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Pope Francis holds a dove before his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican May 15. (CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters)

## Pope says there are no part-time Christians; faith is a full-time job

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—“Catholics can’t put their faith on a part-time schedule or rely on it just for the moments they choose; being Christian is a full-time occupation,” Pope Francis said.

If people don’t open their hearts to the Holy Spirit to let God purify and enlighten them, then “our being Christian will be superficial,” the pope said May 15 at his weekly general audience.

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Bishop David Fellhauer with Jasper Liggio, left and Philip Brune right following their diaconate ordination at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

## Bishop David Fellhauer ordains 2 to Diaconate in the Diocese of Victoria

*The Catholic Lighthouse* recently sat down with new ordained Deacons, Philip Brune and Jasper Liggio to ask about the journey of becoming a priest and life experiences.

*The Catholic Lighthouse (CL): What is your educational and religious background?*

**Brune:** My parents are Elbert and Joan Brune. I am the oldest of three children. My younger siblings are Kaylyn and Kyle. I had no idea how blessed I was to grow up with such a loving family and community surrounding me. It was only until I went to study in the city that I realized how truly blessed I was. I am from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Frelsburg, Texas. I went to Columbus ISD for grades 1-12. Some of my interests in middle school and high school included playing trumpet, reading, and working in the shop on the wood lathe. I built furniture, wooden toys, and boats to sail across the pond. After high school I attended Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving and went to school at the University of Dallas. After getting my BA in Philosophy and Letters, I was accepted at St. Mary’s Seminary where I have completed four years of theology, one of them being a pastoral year.

**Liggio:** I was born in Galveston and have lived all my life in Dickinson, Texas. I attended grade school at the Shrine of the True Cross in Dickinson and graduated from Kirwin High School, currently known as O’Connell High School, in Galveston. I have a BBA from Sam Houston State University. I have been a member and actively involved in all aspects of the parish at the Shrine of the True Cross Catholic Church.

*CL: How did you go from where you are from to where you are now at the Diocese of Victoria?*

**Brune:** I went through an application process to be a seminarian under Fr. Matthew Huehlefeld. I am glad I did not know how many guys do not get accepted into the seminary because they fail part of the application process!

**Liggio:** I was looking for a Diocese that would be interested in a late vocation. The Diocese of Victoria has enabled me to fulfill the call of God in my vocation.

*CL: Can you describe what it is like to become a Diaconate?*

**Brune:** The Diaconate is the first

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## Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

### June

- 5** 5:30 p.m. Mass, Reception for Monsignor Michael Harrold who is retiring from active service, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral
- 6** 3:00 p.m. Priests' afternoon of Reflection and Spirituality, Holy Family Church, Victoria  
5:00 p.m. Serra Club, Priests' Cookout, - Holy Family Church, Victoria
- 8** 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. John Nepomucene Church, New Taiton
- 9-14** United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Spring General Meeting, San Diego, California
- 16** 11:30 a.m. Installation of Father Gary Janak as pastor of Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria  
6:00 p.m. Mass, Installation of Father Michael Rother as Pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Church, El Campo
- 19** 2:30 p.m. Diocesan Finance Board meeting, Chancery Office  
4:00 p.m. Diocesan Building Board meeting, Chancery Office

### July

- 7** 10:30 a.m. Mass, Installation of Father Dominic Antwi-Boasiako as Pastor of St. Mary Church, Victoria
- 9-10** Installation of Bishop Mark Seitz as Bishop of the Diocese of El Paso
- 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
- 14** 2:00 p.m. Mass, Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Sisters Jubilee celebration, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria

## Official Appointments By Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer

Effective June 12, 2013:

**Monsignor Michael Harrold** retires from full-time active ministry and his resignation as pastor of Our Lady of Victory Cathedral is accepted.

The **Rev. Gary W. Janak** is relieved of his office of pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Church, El Campo and is appointed pastor of Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

The **Rev. Michael Rother** is relieved of his assignment as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral and is appointed pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Church, El Campo.

Effective June 13, 2013:

The **Rev. Alfonso Serna, O.Ss.T.** is appointed Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria, and its mission, Capella de la Santisima Trinidad.

The **Rev. Daniel Houde, O.Ss.T.** is appointed Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria, and its mission, Capella de la Santisima Trinidad.

Effective June 19, 2013:

The **Rev. Robert Knippenberg** is relieved of his office of pastor of Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus Church, Victoria and is appointed pastor of Holy Family Church, Wharton and its mission church St. Joseph, Boling.

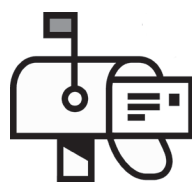
The **Rev. Dominic Antwi-Boasiako** is relieved of his assignment as pastor of Holy Family Church, Wharton and appointed pastor of St. Mary Church, Victoria.

The **Rev. Dan Morales** is relieved of his office of pastor of St. Mary Church, Victoria and is appointed pastor of Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus Church, Victoria.

The **Rev. Patrick Knippenberg** is relieved of his assignment as parochial vicar at St. Mary Church, Victoria and is appointed parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

Effective June 30, 2013

The **Rev. Antonio Perez**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cuzco, Peru, is appointed Parochial Vicar at 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:	\$549,212.35
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$450,709.63
Number of Parish Families Participating:	2,631

### Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign

Diocesan Goal:	\$9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$12,879,191.87
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$10,964,532.95
Number of Parish Families Participating:	6,769





On April 25, 2013, Bishop David Fellhauer presented over 145 **Catholic Schools Bishop's 8th Grade Awards**. The evening began with prayer and Bishop Fellhauer officiating. The purpose of the Diocesan Catholic School Bishop's Award is to encourage students in the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Victoria to realize, intellectually and practically, the intent of Catholic education as stated by the Catholic bishops of the United States. Above, Bishop Fellhauer presents a certificate to a student from St. Michael School in Weimar. He was assisted by Catholic schools superintendent John Quarry and Janie Carrales.



The **Catholic Daughters Court St. Ann #369** attended the Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Convention in San Antonio on April 4-7, 2013. Delegates seated from left to right are vice regent Libby Ramirez, treasurer Lillian Berger, regent Kathy Ormsby, and financial secretary Bernice Fabian. Standing are: Sara Ratcliffe, Sandra Genoway, Grace Gallardo, Donna Vanek, JoAnne Shaffer, Susana Moya, Geraldine Jurica, Donna Moeller and Joan Schramek.

## God's Embrace Renewal Centers Correction

God's Embrace Renewal Centers is a non-profit organization which serves the Church through spiritual formation programs with a great longing to help in the renewal of our Church. With the blessing and endorsement of Bishop David Fellhauer we are planning to start three new groups centrally located within the Diocese so that they are accessible to anyone interested in deepening their discipleship.

Beginning in August the groups will meet once every month for 2 1/2 hours with Michael Fonseca who presents the program and will be provided with a

manual and companion workbook to help you in your daily walk with Jesus. If you choose you may meet a second time within the month with facilitators who will lead you in prayer, review sessions, and share personal experiences as we move closer to Christ. You will also be offered four weekend retreats and four day long retreats throughout the year!

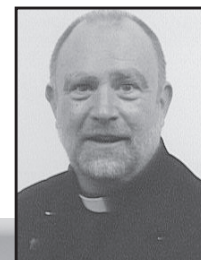
If you are interested, please provide your name, address, phone number, parish, and e-mail address to Sandy Reese at (979) 541-6881, [sandy.reese@godsembrace.org](mailto:sandy.reese@godsembrace.org), P.O. Box 663 Seadrift, TX 77983, or visit [www.godsembrace.org](http://www.godsembrace.org).

