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## 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*!”

“Last year, I celebrated my 49th in this way in three locations: Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Cistern, St. Mary’s parish in Flatonina, and Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Shiner.

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 Flatonina 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.”

“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 Blessed Sacrament Sisters Jubilee celebration, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria  
  
6:00 p.m. Mass, Installation of Father Dan Morales as Pastor of Holy Family Church, Victoria
- 14** 2:00 p.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

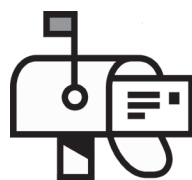


"For those around the world who still suffer slavery and who are victims of war, human trafficking, drug running, and slave labor. For the children and women who are suffering from every type of violence. May their silent scream for help be heard by a vigilant Church so that, gazing upon the crucified 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)*

*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.



## Have you moved? Address Changed?

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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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Msgr. Michael Harrold recently celebrated his retirement at Mass on June 5 at **Our Lady of Victory Cathedral** after serving more than 25 years. A reception was held at the school gym. Concelebrating the Mass were Father John Kollannur, Father Michael Rother, Msgr. John Peters, Bishop David Fellhauer, Father Charles Otsiwah, Father David Berger and Msgr. Celestino Say. Please keep Msgr. Harrold in your prayers!



## Celebrating 100 Years!

**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.



## 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 ad-

visory 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](http://www.nazarethacademy.org). For more information, contact Scott Smejkal at (361) 655-2658 or George Wenzel at (361) 649-7707.



Do you have questions or need assistance with cemetery planning?

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

Are you looking for a deceased family member in a Catholic cemetery in the Diocese of Victoria?

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](mailto:cemeteries@victoriadiocese.org)  
[www.vccms.org](http://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.

## Holy Family K of C Council #9088 *Presents the*

## ELEVENTH ANNUAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

**AUGUST 2ND & 3RD**  
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**LIVE AUCTION ★ RAFFLE**

FOR INFORMATION ON ENTRIES, CONTACT:  
SCOTT SMEJKAL AT 361-655-2658  
BRYAN ELLIS AT 361-894-4136  
DENNIS LOCKSTEDT AT 361-649-0459

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## 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.

*As of June 27, 2013*

	TOTALS
<b>— General Seminary Burse</b>	
Previously reported	\$103,089.00
In loving memory of Deacon A. R. Wearden by Mrs. A. R. (Terri) Wearden	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$103,189.00

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch</b>	
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	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$8,518.00

<b>— Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily</b>	
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 Melnar	100.00
Jesse & Nancy Lednický	50.00
Irene Banse	10.00
Bernice Dobecka	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
Leona Hoelscher	50.00
Raymond and Barbara Miller	20.00
Dorothy and Leonard Bartos	25.00
Marvin and Leona Hreck	50.00
Georgiann Lapham	25.00
Jean Trefny	25.00
Kenneth and Gwendolyn Syrinek	50.00
David and Cathy Divin	50.00

In loving memory of Frank and Louisa 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 Cerný	100.00
Daniel C. and Bernice Ulbricht	50.00
Jo Ann Vorsand	25.00
Charlene Spies	25.00
St. Ann's Lodge No. 7 — Dubina KJZT	50.00
Gladys Muras	15.00
Ernie, Elizabeth & Baron Kloesel	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 Lionisia Garcia by Gonzalo Garcia, Jr.	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$14,334.00

<b>— Sr. Denise Bowers, I.W.B.S.</b>	
Previously reported	\$10,025.00
In loving memory of Alma McKissick by Kathryn L. Dannels	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$10,075.00

<b>— Rev. Jerome Caponi</b>	
Previously reported	\$13,000.00
In loving memory of my Sister, Marie Marek Luchak, on the 3rd Anniversary of her death by John J. Marek	<u>250.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$13,250.00

<b>— Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer / Catholic Life Insurance Nada, Moulton-Flatonia, Hallettsville, El Campo and Edna-Ganado Branches Burse #2</b>	
Previously reported	\$1,850.00
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	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$2,850.00

