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Pallbearers carry the casket of fallen firefighter Capt. Kenneth "Luckey" Harris, Jr. following his funeral Mass at the Church of the Assumption in West, Texas, April 24. At least 14 people died and about 200 were injured in an explosion at a fertilizer plant in the central Texas town April 17. Harris, 52, was killed when he rushed to the scene of the blast to help. There were a total of five buried from the Church of the Assumption. (CNS photo/Tim Sharp, Reuters)

## New auxiliary bishop ordained for Archdiocese for the Military Services

By Mark Pattison  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Not every bishop gets, at his episcopal ordination, a color guard from both the Knights of Columbus and the U.S. military. Nor do they get both "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "The Navy Hymn" sung at the ordination Mass.

But when you are newly ordained for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, as Bishop Robert J. Coyle was April 25, you get that and a lot more — like being told by his new boss, Archbishop Timothy M. Broglio, that he'll be working in "a global archdiocese."

Bishop Coyle's appointment was announced Feb. 11, the same day Pope Benedict XVI announced his intent to retire from the papacy. In Bishop Coyle's remarks at the end of the two-hour, 45-minute ordination Mass, he said that alone would be

enough to make it a memorable occasion.

The new bishop spoke of his great affection for both Pope Benedict and his predecessor, Blessed John Paul II. He also referred to one of Archbishop Broglio's predecessors, the late Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York, as one of his heroes.

In their respective military chaplaincies, both had served on Okinawa. "He had served in the 3rd Marines as well," Bishop Coyle said, adding that he once got a letter from the late cardinal, recommending that the priest "stay close to him (Jesus). He will never fail."

Bishop Coyle had spent 10 years as a chaplain in the Navy and the Naval Reserves. That service is reflected on his episcopal crest, which pictures a ship on the waters in full sail, with the letter "M" on the sail — a nod to the "M" Blessed John Paul used on his papal coat of arms to signify Mary.

## New Editor Named

On April 22, 2013, Mike Brown, CFO/Business Manager for the Diocese of Victoria announced the hiring of a new editor for The Catholic Lighthouse. Allison Hybner will be joining the staff full-time on May 11, 2013, he said. Her first assignment will be to cover the ordination of the two seminarians to transitional deacons.



Allison comes to us from St. Joseph High School in Victoria where she was the coordinator of communications.

Allison said "It is with abundant enthusiasm that I become editor and join *The Catholic Lighthouse*. I hope to share knowledge and assist in enriching our newspaper.

My work experience includes public and community relations, development, teaching, and communications. I obtained a master's and a bachelor's degree from the University of the Incarnate Word. I enjoy working with people of various cultures and backgrounds. I am humbled by and thankful to all for allowing me this wonderful opportunity. I welcome input from others and look forward to this great adventure!"

## Israeli president invites pope to visit Israel, 'the sooner the better'

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Israeli President Shimon Peres officially invited Pope Francis to Israel, telling the pope "the sooner you visit the better, as in these days a new opportunity is being created for peace, and your arrival could contribute significantly to increasing the trust and belief in peace." The Israeli president's remarks were reported in a statement released by the Israeli Embassy to the Vatican after Peres met Pope Francis April 30.



## Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

### May

- 4** 5:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Church, Yoakum, including Queen of Peace Church, Sweet Home and St. John the Baptist Church, Koerth
- 5** 10:30 a.m., Confirmation Mass, St. Agnes Church, Edna  
6:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass, Holy Cross Church, Bay City
- 8** 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass, Parish of the Nativity, Eagle Lake
- 11** 10:00 a.m., Transitional Deacon Ordinations of Philip Brune and Jasper Liggio, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral  
5:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Flatonia, including Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Cistern
- 12** 10:00 a.m., Confirmation Mass, Holy Family Church, Wharton, including St. Joseph Church, Boling
- 13** 5:00 p.m., Diocesan Liturgy Commission meeting, Chancery Office
- 15** 4:00 p.m., Diocesan Building Board meeting, Chancery Office
- 18** 10:00 a.m., Celebration of Father Gary W. Janak's 25th Anniversary of Ordination, St. Philip the Apostle Church, El Campo  
5:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass, Holy Cross Church, Yorktown
- 19** 10:00 a.m., Confirmation Mass, St. John Bosco Church, Vanderbilt  
3:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Goliad
- 25** 11:00 a.m., Serra Club, Sisters' cookout, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria  
6:30 p.m., Confirmation Mass, St. Peter Church, Blessing
- 26** 9:30 a.m., Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Church, Moulton, and the Rite of Candidacy for Permanent Deacons

### June

- 1** 5:00 p.m., Mass and celebration of 100th Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Council 1682, St. Michael Church, Cuero
- 2** 10:30 a.m., Confirmation Mass, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Meyersville, including St. Michael Church, Cuero; Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cuero; and St. Aloysius Church, Westhoff
- 6** 3:00 p.m., Priests' afternoon of Reflection and Spirituality, Holy Family Church, Victoria  
5:30 p.m., social, 6:00 p.m., meal - 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

## CALLED



## TO SERVE

*With Praise And Thanksgiving To  
Almighty God  
The Diocese Of Victoria  
Together With The Families Of*

*Philip Landon Brune  
And  
Jasper James Liggio*

*Cordially Invite You To  
Their Ordination To The  
Order Of Deacon*

*By His Excellency  
David E. Fellhauer  
Bishop Of Victoria In Texas*

*Saturday, The Eleventh Of May,  
Two Thousand Thirteen  
Ten O'clock In The Morning  
Our Lady Of Victory Cathedral  
Victoria, Texas*

