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Pope declares, by decree, three new saints

by Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Without a canonization ceremony, Pope Francis declared 3 new saints for the Americas, pioneers of the Catholic Church in Brazil and in Canada.

Pope Francis signed decrees recently recognizing: St. Jose de Anchieta, a Spanish-born Jesuit who traveled to Brazil in 1553 and became known as the Apostle of Brazil; St. Marie de l'Incarnation, a French Ursuline who traveled to Quebec in 1639 and is known as the Mother of the Canadian Church; and St. Francois de Laval, who arrived in

Quebec 20 years after St. Marie de l'Incarnation and became the first bishop of Quebec.

In declaring the saints, the pope used a procedure known as 'equivalent canonizations,' which required a thorough study of the candidates' life and writings, fame of holiness, and reports of favors granted through their intercession. Unlike a regular sainthood process, though, it did not require the verification of a miracle through their intercession, nor further studies by historians and theologians working for the Congregation for Saints' Causes.

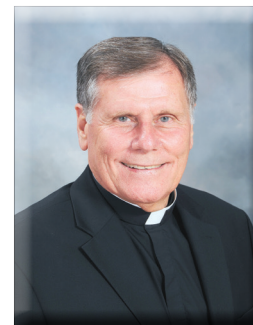
The 3 were beatified together by Pope John Paul II in 1980.



At the ordination ceremony, Bishop Fellhauer offers a blessing and the newly ordained six lay prostrate during the Litany of Saints.

Ordained to serve, gather, transform, and send those who receive the sacrament of holy orders- as a deacon, priest or bishop- are consecrated in Christ's name 'to feed the church by the word and grace of God.'

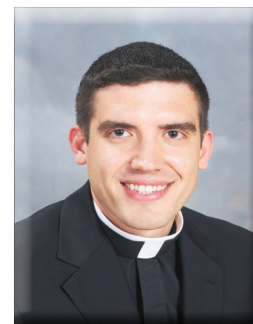
Six ordained in the diocese



Fr. Jasper Liggio



Fr. Philip Brune



Dcn. Kristopher Fuchs



Dcn. Scott Hill



Dcn. Jacob Koether



Dcn. Francis Nguyen III

On May 24, 2014 at Our Lady of Victory, Victoria, the sacrament of holy orders was conferred upon Deacon Philip Brune and Deacon Jasper Liggio as they entered into the priesthood of Jesus Christ. The ordination of Kristopher Fuchs, Scott Hill, Jacob Koether, and Francis Nguyen III to the sacred order of the diaconate was also held. Ordination of the six on the same day was a first in the history of the diocese. Main celebrant was the Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer. Concelebrants included priests of the Diocese of Victoria. Afterwards, a reception was held at Holy Family Catholic Church's parish hall.

NOTE: More ordination coverage will be featured in the July issue.

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Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

June

- 7** 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick Church, Bloomington
- 8** 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Assumption of the BVM Church, Ganado
- 10-13** USCCB Spring General Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 14** 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Flatonia; including Sts. Cyril & Methodious Church, Cistern
- 15** 10:30 a.m. Farewell Mass for Trinitarians, Frs. Alfonso Serna, Daniel Houde, Guillermo Palacio Barrera, and Br. Patrick Wildgen, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cuero
- 22** 1:00 p.m. Mass celebration Msgr. Gerard Cernoch's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Bay City
- 25** 2:30 p.m. Diocesan Finance Board meeting, 1st floor meeting room, Chancery Office
4:00 p.m. Diocesan Building Board meeting, 1st floor meeting room, Chancery Office
- 26** 3-5:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer for Sanctification of Priests, Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville; followed by Priests' Cookout
- 29** 4:00 p.m. Mass, Centennial Celebration of Assumption of the BVM Church, Ganado

July

- 6** 11:30 a.m. Opening Mass for Vocation Camp, St. Michael Church, Weimar

Thank you notes

Dear Bishop Fellhauer:

I am writing on behalf of the Holy Father to thank you for the offering of \$15,018.49 forwarded to the Apostolic Nunciature as Peter's Pence 2013 from the Diocese of Victoria.

As a pledge of joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Father cordially imparts his apostolic blessing to you and to all the clergy, religious, and laity of the diocese.

Yours, sincerely in Christ,

Angelo Becciu, From the Vatican, Secretariat of State

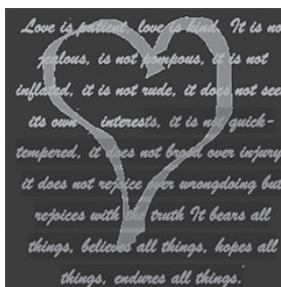
DSA update

2014 DSA

Diocesan Goal:	\$ 1,824,625.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$ 610,382.61
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$ 477,503.10
Number of Parish Families Participating:	2,824

To Love as God Loves

The Diocese of Victoria's 1-day marriage preparation program designed for couples 40 years of age and older, couples seeking convalidation of their civil marriages, and couples entering a second marriage. July 27, and Oct. 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. For more information, contact the Office of the Chancellor at (361) 573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.