## Holy Family receives radiant scores

The ACRE (Assessment of Catechesis & Religious Education) assessment instrument from the National Catholic Education Association was administered for the first time to Holy Family's 5th, 8th, and 11th/12th grade CCD students in Victoria. The ACRE assessment instrument is used by Catholic schools and parish religious education programs throughout the United States and is an

integrated approach to assessment offering two sections on faith knowledge (the cognitive domain) and beliefs, behaviors, attitudes, and practices (the affective domain). The ACRE assesses students as well as curriculum and teaching methodologies.

Father Bob Knippenberg reported to the parish that in almost every single category at all three grade levels assessed, the scores were at or above the national parish averages. He considered the results to be extremely good news and stated: "It is certain, as objectively determined as is humanly possible, that our curriculum is superior in providing our students with a solid knowledge of the Catholic faith and that the curriculum is being taught using extremely effective pedagogical methodologies." He also commended the 100% volunteer corps of catechists for their generosity in sharing their time, talents, and (oftentimes) treasure with the young people of Holy Family Parish.



Above file photo of Holy Family Church in Victoria; inset of Father Bob Knippenberg, pastor.

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

## St. John Parish Picnic Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Visit the 125-year-old church!

**St. John's Parish Hall**  
FM 957 — 6 miles SW of Schulenburg

Flag Raising Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m.

Stew & Fried-Chicken

Dinner at 10:30 a.m.

Plates - Adults \$8.00 • Children \$4.50



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Starting at 10:30 a.m.

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9:30 p.m.



Auction  
at 12:30 p.m.  
Raffle - 8:00 p.m.

- Drinks
- Hamburgers
- Cakewalk & More



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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 May 21, 2013

	TOTALS
<b>— General Seminary Burse</b>	
Previously reported	\$102,964.00
In loving memory of Deacon A. R. “Dick” Wearden by Mrs. Dick “Terri” Wearden	100.00
For an increase in Vocations by Donald Rihn	25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$103,089.00

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch</b>	
Previously reported	\$7,998.00
In honor of Stazy Hajek’s 100th birthday celebration by GERALYN and CHARLIE KLIMITCHEK, Pat Hajek and Anton Okruhlik	20.00
<b>Total</b>	\$8,018.00

<b>— Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily</b>	
Previously reported	\$11,799.00
In honor of Stazy Hajek’s 100th birthday celebration by Eugene and Betty Patalik, Mike, Karen and Nathan Vrana, Chris and Jessica Vrana	100.00
<b>Total</b>	\$11,899.00

<b>— Catholic Daughters of America Our Lady Queen of Peace Court #1374</b>	
Previously reported	\$6,702.12
In loving memory of Clarence and Lydia Schoellmann by Alphonse and La Dell Janda	25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$6,727.12

<b>— Josephat R. Janak Burse #2</b>	
Previously reported	\$2,523.77
In honor of Rev. Gary Janak’s 25th Ordination Anniv. to the Priesthood by: Annie, Helen and Billy Dolezal Lee, Erin and Joel Menke M/M Bob Bochat Mary McQuillen	25.00 20.00 25.00 25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2,618.77

<b>— KJZT, Catholic Family Fraternals of Texas</b>	
Previously reported	\$13,355.98
In loving memory of Martha Repka by KJZT Society No. 2	5.00
<b>Total</b>	\$13,360.98

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Michael A. O’Shaughnessy</b>	
Previously reported	\$1,980.00
Donation for the 35th Anniversary of Baptism of Larissa and Denise Migl by Rev. Msgr. Michael O’Shaughnessy at St. Joseph Church, Yoakum	35.00
In loving memory of Rev. Msgr. Michael O’Shaughnessy by: Margaret Matejek John and Eunice Morkovsky K of C Council #3421, Edna	25.00 50.00 250.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2,340.00

<b>— Rev. Theophil Okruhlik and Rev. Vincent Verdame</b>	
Previously reported	\$10,777.89
In memory of all deceased members of Catholic Life Insurance Br. #55, Port Lavaca	100.00
<b>Total</b>	\$10,877.89

<b>— Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #6</b>	
Previously reported	\$2,714.00
In loving memory of Tillie Schott by Pat Hene Mladenka	10.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters’ appointment as Msgr. by: Michael and Shirley Johnson Charles and GERALYN KLIMITCHEK Anthony and Rachel Siegel	100.00 100.00 25.00
In loving memory of Elaine Rogers by: Ed and Peggy Scherer James and Mary Honish The Teltschick Family Frank and Elrose Migl Becky and Larry Stastny M/M Don Jones Henry and Elrose Muenster Ronnie and Maria Hermes Forest and Carol Sevcik and Family Richard and Ruthie Rouse Terry and Sarah Wick	50.00 20.00 250.00 10.00 20.00 40.00 20.00 20.00 10.00 20.00 20.00
<b>Total</b>	\$3,429.00

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Henry C. Rachunek Burse #4</b>	
Previously reported	\$200.00
In loving memory of Rev. Henry Rachunek by: Thomas P. Vacek Family Wayne and Jeanette Krenek Margaret Zahn Gene and Jan Bahnsen	100.00 25.00 200.00 75.00
<b>Total</b>	\$600.00

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say</b>	
Previously reported	\$9,579.00
Donation by John and Eunice Morkovsky	50.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say’s appointment as Monsignor by Anthony and Rachel Siegel	25.00
In loving memory of Varkey Kollannur, brother of Rev. John Kollannur by Bob and Minnie Bochat	25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$9,679.00

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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Dear Bishop Fellhauer:

Thank you for your Diocesan check for \$44,022.09 which has been deposited in the Retirement Fund for Religious account. This brings your total Diocesan contributions for all of the years of the collection to \$622,788.51. The money has been recorded as part of Appeal XXV for 2012.

Your generosity surely helps religious address the many challenges religious face as they age.

Your support and the support of your Retirement Fund for Religious coordinator, pastors, parish priests and deacons are essential to the fund’s continued success. We are most grateful for all you do! You can surely rely on the prayers of the over 34,000 religious now over age 70 and the ever increasing numbers of religious who will be retiring very soon. May God bless you as only he can!

Gratefully,  
Sister Janice Bader, CPPS  
Executive Director  
National Religious Retirement Office

## JUBILARIANS CELEBRATE—

The Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate will be celebrating the Jubilee of seven-teen of their sisters on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, Illinois. Sister MaryAnn Jerkofsky will be celebrating her 15th anniversary. Sister MaryAnn lived in Texas many years before entering the Sisters of St. Francis in Joliet and has extended family living in Hallettsville, Rock Island, Shiner, Sweet Home and Weimar.



## Happy Birthday!

Stephen Vacek finished Theology I at St. Mary’s Seminary in Houston. His birthday is June 26. He is from the Holy Cross Parish in East Bernard. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: Stephen Vacek, 735 Main Street, East Bernard, TX 77435.



## Marriage Help Program

A Marriage Help Program is being held in Victoria September 6-8 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. The program includes a series of 6-12 weekend sessions.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty overcome their problems. The program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track.

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of three clerical states, followed by the priesthood and episcopacy. Before being ordained a deacon you promise to pray and lead the Liturgy of the Hours, live as a celibate, promise respect and obedience to the bishop, and proclaim and preach the Gospel. The Diaconate is a ministry of service.

