featuring her life in as a cloistered nun received an Oscar nomination for best documentary short subject.

Mother Dolores, in her Hollywood days, made only 10 movies. She was cast twice opposite Elvis Presley, in 1957’s “Loving You” and 1958’s “King Creole.” She starred in the first film celebrating spring break in 1960’s “Where the Boys Are.” She even did a star turn as St. Clare in the 1961 religious biopic “Francis of Assisi.”

Born in Chicago, she said her grandfather had a motion picture operator’s license and she would go into the booth with him and spend days as a youngsters watching movies. After her successes on screen, she began to think life “had a bigger meaning,” that “every human being has a mission,” and maybe making movies was not the

SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS

No Child Should Be Hungry

Teacher Kim Yip and 2-year-old Kayden Grady look at vegetable plants growing in a potted garden outside the Baltimore Catholic Charities Head Start program in Edgewood, Md. Two meals and a snack are fed to children between their educational activities. While severe malnourishment is rare in the U.S., more than 16 million children live in households that are unable to access enough nutritious food for a healthy life, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Government and charities work together in programs like Head Start to provide supplemental food to children across the nation. (CNS photo/Nancy Phelan Wiechec)
SPIRITUALITY

A set of pictures shows Pope Francis recently catching a rosary as he arrives for his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican June 5. (CNS photo/Max Rossi, Reuters)

Pope says ‘throwaway culture’ harms environment and human life

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of domination, possession, manipulation, exploitation,” he said. “We are losing the attitude of wonder, of contemplation, of listening to creation, and thus we are no longer able to read there what Benedict XVI calls the “rhythm of the love story of God with man.””

“We have distanced ourselves from God, we do not read his signs,” the pope said.

Today’s environmental problems also betray neglect of what Catholic teaching calls “human ecology,” he said.

“What rules today is not man, it is money,” the pope said, denouncing an “economy and financial system lacking in ethics.”

“Men and women are sacrificed to the idols of money and consumption,” he said. “That some homeless people freeze to death on the street, that is not news. On the other hand, a drop of 10 points in the stock markets of some cities is a tragedy. That is how people are thrown away. We, people, are thrown away, as if we were trash.”

“Human life, the person are no longer felt to be primary values to be respected and protected, especially if they are poor or disabled, if they are not yet useful like an unborn child or are no longer useful like an old person,” the pope said.

Today’s “throwaway culture” is also reflected in frequent waste of food, he said, adding that “food that is thrown away might as well have been stolen from the table of the poor, the hungry.”

Afterward, the pope spent an hour and a half greeting visiting bishops, dignitaries and ordinary pilgrims including disabled children and adults and a group of newlyweds in their wedding attire. The pope’s embrace with a young disabled man lasted so long that an attendant gently pulled the man’s hand away.

Many in the crowd remarked on Pope Francis’ “approachable” personality and his down-to-earth appeal.

The past few popes “gave us the theology, kind of the instruction behind what our faith is about,” said Father Patrick Knippenberg, of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria, Texas. He added, Pope Francis is “an exemplification of that teaching.”

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Honoring Blessed John XXIII, marking 50th anniversary of his death

(left) A pilgrim raises a banner honoring Blessed John XXIII after a June 3 Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica marking the 50th anniversary of his death. The banner reads, “Blessed Pope John XXIII, pray for us.” (above) Pope Francis prayed at Blessed John’s tomb and greeted pilgrims from the late pontiff’s home, the diocese of Bergamo, Italy. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Adoration held at 18th annual Eucharistic Congress in Atlanta

Monstrance holding Blessed Sacrament displayed during 18th annual Eucharistic Congress in Atlanta—A monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament is displayed on the altar during the Atlanta Archdiocese’s 18th annual Eucharistic Congress at the Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, Ga. (CNS photo/Michael Alexander, Georgia Bulletin)

Those Who Have Passed Are In Our Prayers

Father Andrew Greeley, seated left, with fellow speakers following a symposium on New Horizons in Catholic Thought held in Illinois on June 15, 1962. He wrote 120 books and was once called the most influential American Catholic sociologist of the 20th century. He was 85. (CNS photo/courtesy of the Catholic New World)

Polish Cardinal Nagy was a friend and adviser to Pope John Paul. He was 91. He was a Vatican-appointed member of the Catholic-Lutheran international dialogue and a papally-appointed member of the International Theological Commission, which advises the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Pope John Paul named him a cardinal in 2003. (CNS photo/Giancarlo Giuliani, Catholic Press)

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, who founded the bioethics center at Georgetown and was former president of The Catholic University of America, died June 13 at age of 92. More than 600 articles of his were published in medical science, philosophy and ethics. He authored or co-authored 23 books. (CNS photo/courtesy Catholic University of America)

“Volunteers are needed at Victoria Nursing and Rehab Center to call out bingo and/or assist in other social activities during the 2:00 p.m. hour on weekdays. Please call Larry Carter, activity director, at (361) 576-6128, if you can help. Thank you.”