*Reception Immediately Following  
Our Lady Of Victory Gymnasium*

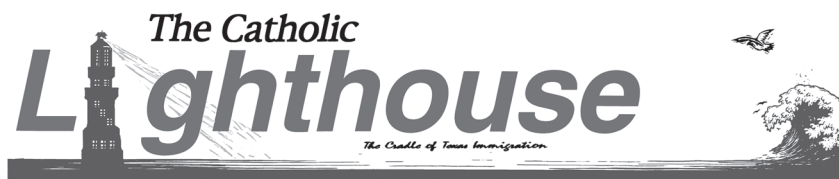
## DSA & Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign Updates

### 2013 DSA

Diocesan Goal:	\$1,721,343.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$474,279.11
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$346,187.70
Number of Parish Families Participating:	2,169

### Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign

Diocesan Goal:	\$9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$12,879,191.87
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$10,963,509.70
Number of Parish Families Participating:	6,769



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The Knights of Columbus Council 9088 from Holy Family Parish in Victoria sponsored a Lenten food drive. Pictured in the photo, left to right, are Fred Kubesch and Bill Spellacy with the Knights of Columbus, Holy Family teachers Millie Chapa, Judy Seiler, and Sue Schaefer, and Eddie Huse with the Knights of Columbus.

## The 40 Days of Giving

The Knights of Columbus Council 9088 from Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria sponsored a Lenten food drive to benefit the Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry. Titled “The 40 Days of Giving”, the goal for the food drive was to collect at least 5,000 pounds of food along with monetary donations. Assistance for those who are less fortunate truly is a year-round issue, especially after the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas when most food drives take place.

This was the first year for the Council to sponsor this food drive. In order to raise awareness about this issue in the children and young adults of the parish, a contest took place between the parish religious education classes to see who could bring in the most food. The top three classes were treated to a gift card for each student to the new Peter Piper Pizza restaurant. The winning classes were Sue Schaefer’s 4th grade class (1st place, 283 lbs), Millie Chapa’s kindergarten class (2nd place, 141 lbs), and Judy Seiler’s kindergarten class (3rd place, 128 lbs). The results of the food drive ex-

ceeded expectations as a total of 5,750 lbs of food was collected, along with \$2163. The religious education classes collected almost 40 percent or 2,185 lbs of the total amount of the food collected!

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men’s organization dedicated to service to the Church and parish. The core principles of the KC’s are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism and KC Council 9088 is very active in all these areas. Other groups and organizations that have benefitted from the efforts of this Council include Hospice of South Texas, Habitat for Humanity, the Gabriel Project, the Women’s Crisis Pregnancy Center, Nazareth Academy, the Youth Ministry and Seminarians from the Diocese of Victoria, and many others. It is the hope of the Council to continue the Lenten food drive for years to come. Any Catholic gentleman interested in joining the Knights of Columbus Council 9088 can contact the Holy Family parish office at (361) 573-5304 or go to the parish website [www.hfccvic.org](http://www.hfccvic.org) for more information. Vivat Jesus!

## LOCAL AUTHOR PROMOTES LITERACY AT BOOK SIGNING

Local author DeAnn Vilchez, recently presented and shared her book, “The Boy Who Loved His Dad,” at Hastings Victoria. The book was inspired by Charlie Quarry, son of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, John E. Quarry. The book is available at Hastings, online at Barnes&Noble and Amazon.com, in eBook and soft cover. Students from project U-Turn, which is a LULAC sponsored tutoring program, and HOST Mentoring program from Hopkins Academy, were out in numbers to promote literacy, by reading at the book signing. The author and students decided to team up because of their desire and common goal to bring an awareness of “the need to read.” Project U-Turn is part of LULAC Council 4692 after-school program. The book was read in English and in Spanish by Jesus Vasquez, Pre-College Counselor for Victoria College. For additional information on the book, visit [www.theboy-wholovedhisdad.webs.com](http://www.theboy-wholovedhisdad.webs.com). For media inquiries or book signings, contact DeAnn Vilchez, Inc. at (361) 237-4636 or contact: [author\\_deannvilchez@yahoo.com](mailto:author_deannvilchez@yahoo.com).



**STJ CHOIR**—The St. Joseph High School Varsity Choir won two Texas Private School Music Educators Association (TPSMEA) Concert and Sightreading Trophies on Friday, March 22, 2013. The choir contest was hosted by St. Agnes Academy of Houston and held at Prestonwood Christian Academy of Plano. The STJ Varsity Treble and STJ Varsity Mixed Choirs were judged by a panel of judges in two separate areas of musical competition. A Concert and Sightreading Trophy is awarded to a choral organization that receives 1st division (Superior) ratings in both Concert Singing and Sightreading. This is the sixth consecutive year that the St. Joseph High School Choral program has won a TPSMEA Concert & Sightreading Trophy. Director for the St. Joseph High School Choir is Michael Petrisky. Students were accompanied by Mrs. Sandra Glenn. Mr. Petrisky commented, “All of the students did a great job. To my knowledge, as far as TPSMEA Contest results, this is a first for St. Joseph to win two Concert & Sightreading Trophies at the same contest for two consecutive years.” Petrisky concluded, “With each judge awarding a rating, the choirs were a perfect 12 out of 12 first divisions awarded. We were also fortunate to have Sandra Glenn help as our accompanist. Her talent is a big contributor to the students’ success.” Pictured above are 2013 STJ Varsity Choir Officers with TPSMEA Sweepstakes Trophies for Treble & Mixed Choirs (Left to Right): Marilyn Howard-Librarian, Jillian Strauss-President, Theo Boozalis-Quartermaster, Kristin Janecek-Chaplain, and Sarah Valenzuela-Vice President.