As a bride and groom take vows, I know whom I love and who I want to spend my life with- it is Christ and His people.

**Liggio:** The Diaconate is a ministry of charity, a ministry of the Word, and a ministry of liturgy. It is more than I ever imagined. Words cannot describe what I am feeling...It is just awesome.

*CL: What do you feel is most important and most interesting aspect in becoming a priest? Why are you committed to being a priest?*

**Brune:** I think the conversion that occurs in seminary and the way ministry has transformed me will continue to be most important. Becoming a priest is a way for me to help others on their pilgrimage toward God. The most interesting aspect so far is absorption of God's mystery and the mystery of life. It is awe-inspiring and humble. I am committed to being a priest because it is what God wants and I also realize that this is what will fulfill me and make me happy.

**Liggio:** It is being able to carry out the ministry of Christ by bringing the Sacraments to the people of the Diocese and celebrating the Divine mystery of the Mass. I feel that I am answering the call of God.

*CL: How has this decision impacted your life?*

**Brune:** Entering seminary has changed my life and has helped me mature in ways that might never have been possible. Seminary has helped me appreciate and savor life as well as to understand the goodness of God and how much I need Him.

**Liggio:** I have found peace in my heart that I had been longing for. I have found that all things are possible when you are working with Christ and for Christ. I can see his hand in everything that I do and this brings me great joy and happiness.

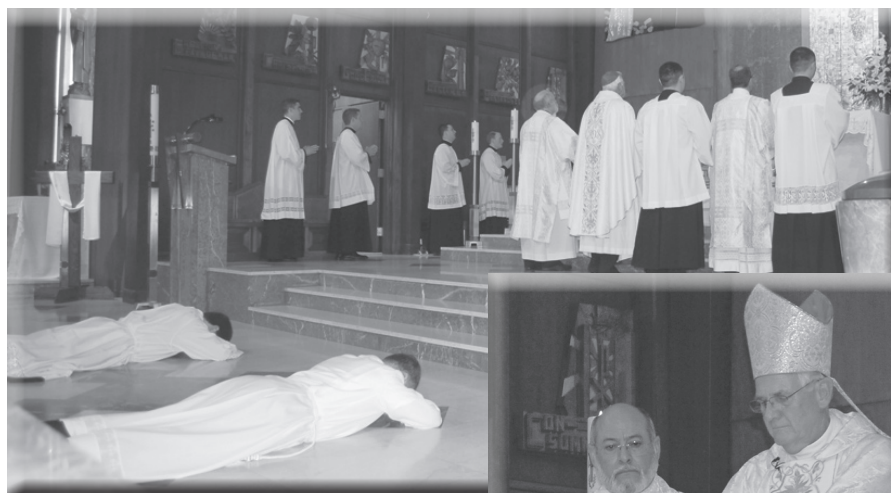
*CL: Is there anything from this experience that stands out that you think makes being a priest and/or working in the Diocese so special?*

**Brune:** What is particularly special about being a priest in the Diocese of Victoria is the people. The people speak an assortment of languages, but all still have a sense of community and family.

**Liggio:** I have found a new family which is full of love in the Diocese of Victoria. I was able to see a true love for their faith in each and every one that I have met.

*CL: What are some, be it extraordinary or unusual, memories of this experience so far?*

**Brune:** One of the most traumatic memories was watching a team of doctors do CPR on a patient at The Methodist Hospital when I was a chaplain there two summers ago. A happier moment was when I was climbing a pyramid to visit a



Above, from left, Philip Brune and Jasper Liggio lie prostrate during their deacon ordination Mass on May 11 at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

Right, Deacon Philip Brune kneels before Bishop David Fellhauer during the rite of ordination to the diaconate.



church built on top of it in Cholula, Mexico. I was there studying Spanish and stopped to buy some crickets from a vendor. They tasted like salsa with some crunch. One of the more moving events for me was when I directed the choir at Holy Trinity Seminary for our living Stations of the Cross. The harmonies were absolutely heart-wrenching as we meditated on our Lord's death. They flowed and blended so well.

**Liggio:** My Saturday morning prayer vigils at the abortion mill in Hartford, Connecticut and witnessing a conversion of heart for the women who chose life by our prayerful presence at the abortion mill. The second would be watching the Holy Spirit at work in me doing things that I would never be able to accomplish on my own.

### We Thank You

*With grateful hearts we want to thank all of you who have guided us to this happy moment of Diaconate ordination. It takes a village to raise a child and it takes the Universal Church to raise a seminarian. We thank our family and friends for all of your love and support. Indeed, "thank you" is such an inadequate word for all you have given us. Thank you to Bishop David Fellhauer and all of the priests and staff of the Diocese of Victoria who have made our time in the seminary possible. We thank our seminary formators and all who have helped us to grow throughout this pilgrimage, even when we had to take things minute by minute. Finally we would like to thank all of you in the Diocese of Victoria who have helped to make this ordination possible – from the choir, to the Knights of Columbus, to those who prepared for the reception. And to all of you who have supported us through your prayers – the greatest support of all, thank you.*

*In gratitude,  
Deacon Jasper Liggio  
Deacon Philip Brune*



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**Watch the Ordination  
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Order of the Diaconate  
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<http://www.youtube.com/user/olvtx77901>**

### Prayer for Vocations

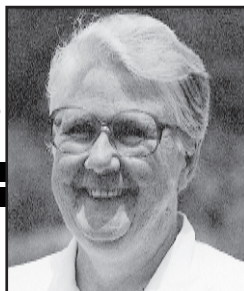
Dear Lord, we invoke your help so more young men and women will be touched by your grace and become priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers in service to you. We ask this in Jesus' name and through the intercession of your Blessed Mother. Amen.

~ Serra International



## SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



### What Can Fifty Years Bring?

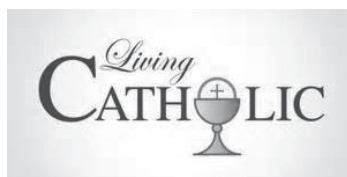
**R**ecently one of the Sisters said, "This is the 50th anniversary of our moving into this building." To check this out, we all hastened to the plaque inside the front entrance of the building. There we saw the 1963 date marking the dedication of the current Incarnate Word Convent building. I don't remember much of the time that the building was under construction because I was teaching in San Antonio and we didn't travel as much as we do today. I do remember coming in for the outdoor dedication ceremony and the long time I stood with family members as we waited for a tour of the building. It was a good thing that the viewing was well organized and we had tour guides; I can't imagine what it would have been like if our four thousand guests had been wandering around lost in the spacious building.

Now, fifty years later, the appearance of the physical building remains very much the same; however, the times and the people living within it have seen many changes. I think that all of us who can remember what life was like over fifty years ago can appreciate the advances that have been made in medicine, in communication, in technology, in energy resources, and in transportation. Unfortunately, not all changes were beneficial. For example, we can remember a safer, less polluted environment. Many years ago when I was majoring in biology, one of the courses listed was ecology. I had never heard the term before and had to look it up in the dictionary. During the course, I remember the instructor saying that the solution to pollution was dilution. Since we now realize that such a statement is no longer true, we will have to make changes that will protect our environment.