Prayer for the deceased

Though they are gone now from this earthly dwelling and left behind those who mourn their absence; grant that we may hold their memory dear; never bitter for what we have lost nor in regret for the past, but always in hope of the eternal Kingdom.

Pope Francis celebrated the great year of faith worldwide, the Corpus Christi Observance, last month with a Eucharistic procession, adoration, Mass, and benediction. Corpus Christi is not only a city in southern Texas; the words literally mean ‘the Body of Christ.’ Catholics gathered at the same time for Eucharistic adoration in cathedrals and parishes around the world for the first Vatican-organized global holy hour.

1. A pilgrim reaches out with a candle and rosary during a procession along a street in Brasilia, Brazil. (CNS photo/Ueslei Marcelino, Reuters)  
2. Pope Francis carries a monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament in Rome. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)  
3. The Corpus Christi procession makes its way down a street in Rome. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)  
5. Nuns kneel on a street as they take part in a Corpus Christi procession in Poland. (CNS photo/Kacper Pempel, Reuters)  
6. Several people attended and prayed during the historic international adoration at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica in Beaumont. (SACBB)  
7. Girls throw flower petals before the Blessed Sacrament during a Corpus Christi procession in Poland. (CNS photo/Kacper Pempel, Reuters)  
8. Catholics wearing Vietnamese traditional long dress, attend Eucharistic adoration in Vietnam. (CNS photo/Reuters)
Special Collections
Retired and needy priests of the Diocese
September 8

Ongoing Activities and Ministries

Catholic Family Services—To find listings of e-mail/ websites of Catholic organizations that focus on the family, visit the Catholic Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers at www.nacflm.org.

Courage—This ministry, ministers to persons with same- sex attractions and their loved ones. They also have an outreach called 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. courager.net.

Engaged Encounter—Dates are: Sept. 27-29 with ONLY 20 spaces available. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form. EE is held at the Spiritual Renewal Center. For a registration form, contact your pastor or for more information, call (361) 573-0828 x2230 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org/family/ee.htm.

Gabriel Project—This ministry helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy—particularly a potential abortion. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 101 W. Convent. Light supper included. For Angel Workshop/Training days, contact Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or barbararamcann85@yahoo.com. Holy Family, Wharton, meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (979) 532-3593, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or visit www.victoriadiocese.org/index.htm.

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

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

Natural Family Planning—NFP is the only Church-approved form of family planning. Summer Session: July 21, Aug. 18, and Sept. 15. Fall Session: Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. To learn about the sympto-thermal method in the Victoria area and NFP, class schedules, contact David and Annie Coffey at victorian.pfp@gmail.com.

Presidio La Bahia Museum and Visitor Center—The Presidio, located in Goliad, is the only Spanish fort in the possession of the Catholic Church in North America and is a National Historic Landmark. The museum is open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and is closed on major holidays. The Quarters is available for overnight stays. For rates and more information, contact (361) 645-3752 or visit www.presidiolabahia.org.

Raphael’s Refuge—The mission of Raphael’s Refuge is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies, born and unborn. This ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Flatonia. Peer counseling and spiritual direction are also available for those suffering a loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. Learn more at wwwraphaelsrefuge.org.

Retrouvaille—Meaning rediscovery, this marriage-healing ministry offers assistance to couples in difficult marriages. Contact John and Jennifer Vincent at jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or (361) 580-2770, (800) 470-2230. For more information, visit www.retrouvaille.org or www. victoriadiocese.org/index.htm.

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

St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity/Secular Franciscans—For meeting dates in Victoria, contact Mary Ann LeBlanc at (361) 575-1858. For more information, visit www.lostcompanionse-so.org.

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Cuero—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 1
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Hallettsville—Sacred Heart Parish Picnic Sept. 1
High Hill—St. Mary Parish Sept. 1
Holman—St. Wenceslaus Parish Picnic Sept. 15
Inez—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Sept. 8
Moulton—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Sept. 15
Nada—St. Mary Parish Picnic Sept. 1
Shiner—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Picnic Sept. 1
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ACTS Retreats—For information visit www.actsmissions.org.

Beginning Experience—Divorced, widowed, or separated and hurting? This weekend retreat is July 19-21 and will help you deal with the grief process. It offers an opportunity for turning the pain of loss into a growth experience. For more information, contact (210) 478-0690, sanantonio@bible.org or visit www.sanantonioe.org.


Shiner—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church celebrates Latin Masses every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. with Father Bob Knippenberg.

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

Victoria—St. Mary’s Altar Society will sponsor a half-day retreat on Sept. 10 at the St. Mary’s Activity Center.

Victoria—Incarnate Word Prayer Group invites you to 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.

Victoria—Our Lady of Lourdes holds Healing Mass and Prayer for those who have lost a loved one the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at 105 N. William St. with Father Bob Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, contact Sister Louise Marie Jones at tbwsvsoc2@yahoo.com.

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