<b>— Josephat R. Janak Burse #2</b>	
Previously reported	\$2,618.77
In memory of Josephat Janak and in honor of Rev. Gary Janak's 25th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood by:	
Margaret Kutac	25.00
Imogene Klare	50.00
In honor of Fr. Gary Janak's 25th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood and in Thanks for all he has done for St. Philip and Our family by Rita and John Hancock, Jr.	<u>500.00</u>

In honor of Fr. Gary Janak's Ordination and to the Priesthood by:	
Edward and Bernita Korenek	25.00
Chris and Stephanie Janak & Family	25.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. Michael Harrold's service to OLV Cathedral by Chris and Stephanie Janak & Family	25.00
In honor of Fr. Michael Rother's service to OLV Cathedral by Chris and Stephanie Janak & Family	25.00
In loving memory of Charles Brisco by Larry and Delores Dornak	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$3,318.77

<b>— Knights of Columbus Victoria Council #1329 Burse #3</b>	
Previously reported	\$12,957.50
In loving memory of Joe Koliba by K of C Victoria Council #1329	100.00
In loving memory of Michael Marbach by K of C Victoria Council #1329	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$13,157.50

<b>— Knights of Columbus Council #3204 — Ganado Rev. Joseph Hybner</b>	
Previously reported	\$3,196.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. Joseph Hybner's 50th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood on May 25, 1963 by an anonymous donor	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$3,696.00

<b>— Rev. Charles Kram</b>	
Previously reported	\$100.00
In memory of Rev. Charles Kram's 13th Anniversary on his Death on August 13, 2000 by an anonymous donor	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$600.00

<b>— Rev. Gabriel Maison</b>	
In honor of Rev. Gabriel Maison's 35th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood on July 1, 1978 by an anonymous donor	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$500.00

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Michael A. O'Shaughnessy</b>	
Previously reported	\$2,340.00
Gift from the Estate of Rev. Msgr. Michael O'Shaughnessy	<u>5,006.71</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$7,346.71

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say</b>	
Previously reported	\$9,679.00
In loving memory of Michael Marbach by Bob and Minnie Bochat	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$9,704.00

<b>— Our Lady of Victory Altar Society</b>	
Previously reported	\$955.00
In loving memory of Francine Kay Murray by Grace E. Rigamonti	25.00
In honor of Helen R. and Cory Hoogendam's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Grace E. Rigamonti	25.00
In honor of Susan Horner and Michael Brunck's Wedding Celebration by Grace E. Rigamonti	25.00
In honor of Silvia Bernasconi and Gabriele Profiri's Wedding Celebration by Grace E. Rigamonti	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$1,055.00

<b>— Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #6</b>	
Previously reported	\$3,429.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters on Pastor Appreciation Day by Sacred Heart Catholic School Faculty, Staff and Students	300.00
In honor of Kenneth & Theresa Stolte's 60th Wedding Anniversary by Henry and Carolyn Janak	25.00
In honor of Leonard & Grace Sumbera by Henry and Carolyn Janak	25.00
In honor of Annie Schmidt by The Schmidt Family Foundation	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$8,779.00

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Henry C. Rachunek Burse #4</b>	
Previously reported	\$600.00
In loving memory of Rev. Henry C. Rachunek by Tim and Phyllis Krenek & family	<u>300.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$900.00

<b>— Rev. Michael Rother</b>	
Previously reported	\$4,760.00
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 Vacca	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 Schroller	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.	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$5,530.00

<b>— Rev. Edward Winkler</b>	
In honor of Fr. Eddie Winkler's 27th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood on May 17, 1986 by an anonymous donor	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$500.00

### 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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## God's Embrace Renewal Centers

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.

The program will meet at each location one weekday evening a month from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

A manual and companion workbook will be provided.

You may choose to meet a second time

within the month with facilitators who will lead you in prayer, review sessions, and share personal experiences as you move closer to Christ.

You will also be offered four week-end retreats and four day retreats throughout the year!