Perhaps the changes in the Church are even more significant in the lives of Catholics. The timing of the construction and dedication of our convent roughly coincides with the first session of Vatican II. We are all experiencing some of the changes in the Church that were brought about by the implementation of Vatican II documents. Since there is no way that we can summarize all the results of this important event and the theology behind them, we'll take

one of the changes that affects all of us—that of the language used in the Liturgy. I remember thinking how wonderful it was that the whole Roman Catholic Church was praying in the same language. When we Sisters voted on whether we would say our morning, evening, and night prayers (the Liturgy of the Hours) in Latin or English, I had voted that we continue to pray in Latin, even though I didn't understand the Latin. Little did I know that the liturgical language of the early Christians who were Palestinian Jews conducted their liturgies in Aramaic, their native language; the Mediterranean peoples used Greek; and other parts of the early Christian Church used their vernacular language. It wasn't until the third and fourth centuries, that Latin replaced Greek as the common language of the Roman world and became the official language of the Roman Catholic Church. Thus, Latin remained the language of the Liturgy of the Church through many centuries, although it was no longer a living language of the people. No wonder some of us became so attached to it. However, many years ago, especially as an educator, I came to appreciate the use of the vernacular in the Liturgy and realized the benefit of praying in one's everyday language.

This use of the vernacular language is just one of the areas of change that we have experienced in the Church during the past fifty years. We enjoy the same heritage in the Church although some of the practices have been changed and some of the underlying theology may have been more clearly defined. Similarly, the Incarnate Word Convent building may have seen little change in outward appearance. However, the people and ministries in it have adapted to meet contemporary needs. Watch for future updates!



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### Book Review

## The Swinging Sisters

If you have interest in San Antonio or Victoria history, appreciate music, enjoy a good biography, or have admiration for those who have chosen to live a religious life, *Swinging Sisters* by Madonna Dries Christensen is a must-read for you. Though the author had to rely on a limited amount of factual information, she cleverly blended in some realistic and plausible fiction to fill out the account, making it more story-like.

One of the main characters, Mary McLaughlin, had considered becoming a nun during her childhood and teen years. However, she met and fell in love with Martin Jones. They married in their home state of Minnesota in 1904. The devoutly Catholic couple went on to have four daughters and a son who sadly died as an infant. After God and family, music was a large part of the Jones family's daily life. Their

with the Jones sisters performing in costume and in the habit of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Sisters.

The *Swinging Sisters* is published



*Swinging Sisters*

*Madonna Dries Christensen*



*The Jones Sisters (1974).*

by iUniverse, Inc. and is available through **iuniverse.com** and **amazon.com** (a copy or two might be available at the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament

Convent in Victoria at 1101 NE Water Street). All royalties of the sales are graciously given to the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament convent in Victoria, Texas ([www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org)) where some of the Martin sisters spent the last years of their lives. The graves of all four sisters and their mother can be found next to each other in Catholic Cemetery #3 in Victoria in a section set aside for religious.

Theresa Doyle-Nelson attends St. Stanislaus Church in Bandera. She is the author of *Saints of the Bible* and *More Saints of the Bible*. You can find Theresa online at: [www.TheresaDoyle-Nelson.com](http://www.TheresaDoyle-Nelson.com).



*The Jones Sisters with their mother (1964).*

house was often filled with fun or soothing melodies with a variety of voices and instruments.

Besides being an absorbing page-turner, *The Swinging Sisters* also includes some terrific photos at the end of the book

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Crowning Mary with Fr. Tim Kosler included those who made their First Holy Communion; Grant Kubala, Carolyn Prihoda, and Harley Zapalac.

Parishioners from **St. Mary's Church, High Hill**, participated in a procession honoring Mary at the May Crowning ceremony on May 11. During the ceremony children who received First Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church took pleasure in crowning the statue of Mary. It is a Catholic tradition to honor Mary during the month of May by placing a crown of flowers on her and a St. Mary Church tradition to carry the Blessed Mother statue during procession. These traditions began many years ago with the first settlers in High Hill and continues today. Those leading the procession included Kenneth Berger, Matt Kubala, Emil Pauler and Ronnie Vecera.

On April 19 the **Nazareth Academy Wellness Committee**, Victoria, held the first annual "Jet to Good Health" fair. Students in grades 5th – 8th attended presentations including "Think Your Drink" by the AgriLife Extension Office, "What Can You See in Radiology?" from Citizens Medical Center Radiology, and South Texas Blood and Tissue Center's, "Donate an Hour, Save a Life." One very important fact the students stated learning was that one unit of donated blood can save 3 lives! Pictured above are Nazareth 7th grade boys doing zumba for the first time!



**Our Lady of Victory School**, Victoria, 5th grader Sarah Rosas, left, and 4th grader Zachary Shaver, right, were named State Grade-Level Handwriting Champions in the 2013 Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. Sister Laura Toman, Principal of Our Lady of Victory School, presented each student with an engraved State Winner medallion during an awards ceremony at the April PTC meeting. The National Handwriting Contest is an annual event sponsored by Zaner-Bloser to promote legible handwriting. This year more than 285,000 participated in the contest. Sarah is the daughter of Reynaldo and Gina Rosas. Zachary is the son of Patrick and Christina Charlton.



*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,  
and your plans will succeed."*

Proverbs 16:3

## Youth Calendar of Events

**Sunday, June 9 – Tuesday, June 11 – Session 1 for Jr. High Camp David**  
**Wednesday, June 12 – Elementary Camp David**  
**Wednesday, June 12 - Friday, June 14 – Session 2 for Jr. High Camp David**  
**Monday, June 24 – Thursday, June 27 – D-Week**  
**Saturday, June 29 – Sunday, July 7 – Rocky Mountain High Retreat**  
**Sunday, July 14 – Wednesday, July 17 – Vocation Camp**



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On May 1 **St. Michael School, Weimar**, held a spiritual retreat to help prepare students for Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. A small prayer service was held in the church where they received the sacrament of Penance for the first time. The students celebrated with a special dinner just as Jesus and his disciples did. Pictured with the class are teacher Mrs. Carol Anne McAfee, right, and principal Kim Patek, left.

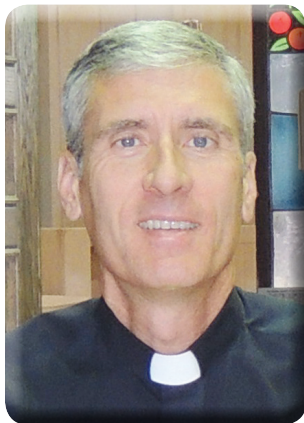


Kenneth Hathaway recently passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review. Kenneth is a member of **Our Lady of Victory's Boy Scout Troop #364**. For his project, Kenneth made 8 benches for the Spiritual Renewal Center and 2 picnic tables for Our Lady of Lourdes CCD Program. Kenneth is the son of Michael and LeeAnn Hathaway.

Congratulations go to the **Girl Scouts** from the Victoria area troops that earned their religious medals. Bishop David Fellhauer presented the medals in a special Mass. Brownies earn the "Family of God" medal and Juniors earn their "I Live My Faith" medal. Girl Scouts that earned their awards are as follows: front row, left to right: Amber Buentello, Reice Tibiletti, Kylie McNally; middle row, left to right: Rachel Goodwine, Cierrah Lujan, Lauren Delgado, Brianna Sturm; back row, left to right: Kimberlee Hathaway and Adrianna Brown.







**Congratulations to Father Gary Janak** in celebrating 25 years of being ordained a priest!

He would like to "thank all of you who have walked with me, in a special way, on my faith journey. I have been privileged to serve and to minister within the diocese, especially the priests, deacons and religious men and women, and to the faithful parishioners of St. Philip the Apostle Parish. Thank you for allowing me to enter into your lives and grow with you in our Lord Jesus Christ."