**STATE SOLOIST**—The St. Joseph High School Choral Program had three students win Gold Solo Medals at the 2013 Texas State Solo Contest for private schools. The three STJ choir soloists included Jillian Strauss, front left, Richie Streeter, middle, and Megha Chandna, front right. Richie was the first choral student from St. Joseph High School to be invited to perform at the prestigious Judges State Solo Recital. Michael Petrisky is choir director at St. Joseph High School. The students were accompanied by Sandra Glenn.

## Vocation Director Speaks at Serra

At a recent Serra Club of Victoria meeting Father Dan Morales, vocation director for the Diocese of Victoria, updated Serra members on the status of the seminarians. Currently he said “we have ten seminarians.” Vocational evaluations are being done at this time, so Father Dan has been very busy traveling to the various locations.

Father Dan said “we have six new applicants with an additional six pending.” He explained that applicants range from beginning freshmen in college to those who

have completed their first degree.

It takes nine years to complete the study for the priesthood with the average cost of \$35,000 a year.

Parents are asked to contribute what they can and the diocese assumes all outstanding expenses.

Father Dan expressed his appreciation for the very generous response of the churches regarding the designated contribution for the seminarians on Holy Thursday.





## 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 April 22, 2013

	TOTALS
<b>— General Seminary Burse</b>	
Previously reported	\$102,814.00
In loving memory of Edith Browne by Mrs. A.R. Wearden	25.00
In loving memory of Deacon A. R. Wearden by Mrs. A. R. Wearden	100.00
In loving memory of Mary Ann Ohrt by M/M Bob Bochat	25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$102,964.00
<b>— Sr. Denise Bowers, I.W.B.S.</b>	
Previously reported	\$10,000.00
In loving memory of Pearl Hooper by Mike and Elizabeth Hooper	25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$10,025.00
<b>— Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Ann #369, Victoria Burse #2</b>	
Previously reported	\$9,533.99
Annual donation by C.D.A. Court St. Ann #369	500.00
<b>Total</b>	\$10,033.99
<b>— Our Lady of Victory Altar Society</b>	
Previously reported	\$900.00
In loving memory of Val Huvar by Grace E. Rigamonti	10.00
In loving memory of Helen Klein by Grace E. Rigamonti	10.00
In loving memory of Adolph Kraatz by Grace E. Rigamonti	10.00
In loving memory of Gladys Machalec by OLV Altar Society	25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$955.00
<b>— Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #6</b>	
Previously reported	\$2,539.00
In memory of Earline Chovanetz by Pat Mladenka	10.00
In loving memory of Ervin "Cotton" Pesek by M/M Vernon Matusek	10.00
In loving memory of Michael "Larry" Dworczyk by M/M Vernon Matusek	10.00
In loving memory of Marcella Chaloupka by Richard and Wilma Schaefer	15.00
Donation to the burse by Marshall and Patricia Montgomery	100.00
In memory of Sheryl Janak by Willie E. Barborak	10.00
In memory of Hattie Berger by Willie E. Barborak	10.00
In memory of Dorothy Cinadr by Willie E. Barborak	10.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2,714.00
<b>— Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch</b>	
Previously reported	\$7,898.00
In honor of Stazy Hajek's 100th birthday celebration by Denise and Gary Greive	100.00
<b>Total</b>	\$7,998.00

<b>— Rev. Henry C. Rachunek Burse #3</b>	
In thanksgiving to God and the Blessed Mother by Rev. Henry C. Rachunek	\$15,000.00
<b>Total</b>	\$15,000.00
<b>— Rev. Henry C. Rachunek Burse #4</b>	
In loving memory of Rev. Henry Rachunek by CDA Court of Our Lady Queen of the Clergy Court #1990	200.00
<b>Total</b>	\$200.00
<b>— Rev. Michael Rother</b>	
Previously reported	\$4,710.00
In loving memory of Thomas Alig by John F. Rother, Jr.	25.00
In loving memory of Alice Panter by John F. Rother, Jr.	25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$4,760.00
<b>— St. John the Baptist Church, St. John In Memory of Rev. Brian Crookes Burse #2</b>	
Previously reported	\$5,416.00
Donation by Stuart and Joanie Krischke & Family	50.00
<b>Total</b>	\$5,466.00
<b>— Rev. Jerome J. Stryk Burse #2</b>	
Previously reported	\$844.50
In loving memory of Family and Friends by Dan Stryk	50.00
<b>Total</b>	\$894.50
<b>— Rev. Msgr. Michael A. O'Shaughnessy</b>	
Previously reported	\$1,130.00
In loving memory of Rev. Msgr. Michael O'Shaughnessy by: Rosie Olsovsky	30.00
Rob, Cheri and Hailey Ayoub	100.00
J J H Consulting, LLC	150.00
Garth and Elsie Myers	500.00
Mrs. Ervin F. Vrazel	50.00
In loving memory of Ervin "Cotton" Pesek by M/M Vernon Matusek	10.00
In loving memory of Michael "Larry" Dworczyk by M/M Vernon Matusek	10.00
<b>Total</b>	\$1,980.00
<b>— Catholic Daughters of America Our Lady Queen of Peace Court #1374</b>	
Previously reported	\$6,647.12
In loving memory of Norma Hensley by CDA Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374	55.00
<b>Total</b>	\$6,702.12
<b>— Josephat R. Janak Burse #2</b>	
Previously reported	\$2,498.77
In honor of Rev. Gary Janak's 25th ordination anniversary by Rose Marie Janak	25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2,523.77