Official Appointments By Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer

Effective July 1, 2014

The Rev. Gabriel D. Espinosa is relieved of his assignment at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Wharton, and appointed pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria.

The Rev. Ty J. Bazar is relieved of his assignment at Holy Family Church, Wharton, and appointed parochial administrator of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Wharton.

Newly-ordained Fr. Jasper J. Liggio is appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria.

Newly-ordained Fr. Phillip L. Brune is appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria.

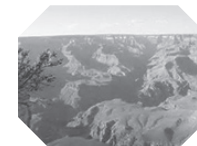
Collection update

To date, The Holy Thursday Collection for the Seminarian Fund has approximately \$125,000. Donations are still being accepted.

Correction: Msgr. Robie Robichaux's name was misspelled in the last issue. *TCL* apologizes for the oversight.

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May 28, 2014

	TOTALS
— Rev. Msgr. James Brunner	
Previously reported	\$425.00
In memory of Rev. Msgr. James Brunner by a friend	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$525.00

— Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer / Catholic Life Insurance Nada, Moulton-Flatonia, Hallettsville, El Campo and Edna-Ganado Branches Burse #2

Previously reported	\$4,050.00
In honor of Rev. Philip L. Brune on his priestly ordination by M/M Bob Bochat	25.00
In honor of Rev. Jasper J. Liggio on his priestly ordination by M/M Bob Bochat	25.00
In honor of Kristopher Fuchs on his ordination as a transitional deacon by M/M Bob Bochat	25.00
In honor of Scott Hill on his ordination as a transitional deacon by M/M Bob Bochat	25.00
In honor of Jacob Koether on his ordination as a transitional deacon by M/M Bob Bochat	25.00
In honor of Frances Nguyen, III on his ordination as a transitional deacon by M/M Bob Bochat	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$4,200.00

— Josephat R. Janak Burse #2	
Previously reported	\$6,164.77
In honor of Rev. Gary Janak's 26th ordination anniversary to the priesthood by Rose Marie Janak Family	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$6,184.77

— Knights of Columbus Victoria Council #1329 Burse #3	
Previously reported	\$13,807.50
In memory of Ernest Arredondo by KC Victoria Council #1329	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$13,907.50

— Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #7	
Previous reported	\$1,755.00
In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters' 40th ordination anniversary by	
M/M Charles H. Leopold	500.00
Kenneth and Lorri Adamek	100.00
Edwin and Rosanne Gallia	100.00
Tommy and Elsie Grahmann	100.00
Philip and Kathleen Guenther	100.00
St. Mary's Altar Society, Hallettsville	100.00
Ervin and Bernice Neskora	50.00
Roseanne Zimmer	50.00
Charles, Frances, and Lana Franta and Lillian Haas	40.00
Elrose Kalisek	40.00
Grace Rigamonti	40.00
Ed and Peggy Scherer	40.00
M/M R. G. Schaefer	30.00
Bruce and Kelly Schimcek	30.00
I. W. Fuller, Jr.	25.00

Dolores (Mrs. Sylvester) Janak	25.00
Dorothy Kouba	25.00
Leonard and Mary Sklar	25.00
Erik Svetlik	25.00
Robert and Marie Tobola	25.00
Robert and Aileen Hybner	20.00
In appreciation of Rev. Msgr. John Peters as pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hallettsville by Sacred Heart Catholic School faculty, staff, and students	300.00
In memory of Gerald Winkler by Ervin and Bernice Neskora	20.00
In memory of Mary Bonorden by Evelyn and Philip J. Bujnoch	15.00
In memory of Mary M. Bonorden by Patsy Henke Mladenka	10.00
In memory of Viola Hajek by Pat Mladenka	10.00
In loving memory of Thelma Mikulenka by George and Irene Knebel	50.00
CDA Court #797, Hallettsville	25.00
Henry and Ann Kostelnik, Sr.	25.00
In loving memory of Yvonne Muska by CDA Court #797, Hallettsville	25.00
In memory of Leo Filip by Willie Barborak	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$3,735.00

— Rev. Henry C. Rachunek Burse #4	
Previously reported	\$1,900.00
In memory of Rev. Henry Rachunek by Pascual and Linda Castro	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$2,150.00

— Rev. Theophil Okruhlik and Rev. Vincent Verderame	
Previously reported	\$10,202.89
Donation to the burse by Catholic Life Ins. Branch #55, Port Lavaca	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$10,302.89

— Rev. Msgr. Robert Schmidt Burse #2	
Previously reported	\$105.00
In memory of Ermin C. Stuckly by Eugene and Henrietta Veselka	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$130.00

— William Wearden	
Previously reported	\$3,295.00
In loving memory of Will Wearden by Frank and Gloria Wearden	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$3,495.00

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:

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA
SEMINARY BURSSES
P. O. BOX 4070
VICTORIA, TX 77903



KJZT #101 recently held a bake sale and presented a check to Christ Kitchen. Over 12,000 meals are served per month from Christ Kitchen. Seated, front row, left to right: Rosie Olsovsky, Gene Martin, executive director of Christ Kitchen and Evelyn Dierlam. Back row, left to right: Irene Brosch and Carolyn Nevlud.