Congratulations to these **St. Joseph High School** faculty for their years of service. Receiving their awards are, left to right, Kathy Bruno- 5 years, Matthew Garrett- 5 years, Normalinda Cantu- 10 years, Adeline Decker- 20 years, Debbie Rigby Studer- 20 years, Deborah Machicek- 20 years, Mike Boyle- 40 years, and David Pozzi- 45 years. Not pictured: Audelia Torres- 5 years.



The Community Partner Award is presented to a member of the Community who goes beyond the level of service provided to the council. **Our Lady of Victory Cathedral** was honored to receive one of these awards for 2013 due to their many years of providing meeting space to all of the Girl Scout Troops at Our Lady of Victory and

to the Religious Committee for any and all requests for support in helping girls earn their religious awards. LeeAnn Hathaway, left, presents the award to Msgr. Michael Harrold, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

## KJZT Society

#101, Victoria, presented \$1,600 to Christ Kitchen recently. The funds were raised by a bake sale and from the state office. Making the presentation are Caroline Nevlund, Evelyn Dierlam, Grace Faulkner, Christ Kitchen Wednesday captain; Irene Broch and Rosie Olsovsky. The society also donated \$200 to the Nazareth Academy Library.



## Holy Family

**Knights of Columbus Council 9088**, Victoria, recently presented six \$500 scholarship to graduating seniors of the parish. Pictured front, left to right, grand knight Clyde Svetlik,

Marian Howard, Ashley Fajkus, Andrea DeLosSantos; back row, left-right, Joseph Bednorczyk Father George Henninger and Cabott Hanes. Not pictured is Nicole Sontheimer.



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Bishop David Fellhauer was recently presented the **Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas** "Labor of Love" Award. This award is presented to an individual who has taken on an extraordinary project. Bishop Fellhauer was recognized for his 23 years of service in the Girl Scout Religious Awards and implementation of the new Girl Scout "My Promise, My Faith" Award. Pictured above, presenting the award are, left, Barbara Wilcox and LeeAnn Hathaway, right.



In Debbie Fiala and Norma Cox's CCE Class at **St. Philip Parish**, El Campo, it has been a tradition for the past 5 years to construct rosaries. Students were enthusiastic about using kits to make their creations.



**Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas #206**, Yoakum, received a Category II on the Circle of Love form placing them third at the state-level. They received a Certificate of Excellence acknowledging their achievement. Members participated in several volunteer projects and activities throughout the year.

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KJZT Society #53, Wied, presents a \$200 check to Bishop David Fellhauer for the education of seminarians. Another check for \$250 from the St. Mary’s Altar Society, Hallettsville, was also presented. Pictured, left to right, Msgr. John Peters, pastor of St. Mary’s, Mary Joe Veit, Margaret Dornak, Bishop Fellhauer, Katherine Kahanek, and Molly Peters.



The St. Augustine KJT Society #129 held a Matching Grant Turkey Soot on April 7 for the benefit of Fayette County Habitat for Humanity. Net proceeds resulted \$652. The \$400 matching grant was from the Catholic Union of Texas. Presenting the checks on behalf of the KJT Home Office and St. Augustine Society are secretary, Joanna Rogers and son Sean, member. Receiving the checks on behalf of Fayette County Habitat for Humanity is president Ed Collins. Also present are directors Evelyn Grant, Synda Kobersky, Richard Copeland, Chuck Boenker, and Leonard Leffler.

## Holy Family Church Welcomes New CDA Court

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Church, Victoria, welcomed their new Court Daughters of the Holy Family #2665 on April 28, 2013 with approximately 150 charted members.

Mass was celebrated by Pastor and court chaplain, Rev. Bob Knippenberg. He was assisted by parochial vicar, Rev. George Henninger and Deacon Steve Borowicz. The New Members Ceremony was conducted by state regent, Carolyn Malik; district deputy, Georgia Mikosh; and Fr.

Bob Knippenberg.

A statue of the Holy Family was given to the Court by Fr. Bob Knippenberg. A statue of Mother of Grace was received from Carolyn Malik. Regent of Court St. Ann #369, Kathryn Ormsby, congratulated the new court and presented them with a monetary donation, a DVD on Catholic Daughter Projects, candle holders, and a spiritual remembrance. Treasurer for the Past Regents Club, Carolyn Janak, also presented a monetary donation.



Pictured above is Father Bob Knippenberg, along with state and newly installed officers of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Holy Family #2665.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians Brothers and sisters: Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendant, heirs according to the promise.

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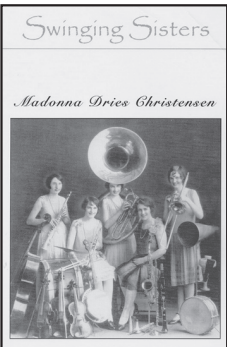


## Puzzle Contest Winners

The winner of the May puzzle contest and the book “All You Really Need To Know About Prayer You Can Learn From The Poor” by Louise Perrotta is Lori Lawrence of Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. The winner of the children’s contest is Shayla Barefield (8) of St. Agnes Church, Edna. She will receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop. The winner of the June contest will win “Swinging Sisters” by Madonna Dries Christensen. “Swinging Sisters” is a one-of-a-kind book.

There is no other story like it. Based on a true story, “Swinging Sisters” celebrates the life of a family rooted in the Irish famine who achieves success and happiness in two diverse careers. More about the book is featured on page 6.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past six months, please mail a completed June puzzle form by June 28, 2013 to The Catholic Lighthouse Office, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 for a chance to win the book.







## Catholic by Grace

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



### Climbing the Tower

The Alpine Tower is a rite of passage. The name alone strikes fear in the hearts of student campers.

In 2012, I chaperoned 17 students on their Camp Lakewood adventure. The students stood at the base of the tower and stared at the 50-foot vertical structure.

The boys had the greatest mental challenge. They silently assessed the tower from all angles. They categorized the ropes and swapped notes. Choosing the most difficult way up might mean not making it at all- and that would be tragic.

The girls had their own fears. One girl marched over to the base of the tower. Her older siblings had made it to the top in previous camping trips. Family honor was at stake. She scaled the structure quickly and easily.

Another girl stepped forward. She approached the challenge with great focus. She did not know if she was three feet off the ground or thirty feet off the ground. She did not see a tower. She merely saw one handhold after another.

There was a girl who begged to come down when her fingers touched the highest platform. All of us shouted, "Just reach up and touch it! You are right there!" Another classmate started climbing on another rope and gave her a pep talk as he passed her on his way up. Finally, she threw a leg over the platform and hauled her body up.

Another student from the neighboring school trembled as tears rolled down her face. She never looked at the teachers. She only saw the tower. There was no getting out of this challenge. And she knew it.

The girl walked quietly to the tower and began climbing... And climbing... And climbing. She went deliberately and silently. We were not witnessing confidence, just pure determination. She made it all the way to the top while some of our strongest students had stood on the lower platform and begged to come down.

I have thought a lot about those students and how they approached their challenge. The making of a climber is not so different from the making of a saint.

Some people who seem to have this whole faith-thing figured out tremble as they face their last, greatest fear: The shadow of death. However, there is humility in this moment.

For some, their entire family has set the standard and it is almost as though they were made for this. They have been groomed to conquer this challenge. Like, little Therese, whose parents and sisters perceived holiness was a way of life.

Others are like the girl who moved from one handhold to another. The journey is doable because the climb is never more than six inches higher. These are the ones who know how to say yes to God. And another yes. And another yes. And then, goal attained!