If you are interested in participating in the program,

contact Sandy Reese, secretary for God's Embrace Renewal Centers at (979) 541-6881, [sandy.reese@godsembrace.org](mailto:sandy.reese@godsembrace.org), PO Box 663 Seadrift, TX 77983, or visit [www.godsembrace.org](http://www.godsembrace.org).



## Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Institute



### 'Echoes of Faith' Summer Short-Term Classes

Pastoral Institute summer short-term classes will be offered July 8-30 and August 6-13 throughout the diocese for all catechists. Catholic school religion teachers and/or parish religious education CCD teachers are encouraged to attend. July classes include Methods: 1-8, Catholic Morality: parts 1 and 2, Getting Started, Person of the Catechist, The Learner: parts 1 and 2, Roles of the Catechist, and The Scriptures: parts 1 and 2. August classes include Catholic Morality: parts 1 and 2 and The Learner parts: 1 and 2.

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](mailto:mgutierrez@victoriadiocese.org), (361) 573-0828 or visit [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://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](http://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.

## The Diocese of Victoria



### Organization of Catechetical Leaders (OCL) *Witnessing to Jesus as Ministry* Retreat

**August 17, 2013**

St. John the Baptist Church, St. John  
9:00 a.m. sign-in • 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lunch Provided

There is no fee for the retreat.

This retreat is open to clergy, parish catechetical leaders, and catechists.

*Sponsored by the Office of Catechetical Ministry.*

To register or for more information, contact:

Tanya Starnes

(361) 573-0828 x2224

[tstarnes@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:tstarnes@victoriadiocese.org)

## MORAVIA ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC

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# SUNDAY, JULY 21

MASS: MORAVIA: Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

**DINNER 11:00 A.M.**

## STEW & KETTLE FRIED CHICKEN & TRIMMINGS

ADMISSION: Adults \$8.00 - Children \$4.00

Adult Drive-Thru Plates To Go From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$8.00

**COUNTRY  
STORE**

**PLANT WALK  
& GAMES**



**Cake Walk  
12:00 Noon**

**BINGO**

Lic. #17461806097  
**1:30-5:30 P.M.**

## AUCTION SALE AT 1:00 P.M.

Hamburgers, Refreshments and Entertainment on the  
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Auction &  
Activities under  
the  
*New* Pavilion

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Dr. Thomas H. Groome from Boston College will offer the keynote address: *"Will There Be Faith? The Challenge of Catechesis in Our Time"* and Mrs. Maria Apac-Smith from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX will offer the Spanish keynote address: *"El Reto de la Nueva Evangelización para Hoy."*

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Open the Door of Faith



The **Catholic Daughters Court St. Ann #369** State Education Contest winners are front row, left to right: Olivia Mahan, Nazareth Academy, 2<sup>nd</sup> place music and Reed Rivera, 2<sup>nd</sup> place computer art. Back row, left to right: Alexandra Corpuz, Our Lady of Victory, 1<sup>st</sup> place art; Alyssa Rodriguez, St. Joseph High School, 1<sup>st</sup> place art; Tyler Coleman, Nazareth Academy, 2<sup>nd</sup> place essay, and Alexander Ferrell, St. Joseph High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place computer art. The two 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will compete in the National Education Contest.



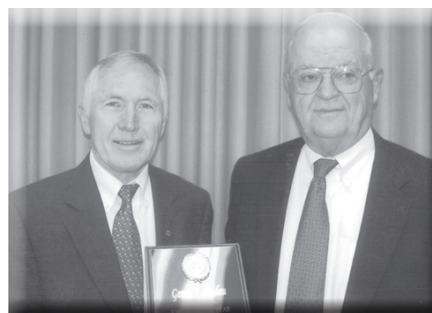
**KJZT Society #101 and KJZT Society #115**, Victoria, recently enjoyed an evening of camaraderie in *Join Hands Together*. Both societies played bingo at Twin Pines Nursing Home. Angel food cake and punch were served. Front row, left to right: Evan Maronge, Rosie Olsovsky, Irene Brosch, and Wendy Hrcir. Back row, left to right: Rose Putska, Joe Pustka, Lawrence Yanta, Lorna Dusek, Donald Dusek, and Barbara Yanta.



Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas **KJZT #43**, The Purification of Assumption BVM Parish, Ganado presents the Matthew 25 Ministry with a \$100 contribution. The ministry provides food and other commodities to persons in need in the community. Pictured are left to right: Georgia Kruse, society member and officer of the ministry; Steve Labay, president of the ministry; Frances Vesely, treasurer; Cecilia French, society president, and Alice Wright, society secretary.



**KJZT #43** also honored loyal member, Annie Mae Supak Bures, with her 75-year membership pin. Annie Mae was also presented a beautiful red rose from the society. Seated is Annie Mae Bures. Also pictured left to right are: LaNoe Macha, society vice president; Alice Wright, society secretary; Cecilia French, society president, and Anna Bures Stevens, daughter, performed the pinning honors.



The **Knights of Columbus of Holy Family Council #9088**, Victoria awarded Gerald Bludau 'Knight of the Year 2012.' The 'Family of the Year for 2012' award was presented to Monroe and Mary Margaret Reiger. Presenting the awards at the banquet was grand-knight Clyde Svetlik.

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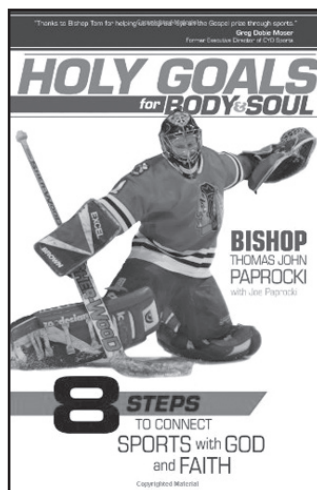
### Puzzle Contest Winners

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

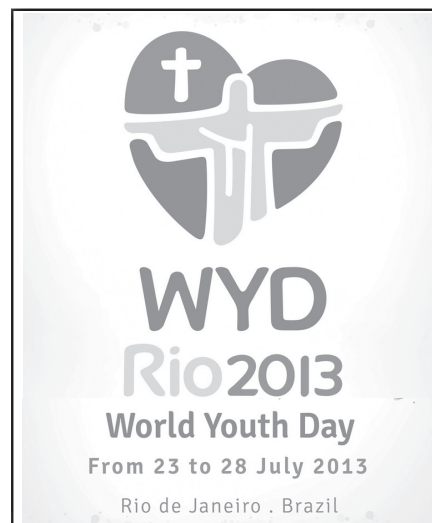
The winner of the June puzzle contest and the book *Swinging Sisters* by Madonna Dries Christensen is Elizabeth Schilhab of Victoria. The winner of the children's contest is 12 year old, Ezri Nevarez of Vanderbilt. She will receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop.

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!



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 Jyortirmaya 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.



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## 50 years of cherished memories

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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, he asked they wait. If they still wanted to be married after attending college then he 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 choosing to marry at a young age does not apply to them as



*Fr. Joe's Ordination*

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 recalls. 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 Grahmann

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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 Grahmann's congratulatory words.

John Hybner and son, Gregory, current assistant brewmaster at the brewery in Shiner, made sure to include *pivo* (beer) at the festivity. 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 Vet-

erans 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.



Mass at Shiner celebration.

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 *bazán* 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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**1 John 4:7 states, "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God," and to know Fr. Joe is, indeed, golden.**

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## 50 years of cherished memories

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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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## Catholic by Grace

By Denise Bossert  
[www.catholicbygrace.blogspot.com](http://www.catholicbygrace.blogspot.com)



### Best Days

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!'



*Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us! The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on July 16.*

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## Catholics, Orthodox join to launch online-safety website

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.