Seated, left to right: Delores Janik and Janice Cox, music director at St. Philip School and parish. Standing, front row, left to right: Vicki Gold, Gwen Edwards, principal of St. Philip School; Genevieve Hicks, Judy Lezak, Fr. Albert Yankey, and Mason Lezak. Back row, left to right: Ralph Gold, Nancy Gold, Evan Hicks, Fr. Michael Rother, pastor of St. Philip's Church.

A Yamaha 5'8 grand piano was recently donated by the family of the late Clarine Gold, in her loving memory, to **St. Philip the Apostle Catholic School**, El Campo. It will not only serve the children of St. Philip's School, but many adults preparing the many liturgies celebrated at St. Philip's Church. Clarine Marie Gold, 81 of El Campo, passed away last December. She was born on May 22, 1932 in Nada, TX to the late Edward and Antonia Popp Moeller.

She was a faithful member of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. She was an active member of the CDA, Lazarus Choir at St. Philip's, Taiton Extension Club, Heritage Center, Senior Citizens Dance Group, Nada Domino Group, and a hospice volunteer. She was recognized as St. Philip School's 'Grandparent of the Year' and was a charitable supporter of several organizations.

Europe Trip August 9-21

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Pastoral Institute ceremony held



Extended PI and Advanced Catechist honorees and diocesan staff

The Pastoral Institute recently held a ceremony honoring those completing a 3-year Extended Program and Advanced Catechist Program from the East Bernard, Point Comfort, and Victoria centers. The ceremony was held at the Chancery. A prayer service officiated by Bishop Fellhauer, a presentation of certificates, and a luncheon

were included. The Pastoral Institute is committed to making adult education a high priority in the Diocese of Victoria by providing a solid curriculum of basic courses pertaining to the Catholic faith.

The Extended Program is a 3-year program of 12 six-week courses (144 clock hours) offered in different centers in the diocese. Congratulations to the following

for completing the 3-year Pastoral Institute Extended Program:

Holy Cross Church, East Bernard- Charlotte Bucek, Joe Ellis, Renee Hlavin- ka, Henriette Jalowy, Patricia Krennek, Paul Michalec, Carolyn Minks, Bernadette Pilcik, Kerrie Rabijs, and Denise Tovar. Holy Family Church, Victoria- Kelly Chumchal,

Maria Hawk, and Theresa Spellacy. Holy Family Church, Wharton- Linda Dixon. Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria- Robin Reinhold. Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Port Lavaca- Charlyn Finn, Shirley Jurek, and Susie Smith. Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria- Ernest Amador, Roger DeLaGarza, Carmelita Guerra, Elizabeth Hubbell, Ovelia Rivera, and Zaragoza Rodriguez. Our Lady of Victory Church, Victoria- Martha Buhler, Ofelia Gutierrez, Joyce Kubala, and Jennifer Vincent. St. Ann Church, Point Comfort- Carolyn Brogger, Michael Crain, Lorraine Morris, and Glenda Stavinoha. Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Dubina- Cathy Chaloupka. St. John the Baptist Church, St. John- Dana Daughtry. St. Joseph Church, Inez- Brenda Miller. St. Joseph Church, Yoakum- Mela Walker. St. Robert Church, El Campo- Maria Aldana. St. Patrick Church, Bloomington- Janie Robles.

The Advanced Catechist Formation Certificate was issued to those for completion of the catechetical short-term classes as well as the Pastoral Institute Extended Program courses. (Catechetical classes 17 hours + PI Extended Program courses 144= 161 total clock hours.)

Congratulations to the following for completing the Advanced Catechist Program: Carolyn Brogger, Dana Daughtry, Linda Dixon, Patricia Krennek, Janie Robles, and Mela Walker.



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Officers of St. Augustine KJT Society #129, Weimar, recently presented \$1,300 from their Turkey Shoot Matching Grant Benefit to St. Michael's Catholic School. \$800 was raised from the event. \$500 was matched from the KJT Home Office. Left to right: Matthew Prihoda, society president; Koi Prihoda, member; Carolanne McAfee, school principal; Fr. John Bily, pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church and Joanna Rogers, society secretary.