Some are like the girl who wanted to quit when the end was within sight. When they can touch the final landing and all it takes is one more heave upward, they too, find the grace to make that final ascending move.

I think I am like the smallest girl. The weakest. The youngest, spiritually speaking.

I am the convert. I spend much of my life just trying to keep up with those who have longer spiritual strides. I am not a cradle Catholic, with a family line that seems to fit me for this task. I am not able to compartmentalize the journey, taking in only today. I look at the tasks before me and tremble.

Dear, little girl, if you can make it to the top, then I can too. It is time to reach for the rope and just move higher!

*Denise Bossert entered the Catholic Church in 2005. Her column has appeared in 49 diocesan newspapers. She lives in New Melle, Missouri.*

### West Texas Assistance

For those wanting to help the affected families in West, TX:

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Visit the above link to Church of the Assumption Catholic Church. Their website provides information that will lead you to where 100% of the funds donated to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council of Texas will go to West.

Our prayers are with all the families in West.

### Sunday Readings from June 9 to July 14

June 9 — Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 7:11-17
June 16 — Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11 Galatians 2:16, 19-21 Luke 7:36 — 8:3
June 23 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1 Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Galatians 3:26-29 Luke 9:18-24
June 30 — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kings 19:16B, 19-21 Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Galatians 5:1, 13-18 Luke 9:51-61
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

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Father Eddie Winkler enjoyed his service as *Pastor of the Day* on May 14, 2013. Pictured with him are Madison Gessner and Representative Lois W. Kolkhorst of House District 13. (House of Representatives photo.)



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## Pope says faith is a full-time job

*Continued from p. 1*

“Knowing and doing what God wants is not possible with mere human effort – it takes the transformative action of the Holy Spirit,” he said.

Speaking to more than 80,000 people gathered in St. Peter’s Square, Pope Francis also announced his September visit to Cagliari on the Italian island of Sardinia, where he plans to venerate the icon of Our Lady of “Bonaria” or “Buona Aria” (“good air” or “fair wind”), the namesake of his native city of Buenos Aires.

The pope dedicated his audience talk to the Year of Faith and, anticipating the feast of Pentecost May 19, focused on the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding the lives of the faithful and the church to the truth.

The pope also released two doves into the square in an impromptu moment. While he was riding in the open-air popemobile, a pilgrim handed the pope a cage with two white doves inside. At first, aides were unsure whether the woman really wanted them set

loose, but after her reassurances, they opened the cage door and the pope reached inside to grab the first one, which he expertly tossed into the air.

The second dove proved more difficult as its wings got caught in the cage’s small opening. The dove didn’t seem to want to go as it tightly clutched the pope’s fingers with its small feet before finally taking off and circling over the crowds. His deft handling of the birds perhaps shouldn’t come as a surprise. According to the pope’s sister, Maria Elena Bergoglio, the future pope had a parrot when he was in the seminary.

In his audience talk, Pope Francis said the modern world is skeptical about the truth and echoed Pope Benedict XVI’s warnings about relativism, which holds that nothing is definite and that truth is based on consensus or personal whims.

But Jesus is the truth that “came among us so that we could know it,” he said.

“The truth isn’t seized like a thing, the truth is met. It’s not a possession, it’s an encounter with a person in Christ,” he said.

“The Holy Spirit was the Risen Christ’s gift to humanity so that they

could know and recognize that Jesus is the Word of truth,” he said.

Through the Holy Spirit, God’s word and law are “inscribed in our heart and become the principle in us for evaluating our choices and guide for our daily actions, becoming a principle of life,” he said.

If people open themselves up to the Holy Spirit, he is the one who transforms that heart and makes it new, “giving us the intelligence of the things of God,” he said.

This intelligence “can’t be reached with our own efforts,” he said. “If God doesn’t enlighten us within, our being Christian will be superficial.”

The pope asked the crowd in the square whether they pray and are open to the Holy Spirit everyday so they can be “more sensitive to the things of God.”

Looking for a show of hands, the pope said, “hmm... not many, not many, but we have to do what Jesus wanted: pray every day to the Holy Spirit so that he opens our heart to Jesus.”

“Let’s ask ourselves what steps we are taking so that the faith guides our existence” because “there are no part-time Christians, at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain choices,” he said. “You can’t be a Christian that way. You are Christians at all times, completely.”

He also greeted students, particularly those from Catholic schools.

“Catholic schools are a precious resource for all of society,” he said.

**“Amid so much darkness we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others.”  
-Pope Francis**



Nun wears sombrero as people wait for start of canonization ceremony in St. Peter’s Square. (CNS photo/Stefano Rellandini, Reuters)

## Pope warns comfortable living causes ‘gentrification of the heart’

**By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis warned against “gentrification of the heart” as a consequence of comfortable living, and called on the faithful to “touch the flesh of Christ” by caring for the needy.

The pope’s words came in a homily during Mass in St. Peter’s Square May 12, when he canonized the first Colombian saint, as well as a Mexican nun.

Mexico’s St. Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala (1878-1963), the pope said, gave up a “comfortable life to follow the call of Jesus, taught people to love poverty, in order the more to love the poor and the sick.”

“How much damage does the comfortable life, well-being, do,” the pope added, looking up from his prepared text. “The gentrification of the heart paralyzes us.”

The Mexican saint, known as Mother Lupita, “knelt on the floor of the hospital before the sick, before the abandoned, to serve them with tenderness and compassion,” and in doing so, “touched the flesh of Christ,” he said.

Pope Francis said the Mexican founder of the Handmaids of St. Margaret Mary and of the Poor sets an example for everyone “not to retreat into oneself, into one’s own problems, into

one’s own ideas, into one’s own interests in this little world that has done us so much damage,” but to share God’s love with the needy “through gestures of delicacy and sincere affection and love.”

The pope also praised St. Laura Montoya (1874-1949), the “first saint born in the beautiful land of Colombia,” as a “spiritual mother of the indigenous peoples, in whom she infused hope” and taught about God in a way that “respected their culture and was not opposed to it.”

“Mother Laura” founded the Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate and St. Catherine of Siena, who today “live and bring the Gospel to the most remote and needy places, as a kind of vanguard of the church,” he said.

“She teaches us to see the face of Jesus reflected in the other,” the pope said, “to overcome indifference and individualism, welcoming everyone without prejudice or constraints, with love, giving the best of ourselves and above all, sharing with them the most valuable thing we have, which is not our works or our organizations” but “Christ and his Gospel.”

Colombian and Mexican pilgrims, waving or wearing their countries’ flags, were notable in the crowd filling the square on the sunny Sunday morning.

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## Jesuits' midwest provincial named president of U.S. conference

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The priest who heads the Chicago-Detroit province of the Society of Jesus, Father Timothy P. Kesicki, has been appointed president of the Jesuit Conference of the United States. He will take the post Aug. 1, 2014.

Father Kesicki, 50, and a native of Erie, Pa., has been head of the combined Chicago-Detroit province since its creation in 2011. Before that, he was provincial of the

Detroit Province beginning in 2008 and paired that with the post of Chicago provincial in 2009.

In a statement issued by the Jesuit Conference, Father Kesicki said the assignment comes at an exciting time for the church and the Jesuits.



Father Timothy P. Kesicki

"Clearly, the election of Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pope in history, has highlighted the Jesuit vocation," he said. "I look forward to helping the society continue its mission with a

renewed zeal, strategic use of our resources, and commitment to serving in Christ's name here and around the world."