## Sophomores take part of Pure Love ceremony

SHINER — Father Kirby Hlavaty wrote in his bulletin recently, "I was very pleased to be a part of the Pure Love ceremony that took place in our church last Wednesday." For more than 10 years the sophomore students at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish have been making a pledge to honor their God-given gift of their sexuality until marriage.

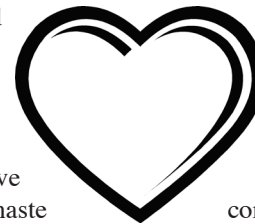
These young students have come to recognize that the chaste love between a husband and a wife is one clear example of God's love in the world. Contrary to popular culture, the students have dedicated themselves to living in purity and chastity until the day of their marriage.

Their Pure Love Promise was: "Believing that sex is sacred, I promise to

God that I will save the gift of my sexuality from now until marriage. I choose to glorify God with my body and pursue a life of purity, trusting that the Lord is never outdone in generosity."

With their parents present, each student signed a copy of this pledge and were presented with a ring or necklace to remind them of their promise. It was a witness to see families commit themselves to upholding the value of chastity. Again, in our world promiscuity is more valued than chaste love, and to see our parishioners stand up for what is counter-cultural is inspiring.

Father Kirby expressed his gratitude to Robert Adamek, who has organized this ceremony for the sophomore students since it's beginning in Shiner.



## Birthday Thank You

I would like to thank everyone in and outside of our diocese who support my brother seminarians and I. For my birthday, I was privileged to receive countless letters and cards containing prayers and well wishes. I am truly thankful for this generous support. It is the moments such as these that give witness to the love of Christ and enable to more fully discern my vocation. Your continuous support is greatly appreciated.

In Christ,  
James Dvorak.

## Happy Birthday!

Jacob Mendoza is finishing Theology I at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston; his birthday is June 6. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: Jacob Mendoza, St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024.



**Pray for our seminarians  
and those studying in  
religious orders that God  
will continue to guide  
them in the right path.**

## Additional Burses for donations:

- Rev. Sean Donohue Burse #2
- Rev. Msgr. Robert Schmidt
- Rev. Msgr. Vaclav Bily
- Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily
- St. Mary's Church – Praha
- St. Mary's Church – High Hill
- Rev. Charles Kram
- William L. Schmidt
- Sr. M. Perpetua Hawes, IWBS
- Rev. Msgr. John Hanacek
- Rev. Joe Levya
- Rev. Marcus Valenta
- Rev. Godfrey F. Kuratko
- Sophie Schmidt

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:

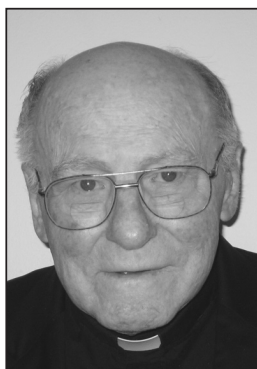
SEMINARY BURSES  
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA  
P. O. BOX 4070  
VICTORIA, TX 77903





### Father Henry C. Rachunek

BEASLEY — Reverend Henry Charles Rachunek, age 80 of Beasley and formerly of Hungerford, died Wednesday, April 3, 2013, in a Houston hospital following an extended illness. He was born on May 14, 1932 in Hungerford, the son of the late Frank W. Rachunek and Mary Ann Mikel Rachunek.



Father Rachunek grew up in Hungerford and attended Hungerford schools until having to drop out to help his father with the family farm. In 1952 he entered St. John's Minor Seminary in San Antonio and graduated in 1954. He then entered St. Mary's Seminary in Houston to complete his studies and was ordained June 2, 1962.

Father Rachunek's assignments included Houston, East Bernard, Rosenberg, Hungerford and Beasley. He served as pastor of both St. John Church in Hungerford and St. Wenceslaus Church from 1974 until 2010, when he retired from the Diocese of Victoria and then became the retired priest in residence at St. Wenceslaus Church in Beasley.

Visitation was held on Sunday, April 7 at St. Wenceslaus Church in Beasley with a rosary recited that evening. Visitation was held on Monday, April 8 at St. John Church in Hungerford with a rosary recited in the evening. A funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, April 9 at St. John Church in Hungerford with Bishop David Fellhauer and Msgr. William Manger concelebrating. Burial followed in the St. John Church Cemetery in Hungerford.

Survivors include; sisters, Della Morris and husband Bennie and Clara Kostka all of Wharton, Ollie Faltisek and husband Emil of Lake Jackson; brothers, Frank Rachunek and Adolph Rachunek and wife Edith all of Wharton, Richard Rachunek and wife Jo Ann of Angleton and Ben Rachunek and wife Louise of Sweeny.

Numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Mary Andel and husband Adolph, Leona Vasek Clemons; brothers,

Anton Rachunek and wife Dorothy, Ed Rachunek and wife Dolores; sister-in-law, Dorothy Mae Rachunek, brothers-in-law, Edwin Kostka and Steve Vasek; nephews, Robert Morris, Bill Faltisek, Anthony Rachunek, infant Gregory Rachunek and great nephew, Trey Rachunek.

Pallbearers were Bobby Stasney, Rudy Kuba, James Vincek, Douglas Grigar, Greg Kubes, Rudy Vrana, Jr. and Drew Vincek.

Honorary Pallbearers included the Jim Pustejovsky family, the Smesny family, the Mikel family, the Rachunek family and all priests of the Galveston-Houston Diocese and the Victoria Diocese.

In lieu of usual remembrances the family requests memorials to St. Wenceslaus Church, P.O. Box 89, Beasley, TX 77417 or St. John Church, P.O. Box 121, Hungerford, TX 77448.

### Msgr. Hybner's brother dies

SHINER — Theodore "Teet" Hybner, age 87, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2013. He was born in Shiner on July 3, 1925 to Leo and Josephine Kurtz Hybner.

Survivors: wife, Henrietta Sitka Hybner; daughters, Diana Hybner of Shiner, Mary Alice Wagner and husband Jimmy of Yoakum and Clare Petru and husband Jonathan of Victoria; son, Michael Hybner of Shiner; grandchildren, Kristi Zaruba and husband Scott, Gail Wagner, Jamie Soliz and husband Julian, Julie Petru, Jeremy Petru and Kevin Hybner; great-grandchildren, Mason, Connor and Alexis Zaruba; brothers, Msgr. Joseph Hybner and Johnny Hybner both of Shiner; sisters, Agnes Pustka and Rita Janak both of Shiner.

Preceded in death by: parents; son, Bruce John Hybner; brothers, Bennie Hybner, Alois Hybner and George Hybner; sister, Bernadette Valis.

Funeral Mass was on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Shiner, with Father Kirby Hlavaty officiating. Burial was at Shiner Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Jeremy Petru, Kevin Hybner, Jimmy Wagner, Jonathan Petru, Scott Zaruba and Mason Zaruba.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shiner Catholic School.

On-line guest book may be signed at [www.thielecooper.com](http://www.thielecooper.com).

### Deacon Rogers' wife, Elaine dies

HALLETTSVILLE — Elaine Rogers, 84, of Hallettsville, passed away April 17, 2013. She was born on March 1, 1929, to Joseph and Della Yentzen Placette in Port Arthur. She married Walter Rogers Jr. on July 3, 1947, at St. Mary's Church in Port Arthur.



Together they lived in Port Arthur, Groves, Bridge City, Mauriceville and Hallettsville. She was a charter member of Sacred Heart Altar Society, member of ACTS and Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hallettsville.

They have always been very active in the church. She was very involved in ACTS and enjoyed working at LAMB. In

her early years, she enjoyed traveling, she did not need any urging, and could have her bags packed in less than 15 minutes. She loved to dance and gave as much of her time as possible volunteering wherever she could.

Elaine is survived by: her husband Deacon Walter Sonny Rogers Jr.; son Dr. John Rogers and wife Jill of Woodlands; 2 daughters, Mary Urbish and husband Gilbert of Hallettsville, and Becki Nation and husband Rick of Hulbert, OK; 3 sisters, Patsy Collins of Austin, Theresa Adair of Hallettsville, and Rosalie Benton of Bridge City, Texas; 9 grandchildren, Heather Lawson, Jason Minton, Shelley Boozer, Dr. Kristen Rogers, Kaleb Nation, Jaden Nation, Maddi Nation, Blaise Nation, and Avery Nation; and 4 great grandchildren, Chance and Cole Minton, Riley Boozer and Gentry Lawson.

Elaine was preceded in death by: her parents; and 3 brothers, J.G., Harold, and Cecil Placette.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, April 22, 2013, at Sacred Heart Church of Hallettsville. Burial followed at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Officiating was Msgr. John Peters, Father Bob Knippenberg, Father Michael Petering, and Father Michael Rother. Pallbearers were Jeff Lawson, Paul Boozer, Jason Minton, Blaise Nation, Jaden Nation, and Jerry Teltschick. Honorary Pallbearers: Greig Placette and Gilbert Urbish. Memorials can be given to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, ACTS, or LAMB.

### Prayer for the Deceased Person

Almighty Father, eternal God, hear our prayers for Your son/daughter (Name) whom You have called from this life to Yourself. Grant him/her light, happiness, and peace. Let him/her pass in safety through the gates of death, and live forever with all Your saints in the light You promised to Abraham and to all his descendants in faith. Guard him/her from all harm and on that great day of resurrection and reward raise him/her up with all Your saints. Pardon his/her sins and give him/her eternal life in Your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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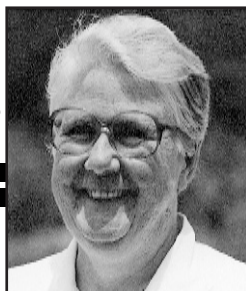
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## Thank You Notes

## SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



### Where is God?

One of the first questions that we encountered in our Catechism class years ago was “Where is God?” Together with our classmates we proudly chimed, “God is everywhere”; we all certainly knew that answer. However, sometimes I wonder if we really believe the significance of God’s omnipresence – God being everywhere. Somehow our limited human minds may not be able to wrap around such an awesome aspect of God’s existence. So to start out, let’s look at some of the places we are readily aware of God’s presence.