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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.



Meet a Deacon (a *TCL* series)



by Dcn. David Valdez

I was born in New Gulf, TX on Feb. 10, 1962. I was the second of 5 sons to Miguel and Maria Valdez. I currently reside in Boling, TX.

My religious background includes undergraduate studies in Pastoral Theology at the University of St. Thomas and School of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary. I have been an Echos of Faith facilitator and am a 3-yr. Pastoral Institute graduate. In my parish, I have served as lector, cantor, Eucharistic minister, coordinator for Disciples on the Journey, confirmation catechist, instituted lector, and instituted acolyte.

I feel honored God has chosen me to deliver His word; then again, we should all feel honored for what God has called us to. The life of a deacon is a busy one. It is in serving God with a full schedule that I feel fulfilled in what God is calling me to be, through faith and obedience. Honored and fulfilled, I deliver God's word, to see the affect it has on his people always brings me peace.

Some of my roles and responsibilities include being currently assigned to Holy Family Catholic Church and assisting at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Mission in Boling. I prepare couples for marriage and serve as a witness. I officiate quinceañeras. I baptize children. I visit the sick. I give presentations to RCIA and CCE. I give communion services outside of Mass. I lead rosaries, funeral vigils, and much more.

I am committed to being a deacon for

the same reasons Christ was so committed to being our savior, for the love of God the Father, and for the love of God's people.

There are people that are hungry, thirsty, homeless, without clothing, and even without love all over the world. God did not send me to other countries or other states, but he sent me to serve those who live where I live. The Diocese of Victoria is my home and it is here where I will serve God's people.



Dcn. Valdez at second cousin Nathaniel's baptism in Sugar Land

Sometimes, we get to see the fruit. I have helped feuding family members come together. I have helped to heal broken marriages. I have convinced others to reconsider the truth. After counseling, I have heard men state they are discerning the thought of becoming a deacon. Sometimes, God shows us the results of our work. Sometimes, we do not see the fruits of our work, but we know He is there.

Sunday Readings from June 15 to July 6

June 15 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

June 22 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

June 29 – Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11
Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

July 6 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

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Way of St. James (last of a *TCL* 4-part series)



by Fr. Philip Brune

Why do the *Camino*? What is the point of walking 500 miles across Spain? Can't you just take a car? Couldn't you just fly there? Everyone has a reason to walk the ancient pilgrimage and everyone has to figure out the purpose of such a journey. If you do not, you are reminded of it with every painful step- why did I decide to do this?

I had heard about the *Camino de Santiago*, or the Way of St. James, like many people by watching the movie *The Way*, a film made in 2010 with Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. I was attracted to the idea of doing the pilgrimage because of the way the movie presented it; a beautiful and challenging adventure. As I began preparing for it, both physically and spiritually, my reasons for walking the path became more focused. Initially, I wanted to offer the *Camino* as a thanksgiving for all the blessings I had received in my pastoral year, as a preparation for my diaconate and priestly ordinations, as a means of growing in my relationship with God, and as a prayer for all those who helped me throughout my vocational journey.

I approached the *Camino* as a teacher. I considered everything along the Way to be a symbol that told me about God, myself, and my relationships with others. For instance, a foggy, cold, wet, and dark morning was an image of what sin and selfishness does to our souls; a warm, sunny day was God's grace and love; the thick, heavy mud that stuck to our shoes and made the trek difficult was a sign of the things in life that weigh us down and distract us; my walking stick was a symbol of prayer which kept me grounded and balanced, connected to the Way, who is Christ.

What stood out to me the most about what I learned on the *Camino* was that it was a lot like life. There are valleys, mountains, plateaus, good weather days, and bad weather days. There are times when we feel like we are really making progress and times when it feels like no matter how hard we try, we're going nowhere. The important thing is that no matter what we might be going through, we must remember to stay on the path and keep walking. Every moment we are moving, we are getting closer to our goal and God is with us every step of the Way.

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Valedictorian

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Elizabeth Wysocki
Salutatorian

Parents: David and Karen Wysocki



Megan Jurica
Historian

Parents: Mark and Virginia Jurica



Samantha Siegel
Valedictorian

Parents: Jeff and Shannon Siegel



Morgan Long / Salutatorian
Parents: Joel and Claudia Dismuke
and Hughie and Jackie Long



Hannah Novosad
Historian

Parents: Edwin Novosad and
Deane Novosad



Olivia Creager
Valedictorian

Parents: Gregory and Yolanda Creager



Johanna Hoang
Salutatorian

Parents: Joseph and Josephine Hoang



Hannah Adams
Historian

Parents: Paul and Molly Adams



Permanent diaconate aspirants and candidates take major steps on their journey



Left to right: Anthony Hensley, Tran Ngoc Dinh, Bishop Fellhauer, Michael Tankersley, and Edward Huse.