As president of the conference, Father Kesicki will succeed Father Thomas H. Smolich, who has held the post since 2006. He called his successor "a dynamic leader whose wide range of experience ... will serve him well."

The Jesuit Conference in the U.S. includes 28 colleges and universities, 59 high schools, and 16 middle schools run by the order. Jesuits also minister in parishes, retreat houses, prisons, hospitals, nursing homes and in the military.

## Bishop Mark J. Seitz appointed 6th Bishop of The Diocese of El Paso

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Pope Francis has named Auxiliary Bishop Mark Seitz of Dallas, 59, as bishop of El Paso, Texas.

The appointment was publicized in Washington, May 6, by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic



Bishop Mark Seitz

nuncio to the United States. He succeeds Bishop Armando Ochoa, who was named bishop of Fresno, California.

Bishop Seitz was born in Milwaukee, January 10, 1954, and earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy, master of divinity and master of arts in theology degrees from the University of Dallas. He was ordained a priest for the Dallas Diocese in 1980.

He earned a master in liturgical studies degree from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, in 1985. In 2004, Pope John Paul II named him a prelate of honor, carrying the title "monsignor."

Assignments after ordination included parochial vicar, Good Shepherd Parish, 1980-1985; adjunct professor, University of Dallas, 1985-1994; spiritual director, Holy Trinity Seminary, 1986-1987; vice-rector, Holy Trinity Seminary, 1987-1993; pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Waxahachie, Texas, 1993-2003; pastor, St. Rita Parish since 2003; and auxiliary bishop of Dallas, March 11, 2010.

The new head of a diocese that had been without a bishop for 16 months said it is his "intention and desire to serve the entire community with a preferential love for the poor."

The El Paso Diocese includes 26,686 square miles. The diocese has 858,546 people. 80 percent of them are Catholic.

## Marian devotion unifies hundreds at Asia-Pacific Islanders pilgrimage

By Joseph Austin

Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—As three choirs sang a modern-day arrangement of the Memorare together, a Vietnamese father, mother and daughter in traditional "ao dai" attire walked reverently to the front of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington and placed an ornate crown on the statue of Mary to the left of the altar.

"She is indeed a pillar of faith," Msgr. Vito A. Buonanno, the shrine's director of pilgrimages, remarked afterward. "We come as a people ... diverse, yet united. ... On this day in Mary's house, we give her honor."

On the very top of the baldachin altar in the national shrine is a statue of Mary, and just behind, in the north apse, can be seen the face of the mosaic "Christ In Majesty." Listening to the pilgrimage director speak about the importance of going to Jesus through Mary, one could see the concept played out literally in the architecture and art of the "house of Mary" shrine.

Msgr. Walter R. Rossi, the

shrine's rector, estimated that about 20 different communities from across the nation turned out for the "Asians and Pacific Islanders for Mary" pilgrimage.

After a semi-circle of young men and women with blue and

Vietnam, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lanka, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, Samoa and India. Several held rosaries in silent prayer.

A multilingual rosary followed before celebration of the Mass by Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout of Washington.

"God made us for community," he said in his homily. "Our heart is restless until it rests in you," he quoted St. Augustine, explaining that part of walking toward God is reaching out to others.

Mary experienced suffering as she walked with her son to his crucifixion and holiness during her assumption into heaven, said the bishop,

highlighting two examples of the spiritual life which Mary experienced.

"May we be open to receive courage for the pilgrimage along the way toward full maturity of faith and of love," he said.

During the presentation of the gifts, a long procession of people from all corners of the world came bearing gifts of all form and variety, as if they were



Dancers perform during call to prayer at Marian pilgrimage in Washington for Asian and Pacific Islanders. (CNS photo/Michael Hoyt, *Catholic Standard*)

white outfits and glittering light blue and pink head bands from the St. Andrew Kim Korean Catholic Church in Olney, Md. played traditional Korean "buk" drums, the pilgrimage began with a procession in the Upper Church.

Many children garbed in elaborate attire helped to carry huge signs, which identified each community. Countries represented included the Philippines,

Magi presenting gold, frankincense and myrrh at the feet of the baby Jesus.

At the sign of peace, Indian women wearing traditional saris wrapped over decorative blouses welcomed Korean women in "hanbok" dresses. Samoan sons shook hands with Indian sons. Vietnamese nuns, in their limited English, brought warmth and a smile to those around them.

"Your music gave us a glimpse of what heaven might be like," Sister Anna Nguyen told the choirs that sang for the pilgrimage. A Sister of Christian Charity, she is assistant director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

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## Diocese of Victoria XXVI Annual Conference



## Diócesis de Victoria XXVI Conferencia Anual

### “Will There Be Faith?”

The Diocese of Victoria is holding the XXVI Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry on Saturday, September 28, 2013. The annual conference will be held at Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus Church, 704 Mallette Drive.



Dr. Thomas H. Groome from Boston College will offer the key-note address: “Will There Be Faith? *The Challenge of Catechesis in Our Time*.”

Dr. Groome is a professor of theology and religious education at Boston College’s School of Theology and Ministry (BC STM). He is also the Department of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry chairperson. His academic background includes completing seminary education at St. Patrick’s College in Carlow, Ireland; a masters of arts degree in religious education from Fordham University; as well as a doctorate in theology and education from Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University Teachers College in New York. He is an accomplished author of numerous books and essays. In the past 35 years, he has made over 700 presentations and appeared on many local and national TV channels and radio programs.



Maria A. Smith from St. Mary’s University will offer the key-note address: “*El Reto de la Nueva Evangelización para Hoy*.”

Smith posee una Licenciatura en las Artes y también una Maestría en Teología de la Universidad de St. Mary’s en San Antonio, Texas. María enseñó Teología y sirvió en el Ministerio en la Preparatoria St. Joseph en Victoria, Texas durante 17 años. A lo largo de los últimos 20 años, María ha presentado varios talleres sobre la fe, la liturgia y la música, tanto en Inglés y Español en la Asociación Nacional Pastoral para Músicos al igual que en las Conferencias Litúrgicas de Southwest, incluyendo la Conferencia Catequética. Ella es el ministro de Liturgia en la Universidad de St. Mary’s, también es profesora adjunta en los departamentos de Teología y Música y, además, colabora con otros ministros del campus para crear e implementar un Ministerio Hispano Juvenil para ayudar a satisfacer las necesidades espirituales de los estudiantes.

The one-day annual diocesan conference is open to all adults. Come and hear fabulous presenters talk about a variety of topics. A multitude of workshops on various topics will be provided throughout the day. Catholic vendors will also have religious articles, prayer books, and an assortment of resources available for purchase. The conference will conclude with the Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer celebrating the Sunday liturgy.

For more information about the upcoming conference, contact:

Christella Alvarez, conference coordinator, at [calvarez@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:calvarez@victoriadiocese.org), visit [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org), or call the catechetical office at (361) 573-0828.

Sixth-grade students from **Sacred Heart School**, Hallettsville, enjoyed a retreat on April 30 at Raphael’s Refuge. After lunch on the porch of the Monument to the Innocents and an introduction to the facility and its purpose, Sister Emiliana Grafe, IWBS, lead the retreat. Visitors are welcome at the monument. It is open during the day, seven days a week. For more information or to schedule a group visit, contact Midge Elam at (361) 865-3021, [raphaelsrefuge@att.net](mailto:raphaelsrefuge@att.net) or visit [raphaelsrefuge.org](http://raphaelsrefuge.org).