The first thing that may come to our minds is God’s presence during the Mass when the bread and wine are changed into the sacred Body and Blood of Christ, an action which stems from Jesus’ instruction to the Apostles at the Last Supper to do this in remembrance of Him. Not only does Jesus make himself present in the Bread and Wine; but we receive him, Body and Soul, Humanity and Divinity every time we receive him in Holy Communion. God is present also in the priest who presides, in the Scripture readings and in the assembly which is participating in the Liturgy. This overwhelming reality of God’s presence is so conducive to prayer that we are propelled into a prayerful mood fully aware of God’s presence.

After the eucharistic celebration, the remainder of the consecrated hosts are reserved in the tabernacle; originally this practice of reserving the Blessed Sacrament began so that communion would be available for the sick and the dying. Centuries later, the reserved Blessed Sacrament became a focus of devotional prayer. Many Catholic Churches now offer opportunities for adoration by the faithful in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. A large number of our readers take advantage of this opportunity.

Moreover, we can find God and prayer opportunities all around us if we tune

ourselves into God’s frequency. Just like radio or TV waves which are bouncing all around us unseen and unheard until we tune into them, God’s love surrounds and permeates us and all creation.

Now, we all know that when we receive Jesus in Communion he dwells within us in a special way as we take him to others through our words and actions! We can find Jesus in every one we meet; after all, each of us is a special beloved son or daughter of God who has been created in the image and likeness of God. And wherever we are, we can always find God in the Bible, through which God speaks to us. Moreover, our awareness of God’s presence will open our eyes to discover God’s handiwork in the splendor of a beautiful sunset, a flourishing field,

a breath-taking landscape, an intricate flower, or countless other manifestations of God’s creative presence. Therefore, let us –wherever we are– lift our hearts and minds up in praise and thanksgiving to our God for all that we are and have been given by our powerful and omnipresent God!



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of our community and parish, we extend our gratitude to each of you who remembered us in prayer following the events of December 14, 2012, at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

We quickly realized the universality of the Church by the outpouring of support and concern that was shown to us by so many in our faith communities. The cards and letters from staff and students in Catholic elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities reminded us of the faith to which we are called to witness through the tradition of Catholic education. No less important were the number of cards from parish religious education programs, especially the sacramental programs.

We are also very appreciative of the number of donations sent to us to assist our parish in our continuing ministry to the community, to help pay the expenses of the victims’ funerals, to support counseling

Dear Mr. Brown,

We have received your recent check for \$14,689.17. This amount has been posted to the 2012 Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign and will appear in our annual report.

I am grateful for your assistance in facilitating the generous gifts of the parishioners in your diocese.

Sincerely,

Bevin Kennedy  
Assistant Director of Promotions  
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Dear Bishop Fellhauer,

Please accept my deepest thanks for your diocese’s contribution of \$27,130.17 from your 2012 Catholic Home Missions

programs, to provide direct aid to the families and so on. Your generosity reminded us that we are not alone during this very sad and challenging time.

While we tried to acknowledge every letter and gift sent to us, it became an overwhelming task, so please accept this letter as a thank you to every person who remembered us in prayer during the days immediately following the tragedy to these days of recovery and healing. We know that the road ahead of us will be a lone one, but we are given great hope by the outpouring of generosity and love shown to us. We are truly blessed by your many acts of faith and kindness. Please know that you continue to be in our prayers of gratitude for the goodness you have demonstrated to us in so many ways.

God bless,

Msgr. Robert Weiss, pastor  
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Sincerely yours in Christt,

Most Rev. Peter F. Christensen  
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Your Excellency,

His Holiness Pope Francis has asked me to acknowledge the message of good wishes which you sent to him on behalf of the Diocese of Victoria following his election to the See of Peter. He is grateful for the devoted sentiments which you expressed and he thanks you for the support of your prayers as he begins his ministry as Universal Pastor of the Church.

Assuring you and your people of a remembrance in his own prayers, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

With every good wish, I am  
Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Archbishop Angelo Becciu  
Substitute  
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**SHOE DRIVE**—Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas #206 from Yoakum donated over 200 pairs of shoes to the Barefoot Sunday shoe project, which donates shoes to the poorest countries in the world, at their April 11, 2013, meeting. *Victoria Advocate* columnist, Ms. Jennifer Preyss accepted the donation and informed the members about the project and let them know that these shoes will go to Malawi, Africa which is one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world. She also stated that people will walk barefoot for three days when they hear the word that shoes are coming. The gift of shoes makes a big difference in their lives, it protects their feet from the terrain and aids in keeping down infections from sores that may develop on their feet. Another project the girls were involved with was Dash for Downs 5k Race held at Yoakum Shape Shop. Miss Macy and Maddie Svec accepted the donation for the race which will help raise money and awareness for local children who have Down Syndrome. Along with the donation, Mrs. Karen Quinney read the book *Taking Down Syndrome to School* which educated the members about children with Down Syndrome. The girls were also introduced to the book, *With Arms Open Wide!* and discovered that Macy Svec along with other local children with Down Syndrome are in this touching and vibrant book. The books may be purchased for \$5 and all proceeds go to the local Down Syndrome foundation.