Left to right: Kevin G. Knox, Bishop Fellhauer, and Louis Bonuz, Jr. Not pictured is Eugene Menchaca.



For more information, contact:
The Director of Formation
Office of the
Permanent Diaconate
P.O. Box 399
Moulton, Texas 77975
(361) 596-4674

This recent March, Bishop Fellhauer presided over the Second Sunday of Lent Eucharistic celebration at St. Joseph's Church, Moulton, and installed 4 men as readers and 3 others called to Candidacy.

The candidates called to Candidacy included: Kevin Knox, Holy Cross Church, Bay City; Louis Bonuz, Jr. and Eugene Menchaca, both of Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Port Lavaca. The celebration of the Rite to Admission to Candidacy marks the first official recognition of the positive signs of a vocation to the diaconate.

Those installed as readers included: Tran Ngoc Dinh, Assumption Chapel (Vietnamese Apostolate), Palacios; Anthony Hensley, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Ganado; Edward Huse, Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus Church, Victoria and Michael Tankersley, Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville.

As part of the ceremony, Bishop Fellhauer handed a Bible to each candidate saying, "Take this book of holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the word of God, so that it may grow in the hearts of his people." With each candidate's response of "Amen," they accepted the role to proclaim God's word to others.

Afterwards, a reception was held at the parish hall.

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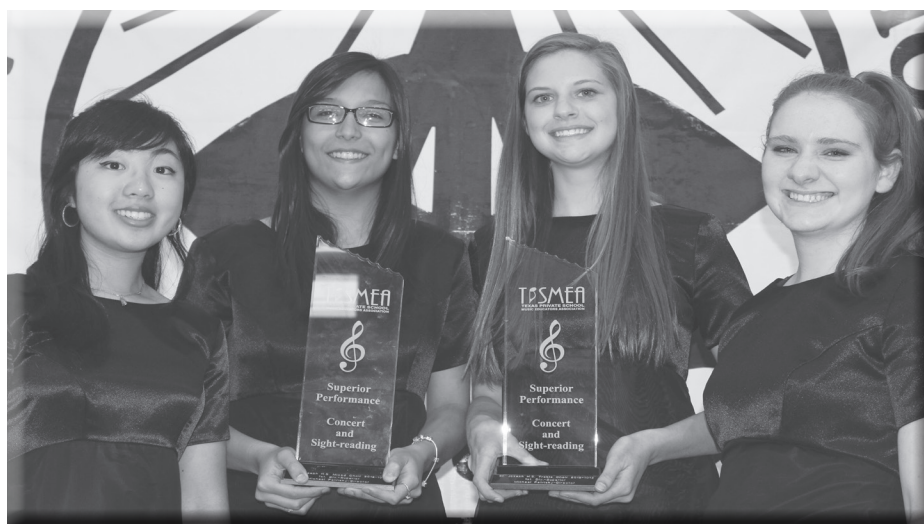
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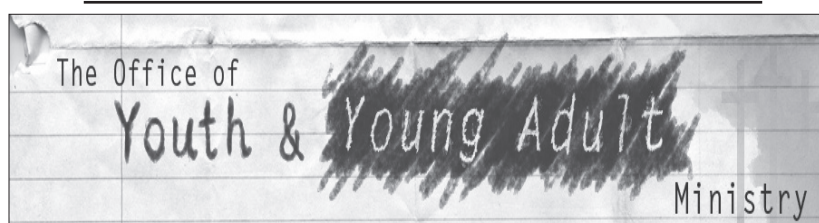
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Students of **St. Michael Catholic School**, Weimar, commemorated Holy Week by meditating on the Last Supper portrayed by 2nd graders and the Stations of the Cross portrayed by 7th and 8th grade classes.



The Varsity Treble Choir and Varsity Mixed Chorus at **St. Joseph High School**, Victoria, recently won Concert and Sightreading trophies at the Texas Private School Music Educators Association competition at Houston Christian High School. The two choirs received trophies because they received 1st division superior ratings in both Concert and Sightreading. This is the 7th year the STJ choral program has won a TPSMEA Concert and Sightreading trophy. The choirs were directed by Michael Petrisky and accompanied by Sandra Glenn. STJ Varsity Choir Officers with the trophies, from left to right: Johanna Hoang, quartermaster/librarian; Sarah Valenzuela, president; Hannah Boozalis, vice president and Bailey Leadbetter, chaplain.



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JCDA #206, Yoakum, recently presented Geri Mehan, director of the Yoakum Heritage Museum, with a donation to assist with the museum's operating expenses and exhibits. Members learned of the museum's history and visited the Nasa exhibit.