**Our Lady of Victory**, Victoria, hosted a blood drive May 15. The South Texas Bloodmobile was taking donations as several families have been affected by cancer and chemo treatments this year. By hosting the blood drive the school wanted to take action in being part of the healing and treatment process. Pictured left, Sister Laura Toman, IWBS, OLV principal, donated blood.



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### June 2013 Pastoral Institute Short-Term Classes

Pastoral Institute short-term classes will be offered June 11-27. Classes include Methods: 1-8, The Learner: parts 1 and 2, Sacraments: part 1 and 2, Prayer & Spirituality: parts 1 and 2. The classes will be taught in various parts of the diocese. To register or to view a complete listing of all the 2013 short-term courses go to [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org). Click on the Ministries tab, scroll down to Pastoral Institute, then click 2013 summer short-term program, then short-term registration. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 ext. 2223.





# EVENTS

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## Special Collections Peter's Pence (Collection for the Holy Father) June 30

### Ongoing Events

**That Man Is You**—This men's group transforms men, families, and society as it presents the vision of man fully alive; visit [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org). 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.

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

**The Beginning Experience**—This is an international ministry that helps divorced, separated, and widowed individuals resolve their grief surrounding the loss of a marriage partner. San Antonio contact is (210) 734-2146, sanantonio@bep.org or visit [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org).

**Catholic Family Services**—To find listings of e-mail/websites of Catholic organizations that focus on the family, please visit the Catholic Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers at [www.nacflm.org](http://www.nacflm.org).

**St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity/Secular Franciscans**—For information, visit [www.lostrescompaneros-sfo.org](http://www.lostrescompaneros-sfo.org). For Victoria meeting dates, contact Mary Ann LeBlanc at (361) 575-1858.

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

**Gabriel Project**—A ministry providing help to women experiencing a crisis pregnancy — an alternative to abortion — holds monthly meetings. Victoria meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 101 W. Convent at 6:30 p.m. Includes light supper. For Angel Workshop/Training dates, contact Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or [barbaramccain85@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramccain85@yahoo.com). Holy Family, Wharton, meets 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. 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).

**Raphael's Refuge**—The mission of Raphael's Refuge is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies, born and unborn. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Flatonia that also provides peer counseling and spiritual direction 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).

**Engaged Encounter**—For a registration form, contact your pastor or visit [www.victoriadiocese.org/family/ee.htm](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/family/ee.htm). The 2013 dates are: Sept. 27-29 with ONLY 20 spaces available. All registrations are on a first come, first serve basis and is held at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Fee must accompany registration form. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 ext. 2230.

**Retrouvaille**—Retrouvaille, meaning rediscovery, is a marriage-healing ministry offered in the diocese to couples in difficult marriages. Visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). Contact John and Jennifer Vincent at [jbvjov@sbeglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbeglobal.net) or (361) 580-2770; (800) 470-2230; or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**Marriage Encounter**—This program is no longer offered in the Diocese of Victoria; Retrouvaille (see above) has replaced it. To find a Marriage Encounter weekend outside of the diocese, visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

**Courage**—This is a ministry for those experiencing same-sex attraction and looking for answers. It is a Roman Catholic Apostolate endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. EnCourage also ministers to family and friends of persons with same-sex attraction. Visit [www.couragerc.net](http://www.couragerc.net).

**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. to 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).

### Picnics • Activities

#### June

**East Bernard**—Holy Cross Annual Czech Kolache Kobase Festival June 8 at Riverside Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. sponsored by KJT Society No. 40. Admission is \$7 p/p. Children 12 and under are free. For more information including all the bands that will be there, visit [www.kkfest.com](http://www.kkfest.com).

**Bay City**—Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival Meal June 9 at the parish hall located on 12th Street and Avenue D. A brisket dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at \$7 p/p. Dine-in/pick-up available. Auction begins at 11:30 a.m.

**Schulenburg**—St. Rose of Lima Annual Parish Picnic June 9 at KC Hall. A fried-chicken and sausage dinner will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. Plates will be \$8 p/p.

**St. Mary**—St. Mary Picnic June 9 at the parish hall (1648 FM 340 just outside of Hallettsville). Mass will be celebrated at 9:15 a.m. A stew and sausage dinner begins at 10:30 a.m. at \$8 p/p.

**Port Lavaca**—Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of the Gulf #2267 will have their annual Games Party June 9 at St. Jude Hall (across from the church) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission will be \$7 p/p including refreshments and door prizes. There will also be other activities. For table reservations call (361) 987-2387, (361) 552-6844 or (361) 552-3233.

**Plum**—Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Annual Celebration June 30 (7 miles west of La Grange off Hwy. 71). Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Fried-chicken, sausage and dressing dinner will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at \$8 p/p. Auction begins at 1:30 p.m. There will be games, country store, cakewalk, plant wheel and more. Hamburgers available from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Polka, waltz and country-mix music will be provided during the day. The free dance will be 7:30-10:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

**St. John**—St. John Annual Parish 4th of July Picnic on the parish grounds (7026 FM 957 - 6 miles SW of Schulenburg). Mass at 9:00 a.m. Flag-raising ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. A stew and fried-chicken dinner begins at 10:30 a.m. See ad on page 3.

**Dubina**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Picnic July 7 begins with Mass at 8:45 a.m. Fried-chicken and sausage dinner at 11:00 a.m., \$8.50 p/p adult and \$4 children's plate. 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. Auction begins at 1:30 p.m.

**Moravia**—Ascension of Our Lord Parish Picnic July 21 (located at FM 957 and FM 532) begins with Mass at 10:00 a.m. A stew and fried-chicken dinner will be served at 11:00 a.m.

There will be a country store, toywalk, games and cakewalk. Auction starts at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments and food available throughout the day. Music during the day and night.

**Frelsburg**—Sts. Peter and Paul Church Festival Aug. 4

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

**Yoakum**—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Aug. 4

**Weimar**—St. Michael Harvest Feast Aug. 11

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

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

**Cuero**—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 1

**Hallettsville**—Sacred Heart Parish Picnic Sept. 1

**High Hill**—St. Mary Picnic Sept. 1

**Nada**—St. Mary Parish Picnic Sept. 1

**Shiner**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Picnic Sept. 1

**Vanderbilt**—St. John Bosco Parish Picnic Sept. 1

**Inez**—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Sept. 8

**Holman**—St. Wenceslaus Parish Picnic Sept. 15

**Moulton**—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Sept. 15

**Bloomington**—St. Patrick's Parish Picnic Sept. 29

**El Campo**—St. Philip the Apostle Parish Picnic Sept. 29

### Masses • Retreats • Conferences

**Dallas**—The 16th annual multi-denominational Dallas Benedictine Experience will take place at The Catholic Conference and Formation Center from June 19 to June 22. This monastic experience is presented by The Friends of St. Benedict, Washington, D.C. and is open to men and women, laity and clergy of all denominations. For information, call (214) 339-8483 or [heepsence@aol.com](mailto:heepsence@aol.com).

**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 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Events are held 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**—Healing Mass and Prayer at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 105 N. William St., on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. with Father Phi Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS Convent. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, contact Sister Louise Marie Jones at [iwbvoc2@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbvoc2@yahoo.com).

**Shiner**—Latin Masses will be celebrated by Father Bob Knippenberg at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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*Wayne Denson*



**Madison Dawn Kurtz**  
Historian  
Parents:  
*Dwight & Kim Pesek*  
*Nick Kurtz*



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Parents:  
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