## Holy Family Wharton honors Gloria Pavlas for thirty-five years of service

WHARTON—Gloria Pavlas was sitting in the car waiting for her children to get out of CCD, when God called her to catechetical ministry. Well, actually, it was Rev. Jim Olsovsky who went to the car and asked her to help with the second grade class at St. Joseph Parish in Boling. Thus began Gloria's life-long commitment to catechizing the little ones.

On Sunday, April 21, 2013, the parish family of Holy Family in Wharton honored Gloria for 35 years of dedicated service to God's people as catechist and parish catechetical leader. The celebration began with Mass and continued in the parish hall with a luncheon and fellowship. Her husband, children, and grandchildren were also in attendance.

Richard Lesak shared a little of Gloria's journey from preparing second graders

for First Communion to being director of the religious education program at Holy Family in Wharton for dozens of years. Rev. Dominic Antwi-Boasiako mentioned that Gloria served under many pastors

throughout the years, which also showed her dedication to the ministry. Sister Digna Vela said, "When I became the director of the catechetical office, Gloria was already the DRE. She was always very involved with diocesan meetings, conferences, and trainings. She was a true leader."

Gloria spoke about her love of God and the Catholic faith. She told the crowd that it

is our duty to pass on the faith to all God's children.

Throughout her years in catechetical ministry, Gloria taught various grade levels, organized the First Communion and

*See Holy Family, p. 9*



*Gloria Pavlas*



**VOLUNTEERS HONORED**—The Sixteenth Annual Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards were presented recently in Shiner by the Office of Catholic Schools. A dinner was served, followed by the presentation of the awards. Making the presentations were Bishop David E. Fellhauer, John Quarry, school superintendent; and Janie Carrales, administrative assistant for Diocesan Catholic Schools. The recipients of the award for the year 2013 were front row (l-r): Teresa Heth, Holy Cross, Bay City; Linda Schmidt, St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg; Frances Keseling, St. Michael, Cuero; Rhonda Cummins, Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca; Mary Sablatura, St. Anthony, Columbus; Tami Triska, St. Philip, El Campo; Lisa Seger, Nazareth Academy, Victoria; top row (l-r) John Quarry, Carolyn and Tim Markham, St. Ludmila and St. Paul, Shiner; David Spaeth, St. Joseph, Yoakum; Ed Martinka, Our Lady of Victory, Victoria; Bishop David Fellhauer; Martin Luchak, St. Michael, Weimar; Patrick Strauss, St. Joseph High School, Victoria; and Vince Seger, Nazareth Academy, Victoria. Not pictured are: Phillip and Nanci Hadash, Sacred Heart, Hallettsville.





## Holy Family Wharton Honors Gloria Pavlas for Thirty-five Year of Service

*Continued from p. 8*

Confirmation programs, helped to bring the evangelization program Disciples in Mission and the diocesan Lenten program Disciples on the Journey to the parish community.

Gloria completed the Diocese of Victo-

ria Basic Catechist Training in 1986, and the Pastoral Institute Extended Program in 1990. In 1997, she completed the Basic Training for Catechetical Leadership & Management course; in 2003, 2004, and 2005, she took on-going training courses

for parish catechetical leaders offered through the catechetical office. She was a member of the Organization of Catechetical Leadership and was named Parish Catechetical Leader of the Month in July 2008. Gloria is truly a catechetical leader.

*Pictured at the right is, Gloria Pavlas with Father Domonic Antwi-Boasiako, pastor of Holy Family in Wharton.*



Pictures are from the Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day in Austin. Top left, bishops praying in the chambers; top right, people gathered outside the capitol; and representatives of the Diocese of Victoria, left.

## Faithful from the diocese attend gathering in Austin

AUSTIN—The Texas Capitol served as a backdrop for more than 1,000 Catholics, who gathered in Austin to participate in Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day.

Wearing blue t-shirts, the participants filled the House and Senate Chambers, as many of the bishops of Texas led the opening prayers at the Tuesday, April 9, 2013, session of both the House and Senate.

At the rally later that morning, on the steps of the capitol building, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo told the participants, seeking to have the legislators recognize them as one Catholic voice: "For all of them it's impressive, for some of them it evokes such pride and perhaps in a couple even some fear. Let it be. But what we want is your presence."

In the afternoon, many of the participants lobbied their legislators and called upon them to, among other things, value life with measures that reduce abortion, in-

crease health care access, allow companies to receive tax credits for donations made to scholarships for those who send their children to Catholic and private schools and improve social justice in Texas by cracking down on predatory lenders, along with other issues.

Representing the Diocese of Victoria was Father Gary Janak, diocesan coordinator for the event, Father Tommy Chen, Diocesan Respect Life/Pro-Life Director, Mike Johnson of Hallettsville, Bill and Dolores Wilkes of Weimar, Don and Tish McAlister of El Campo, and Gail Janecka, Michele Martin, Molly Adams, Nicki Hagel, Robbie Lauger, Hannah Adams, Benjamin Adams, Michael Garcia and Brandon Benavidez, all of Victoria. This marked the first time the Diocese of Victoria has participated in Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day.