JCDA #206, Yoakum, recently made a donation to St. Joseph Catholic Church's Vacation Bible School program. Jana Guajardo informed the members about the upcoming 'SonTreasure Island' program to be held July 7-11 and open to all children ages 6-12.



The **St. Joseph High School**, Victoria, choral program had 6 of its members win Gold Solo Medals at the 2014 Texas State Solo Contest for Private Schools. The choir was directed by Michael Petrisky and accompanied by Sandra Glenn. Soloists winning gold medals, from left to right: Johanna Hoang, Sarah Valenzuela, Richie Streeter, Mary Ann Knezek, Hannah Boozalis, and Bailey Leadbetter.



KJT #139, Bay City, recently held a baked goods sale and \$600 was raised. The society received a matching grant for \$400 from the KJT Home Office. A check was presented to Holy Cross Catholic School for a total of \$1,000. Presenting the check, left to right: James Engbrock, society vice president; Stephanie Kucera, Holy Cross School principal; Vince Nemec, society secretary/treasurer; Larry Browning, society president, and Dan Stavena, society sales representative. Not pictured was Msgr. Casimir Jarzombek, society chaplain and pastor emeritus of Holy Cross Catholic Church. The donation will be used to upgrade the school library with updated software programs for the teachers and students.



Education, information, and fun were the order of the day at **Nazareth Academy**, Victoria, when the NA Wellness Committee recently held the 2nd annual Jet to Good Health Fair. Students in grades PK3-4 participated in Care for your Chews (dental health), Choose Your Juice (taste test), Smoking Stinks! (respiratory) and Healthy Snacks by HE-Buddy. They also enjoyed obstacle courses, physical challenges by The Heat, and an invigorating Zumba session. 5th-8th graders attended presentations Hidden Sugar in Food by the AgriLife Extension Office, Relax & Breathe Yoga led by Camille Easton, and Basic First Aid by Shauna Holder. They also participated in Steps to a Healthy You, a pedometer activity. The rock climbing wall addition to the fair was made possible by the generosity of sponsors, Dr. Frank and Sharon Parma and family.



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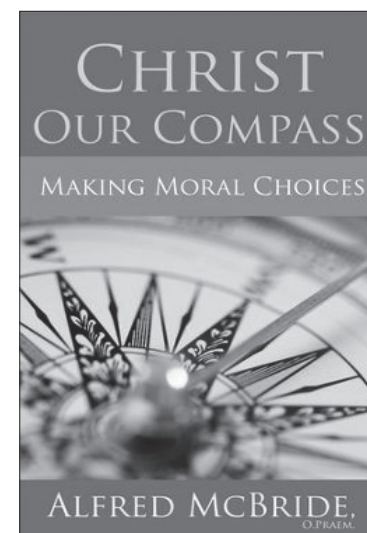
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Puzzle contest winners

The winner of the June contest will win *Christ, Our Compass- Making Moral Choices* by Alfred McBride, O.Praem. Fr. McBride states making moral choices should not be difficult and that Scripture and the church can help those in search of truth. The book offers examples of moral decision-making, recommends adhering to the 10 Commandments, and much more. May contest winners were Martha Sitka of Sacred Heart Parish, Hallettsville in the adult drawing and in the children's drawing Aidan Marik (6), Holy Cross, East Bernard and Molly Michalsky (12), Sts. Peter and Paul, Frelsburg.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past six months, please mail a completed June puzzle form by June 27, 2014 to *The Catholic Lighthouse*, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 for a chance to win!



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SISTERLY THOUGHTS

by Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS

A garden for reflection

I recently read an article in a Catholic newspaper which recommended a person plant a Mary Garden. It recommended certain flowers one should plant; flowers named after Mary or having some significance in pious stories that are sometimes told about saints. Some of those recommended were flowers that adapted well to our hot, and often dry, summers; others were flowers I had never heard of and do not know if they would even survive in our climate.

I have always liked to grow things; however, our neighborhood deer friends' appetite for flowers and tasty veggies have limited our planting dreams. I have planted flowers along with three tomato plants and two hot pepper plants near the building, hoping the deer remember when they were being chased by a short-term resident dog who has since gone to doggie heaven.

I had thought of the flower beds as being a "20 minute" garden since I had worked it in short periods of time after meals or between tasks. It is amazing what can be accomplished in 20 minutes weeding, getting rid of pests in environmentally-friendly ways, dead-heading flowers, or picking tomatoes or peppers if it is done regularly. Instead of thinking of it as a "20 minute" garden, I will think of it as Mary's Garden, especially since there is a large statue of Mary in the area.

The article I referred to above recom-



Flower garden at IWBS

mended everyone have a Mary Garden even if it was very small. Likewise, I would encourage everyone to plant something in order to foster a spirit of reflection on the greatness of God as our Creator. I think it is awesome to think we are cooperating with God in the creation process. Moreover, as we reflect on the marvels of creation, we realize how indebted we are to God. No one, not even the greatest scientist can make a single living leaf, or even a living cell.