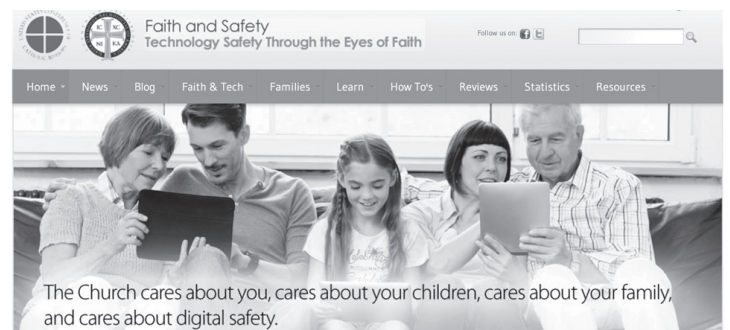
The site, [www.faihandssafety.org](http://www.faihandssafety.org), is loaded with news about sites teens use, eyebrow-raising details about children's first exposure to online pornography, suggestions on how to use technology safely at home, and tips on negotiating the mobile-app scene.

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 FaithAnd-Safety to launch with grant funding.

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 also the risk of how to deal with things such as bullying and pornography. We try to provide some technical advice through



The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America have launched [www.faihandssafety.org](http://www.faihandssafety.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)

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.



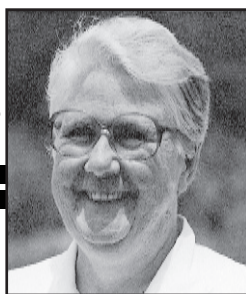
### Protesters rally outside Texas Capitol

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)



## SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



### 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

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### 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.

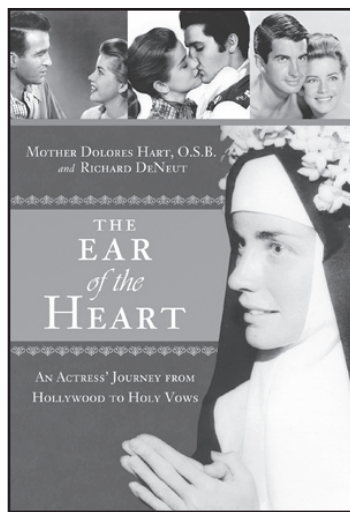
Hart, that is Mother Dolores, the prioress of a Benedictine women's monastery in Connecticut now has her memoir published a year after a documentary featuring her life in as a cloistered nun received an Oscar nomination for best documentary short subject.

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 youngster 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

"end-all and be-all."

Mother Dolores is the only nun to be accredited as a voting member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, colloquially, those who choose the Oscar winners.



The cover of the autobiography, *The Ear of the Heart: An Actress' Journey From Hollywood to Holy Vows*, by Benedictine Mother Dolores Hart and co-written with Richard DeNeut. (CNS photo/courtesy of Ignatius Press)

### Sunday Readings from July 7 to August 11

July 7 — Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:10-14C  
Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20  
Galatians 6:14-18  
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

July 14 — Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14  
Psalms 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37  
Colossians 1:15-20  
Luke 10:25-37

July 21 — Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10A  
Psalms 15:1-2, 3-4, 5  
Colossians 1:24-28  
Luke 10:38-42

July 28 — Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

August 4 — Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

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

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

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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)





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."



People wave yellow scarves as Pope Francis meets with students from Jesuit schools. (CNS photo/Max Rossi, Reuters)



Youths surround Pope Francis as he meets with students from Jesuit schools last month in Paul VI Hall at the Vatican. (CNS photo/Max Rossi, Reuters)

## Pope Francis meets students from Jesuit schools

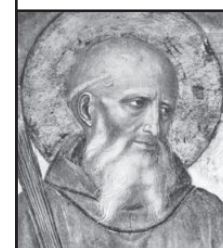
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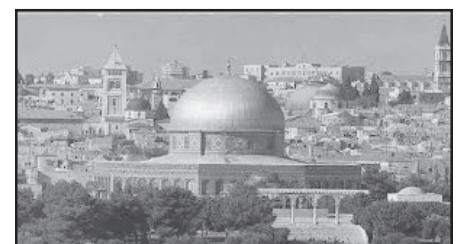
have looked so miserable in the non-air-conditioned church on a warm summer day, that I was not allowed to do it again. Thank God the regulations for our Eucharistic fast have been modified and we are encouraged to receive the Eucharist frequently.