It is not too late to plant in order to have some beautiful summer flowers to serve as a Reflection Garden honoring Mary. Happy planting!

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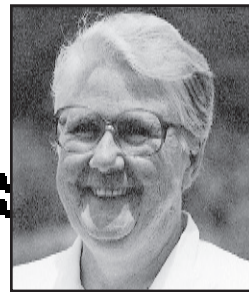
- to promote the development of family life ministry

- to foster a family perspective in church and society

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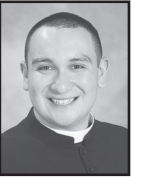
NACFLM's Home is a Holy Place Conference will be held July 16-19 at the Dayton Marriott in Dayton, Ohio.

For more information, visit www.nacflm.org.



Happy birthday to our seminarians

Jacob Mendoza completed his year in Theology II at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. His home parish is in San Diego, Calif. His birthday is June 6. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: Jacob Mendoza, Our Lady of the Gulf Church, PO Box 87, Port Lavaca, TX 77979.



Stephen Vacek completed his year in Theology II at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. His home parish is Holy Cross, East Bernard. His birthday is June 26. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: Stephen Vacek, St. Anthony Church, PO Box 900, Palacios, TX 77465.



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June

10 & 11 Holy Rosary, Hostyn, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

17 & 19 OLV, Victoria, 9:00 a.m.-Noon and 6:00-9:00 p.m.

July

15, 16, & 17 Holy Cross, East Bernard, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

22 & 23 Holy Cross, East Bernard, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

24 Holy Cross, East Bernard, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

29 & 31 OLV, Victoria, 9:00 a.m.-Noon and 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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June

Bay City—Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival Meal June 8 at the parish hall located on 12th Street and Avenue D. Brisket dinner. \$8 p/p.

Canyon—St. Benedict Monastery Founders' Day Celebration June 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call (806) 655-9317.

East Bernard—KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40 sponsors 24th Annual Czech Kolache Klobase Festival June 14 at Riverside Hall. For more information, contact Jason Hlavinka at (979) 533-1536, Ed Marik at (979) 335-6402, or visit www.kkfest.com.

Helotes—Padua Place Retirement Home for Priests *June Jamboree: Living the Holy Spirit* June 6 at Pedrotti's North Wind Ranch. Honoree is Bishop Thomas Flanagan. \$60 p/p. There will be live and silent auctions. Entertainment by Cactus Country Band. For more information, Betty Cronin at (210) 820-3211 or Rita Hannan (210) 658-1276.

Lubbock—Catholic Charities of Lubbock's 23rd Annual Night to Remember: *Lighting the Way with Help and Hope* June 8 at the Catholic Renewal Center. \$125 p/p. For more information, call (806) 765-8475.

Schulenburg—St. Rose of Lima Parish Picnic June 8 at KC Hall. Mass at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Fried-chicken and sausage dinner 11:00 a.m. \$8 p/p. 12:30 p.m. auction. Entertainment by Czechaholics and Mark Halata & Texavia. Sweepstakes drawing at 8:00 p.m.

Seadrift—St. Patrick Church will be selling chicken dinner plates June 22 at 11:00 a.m. \$8 p/p. Other food also available. All proceeds benefit new parish hall.

St. Mary—St. Mary's Church Picnic June 8. Mass 9:15 a.m. Stew and sausage dinner 10:30 a.m. Auction 1:00 p.m. Games, country store, and music by Texas Sound Czech, The Janak Polka Band and Red Ravens.

July

Rockport—Stastney Hacek Fishing Tournament July 11-12 at Goose Island State Park. Benefits the Religious Education Endowment Fund of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner. For more information, visit www.shinerreef.com.

St. John—St. John 4th of July Picnic on the parish grounds (7026 FM 957 - 6 miles SW of Schulenburg). Mass 9:00 a.m. Flag-raising ceremonies 10:00 a.m. Stew and fried-chicken dinner 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$8.50 p/p. See ad on pg. 4.

Victoria—Knights of St. Gregory the Great's annual charity banquet July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Victoria Country Club. Benefits several Bishop Fellhauer charities. For more information, call (361) 575-5884 or (361) 649-5750.

August

Goliad—KC Council #7512 hosts charity fundraiser *Something Different Weekend* Aug. 8-10. Activities for young adults include cycling, kayaking, swimming, golf, camping, tours and much more. For more information, visit www.somethingdifferentweekend.com.

Port O'Connor—KC Council #9088 Fishing Tournament Aug. 1-2. Proceeds benefit Nazareth Academy. See ad on pg. 10.

Conferences • Masses • Retreats

Amarillo—Diocesan Youth Rally *Stepping Out, Be What God Called You to Be* June 28-29 for grades 6-8 at the Amarillo Civic Center. Enjoy music, fellowship, liturgy, workshops, and Splash Waterpark. For more information, call (806) 383-2243 x118.

Austin—*Mariapolis 2014 Southwest* July 3-6 at Concordia University. For more information, call (214) 333-8162.

Dallas—Santa Clara Regional Community Center Summer Camp June 16-Aug. 8 for grades 1-12. \$20 per week per student. For more information, call (214) 337-0175.

Houston—Diocese of Beaumont 45th Annual Youth Convention June 25-28 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Houston. For more information, call (409) 924-4360 or visit www.dioceseofbmt.org.

Irving—Vocation Awareness Program June 20-22 at the University of Dallas. The discernment weekend, for single Catholic men and women ages 18-40, includes presentations, panel discussions, and more. No fees. For more information, call (214) 379-2860 or visit www.vapinfo.org.

Irving—*Walking Together in Faith* 8th Annual University of Dallas Ministry Conference Oct. 23-25 at the Irving Convention Center. For more information, visit www.tx catholic.org or www.udallas.edu/udmc.

La Grange—*Quo Vadis?* Vocation Retreat July 6-9 at Cooper's Farm for Catholic young men ages 15-21. It will include discussions on discernment and be facilitated by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria. \$65 includes food and lodging. For more information, contact Fr. Dan Morales at (361) 573-5304, vocations@victoriavocations.org, or visit www.victoriavocations.org.

Lubbock—*Families Encountering Christ: Discovering God's Plan 4 Love and Life* June 24-27. For more information, call (806) 792-3943 x232.

San Antonio—Catholic Women's Conference Sept. 19-20. It is a ministry of the Pilgrim Center of Hope. The mission of the conference will be to foster an appreciation for the personal dignity of women, to encourage women to know and love God, and to inspire women to use their feminine gifts to transform the family and society. For more information, visit www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org.

San Antonio—St. John's/Assumption Seminary Centennial Celebration will have several events throughout the year. For more information, contact Mike Davis at mike.davis@archsa.org.

San Diego—Catholic Answers Conference Sept. 4-6. Keynote address by Archbishop Alexander Sample. Guest speakers include Karl Keating, Jimmy Akin, Tim Staples, Trent Horn, and Hector Molina. For more information, visit www.catholicanswersconference.com.

Sugar Land—Region X's *Rejoice Together... Encouraged Forever!* 24th Annual Unity Explosion Conference June 12-15 at the Marriott Sugar Land Hotel Town Square. For more information, visit www.unityexplosion-regionx.com.

Tivoli—Our Lady of Guadalupe Church celebrates the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the 1st Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. at 501B William St. with Rev. Paulson Panakal. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, call (361) 237-3634.

Victoria—Commissioning Mass June 16 at 6:00 p.m. for Holy Family Women ACTS Team.

Victoria—Our Lady of Lourdes holds Healing Mass and Prayer the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at 105 N. William St. with Fr. Phi Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS Convent. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, contact Sr. Louise Marie Jones at iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com.

Wharton—27th Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry Oct. 4 at Holy Family Catholic Church. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

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Girl Scout Sunday was recently celebrated at Our Lady of Victory. ‘The God and Me’ medals were awarded to Protestant Brownie Girl Scouts, 2nd and 3rd grades; ‘Family of God’ medals were awarded to Catholic Brownie Girl Scouts, 2nd and 3rd grades and ‘I Live my Faith’ medals were awarded to Catholic Junior Girl Scouts. Receiving awards from Bishop Fellhauer, left to right: Rhianna Reyes, Kendall Biermann, Alysa Salazar, Lauren Theriot, and Kate Letsinger.



Boy Scout Pack and Troop #364 celebrated Mass at Our Lady of Victory earlier this year. Bishop Fellhauer presided and presented religious awards to the scouts. Front row, left to right: Ethan Gwosdz, Robby Christian, John Christian, Wyatt Borden, and Jacob Pyatt. 2nd row, left to right: Zachary Shaver, Nikolaus Zerangue, Gabriel Weaver, Grant Carson, Trey Lawrence, Joshua Bonorden, and Ryan Chavez. Back row, left to right: Jerry Lowder, Rey Rosas, Roger Lawrence, Alex Bonorden, Stevan Rosas, Bishop Fellhauer, Cullen Gwosdz, David Wearden, Carson Gwosdz, Colton Letbetter, and Charles Bonorden. (Photo courtesy of Doug Borden)



Boy Scout senior patrol leader, Wes Dodson, recently presented a \$4,000 check to Fr. Gary Janak, pastor at OLV, towards OLV’s Building Fund. Proceeds were generated from the Scouts’ annual BBQ fundraiser.

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