In a similar way other adaptations have been made in areas of Catholic practice. For example, in 1966 the U.S. Bishops told us we could substitute another penitential practice for abstaining from meat on Fridays outside of Lent. While we are no longer bound to abstain under pain of sin, we are called to perform some penitential action or prayer. Personally, since I have not figured out another practice that reminds me so well of Jesus' suffering and death, I try to continue to abstain from meat on Fridays.

As we have experienced shifts in society (some beneficial and others questionable), the changes we have seen during the past fifty years are intended to increase our understanding and our participation in the life and teachings of the church. The core elements of our Catholic faith endure throughout the centuries while approaches to understanding them may be adapted to the times. May all of us continue to appreciate the awesome Catholic legacy that we have inherited!



Feast of St. Benedict is July 11



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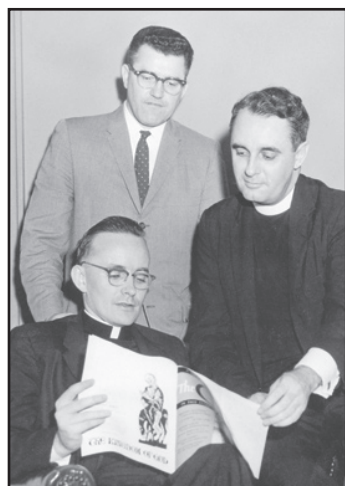


## Honoring Blessed John XXIII, marking 50th anniversary of his death

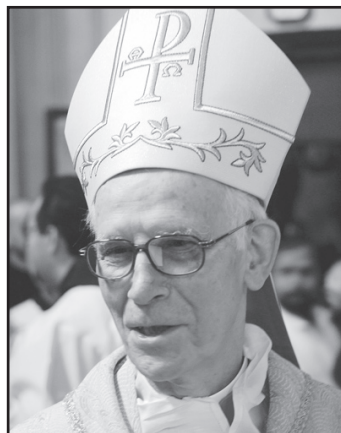


(left) A pilgrim raises a banner honoring Blessed John XXIII after a June 3 Mass in St. Peter's Basilica marking the 50th anniversary of his death. The banner reads, "Blessed Pope John XXIII, pray for us." (above) Pope Francis prayed at Blessed John's tomb and greeted pilgrims from the late pontiff's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

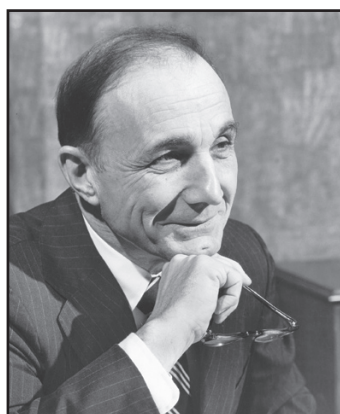
## Those Who Have Passed Are In Our Prayers



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)



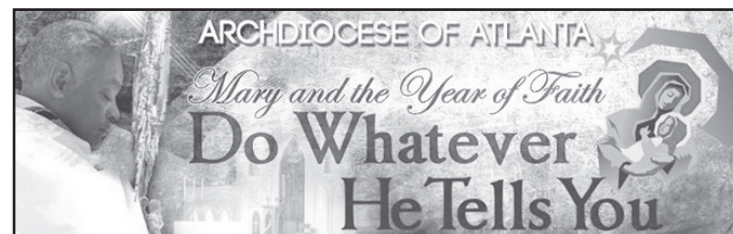
Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, who founded the bioethics center at Georgetown and was former president of The Catholic University of America, died June 13 at age of 92. More than 600 articles of his were published in medical science, philosophy and ethics. He authored or co-authored 23 books. (CNS photo/courtesy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

### 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.

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## 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)



"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."

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## Corpus Christi Observance around the world



June 2, 2013

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)
4. Auxiliary Bishop Laurent Chu Van Minh of Hanoi, Vietnam, carries a monstrance at Eucharistic adoration. (CNS photo/Reuters)
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)

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# EVENTS

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## 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](http://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.couragerc.net](http://www.couragerc.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](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/family/ee.htm).

**Gabriel Project**—This ministry helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy— an alternative to 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 dates, contact Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or [barbaramccain85@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramccain85@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/lighthouse/gp.htm](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/lighthouse/gp.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.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.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 [victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com](mailto:victorianfpteachers@yahoo.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](http://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 [www.raphaelsrefuge.org](http://www.raphaelsrefuge.org).

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

**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](http://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.lostrescompaneros-sfo.org](http://www.lostrescompaneros-sfo.org).

## Picnics and Events

### July

**Dubina**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Picnic July 7. 8:45 a.m. Mass. 11:00 a.m. fried-chicken and sausage dinner. \$8.50 p/p adult. \$4 children's plate. 1:30 p.m. auction. Music by Shiner Hobos 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. followed by Mark Halata and Texavia and Red Ravens with free dance under the pavilion.

**Moravia**—Ascension of Our Lord Parish Picnic July 21 (located at FM 957 and FM 532) 10:00 a.m. Mass. 11:00 a.m. stew and kettle fried-chicken dinner. \$8 p/p. \$4 children's plate. There will be a cake walk, country store, games, and toy walk. 1:00 p.m. auction. Music provided by Mark Halata and Texavia and Red Ravens. See ad on p. 5.

### August

**Cistern**—Sts. Cyril & Methodius Picnic Aug. 25

**Frelsburg**—Sts. Peter and Paul Church Festival Aug. 4 on the parish grounds (1031 Church Lane, 78950). A fried fish dinner will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. There will be entertainment throughout the day. See p. 14 for more information.

**Hillje**—St. Andrew Summer Festival Aug. 18. 11:00 a.m. prime beef BBQ, sausage, and trimmings. \$8 p/p. Bulk sales and plates-to-go available. Self-serve in the parish hall. 12:30 p.m. auction. There will be a bake sale, cake walk, country store, games, music, and raffle.

**Palacios**—St. Anthony Shrimporee Aug. 4

**Port O'Connor**—Holy Family KC's #9088 Fishing Tournament Aug. 2 & 3. See story on page 3.

**Praha**—St. Mary Parish Picnic Aug. 15

**Victoria**—KJZT Society #101 Mass for living and deceased members Aug. 11 at 7:30 a.m., Our Lady of Victory. Followed by a catered breakfast in the cafeteria. Call (361) 573-2669 to RSVP by Aug. 7.

**Victoria**—Games Party sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court St. Ann #369 on Aug. 19 at the KC Hall. Doors open from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Admission is \$7 p/p. To make reservation call Joan Schramek at (361) 485-2376 or Delores Schroller at (361) 575-6111.

**Weimar**—St. Michael Harvest Feast Aug. 11 at Veteran's Memorial Park. Fried Chicken and Stew dinner starting at 11:00 a.m. Music and entertainment all day. See ad on p. 7 for more information.

**Yoakum**—St. Joseph Alumni Reunion Aug. 3 at the Family Center. 5:00 p.m. Mass. Followed by a reception and dinner. \$15 p/p. \$5 children under 12. For more information, call the Rectory at (361) 293-3518.

**Yoakum**—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Aug. 4. See ad on p. 12.

### September

**Bloomington**—St. Patrick's Parish Picnic Sept. 29  
**Cuero**—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 1  
**El Campo**—St. Philip the Apostle Parish Picnic Sept. 29  
**Hallettsville**—Sacred Heart Parish Picnic Sept. 1  
**High Hill**—St. Mary Picnic 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  
**Vanderbilt**—St. John Bosco Parish Picnic Sept. 1

## Masses • Retreats • Conferences

**ACTS Retreats**—For information visit [www.actsmissions.org](http://www.actsmissions.org).

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**Buda**—Come, grow your faith at the Fullness of Truth Ministries Conference: *The New Evangelization! The Bible, The Eucharist, and the Family of God* July 12-13. For more information, call Mary Machacek at (361) 594-3234 or visit [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.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](mailto:amormeus@yahoo.com).

**Victoria**—Our Lady of Lourdes holds Healing Mass and Prayer the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at 105 N. William St. with Father Phi Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS Convent. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, contact Sister Louise Marie Jones at [iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com).

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