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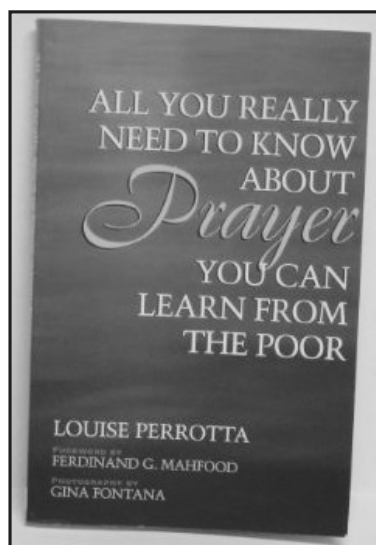
*Good Father, Bondye, my life is in your hands. Open the door of heaven to provide what I need today. Even before my prayer is on my lips, you know what it will be – for shoes ... a decent job ... protection ... help for those I love ...*

*Take care of me again today and keep me very close to you, so that one day I may see you open the door of heaven to welcome me home.*

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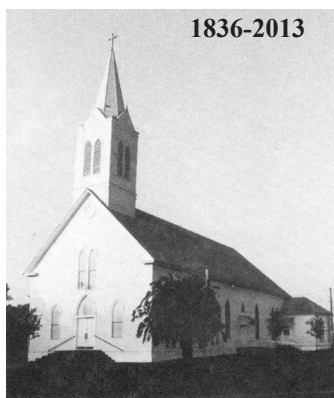
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### Puzzle Contest Winners Drawn

The winner of the April puzzle contest and the book *Mercy With Out Borders - The Catholic Worker and Immigration* by Mark and Louise Zwick is Henrietta Mueck of St. Rose of Lima in Schulenburg. The winners of the children's contest are Kaylie Olivarez (7) of Sacred Heart Parish in Hallettsville and Karlie Beth Stehle (15) of St. Joseph Parish in Yoakum. They each will receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop. The winner of the May

contest will win "All You Really Need To Know About Prayer You Can Learn From The Poor" by Louise Perrotta. More about the book is at the left.

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

**"... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. ..."**

1 Peter 3:15





## Catholic By Grace

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



### “May I have this dance?”

In those final weeks of my father’s life, Dad and I reminisced about our father-daughter dance at my wedding reception.

That’s when he said it, though not as a complaint. Just a passing sadness.

“I don’t know why your mother would never say yes to dancing with me.”

A couple months later, my father passed away, and my mother grieved. She replayed their life together in her mind – all the trips and pastorates and friends and life events. She sighed and said, “I wish I had told your dad that I would dance with him. I don’t know why I never did.”

It would have caused Mom too much pain for me to share what Dad had said just weeks earlier. I knew why she didn’t say yes. It was a remnant, a final vestige, of her fundamentalist faith heritage.

No movies. No french fries. No sleeveless tops. No playing cards. No co-ed swimming pools. No alcohol. And no dancing.

Not even with your husband.

Over the years, Mom had lost most of her childhood taboos. She ordered french fries and bought movie tickets. She made sure her children had swimming lessons and enjoyed the local swimming pool. She wore sleeveless tops in the summer and played Rook (not quite the same thing as cards – but pretty darn close). The only remaining taboos were dancing and a glass of wine.

She wouldn’t raise a glass of champagne. And she wouldn’t take to the dance floor.

She had experienced every marital grace, given birth to his three children, listened to every sermon he had preached (as a Protestant minister), edited every college paper he wrote, listened to every confidence he shared – but she simply couldn’t say yes to a dance between a husband and his wife.

How sad, you might say. But I think most of us are guilty of this, spiritually speaking. As members of the Bride of Christ, Jesus invites each of us to dare to dance. To do something that others may not understand. To stop chatting at our little tables, to push away from the group of friends we cling to, to abandon all that’s comfortable, and to walk toward the dance floor.

Daily, Jesus invites us to slip our hand in his and let him lead –any way he chooses. We may be asked to follow the Bridegroom somewhere really exciting or dangerous or far off. We may have to risk stepping on his

toes –and disappointing him with our lack of finesse. We may need to abandon our fear of what others might think.

This is the moment for a bride’s gentle, perhaps shy, yes. It yields a life without regret.

What has Jesus been proposing to you? It’s time to put on your dancing shoes and take his outstretched hand. Most of us have become too comfortable with our spiritual walk. Most of us are content to be a quiet wall flower when it comes to the Faith.

It’s time to be a little daring. Tap your foot to the music. Something different is playing now, and it demands your response. What is the name of that song?

It’s called The Year of Faith.

Imagine Our Lord with outstretched hand, asking, “May I have this dance?”

And this is where you say yes and leave regret behind.

*Denise Bossert is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in New Melle, Missouri.*

### Catholic members of royal couples won’t have to raise kids Catholics

LONDON (CNS)—Church leaders have told the British government that members of the royal family who marry Catholics under recently passed legislation will not be obliged to bring up their children in the Catholic faith.

Lord Wallace of Tankerness, speaking on behalf of the government, said he had been assured personally by Msgr. Marcus Stock, general secretary of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, that the canonical requirement of Catholics to raise their children in the faith was not always binding.

“I have the specific consent of Msgr. Stock to say that he was speaking on behalf of Archbishop (Vincent) Nichols (of Westminster) as president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales and can inform the House that the view taken by the Catholic Church in England and Wales is that, in the instance of mixed marriages, the approach of the Catholic Church is pastoral,” he said.

### Sunday Readings from May 12 to June 9

May 12 — Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1:1-11  
Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Luke 24:46-53

May 19 — Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2:1-11  
Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

May 26 — The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity  
Proverbs 8:22-31  
Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

June 2 — The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Genesis 14:18-20  
Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Luke 9:11B-17

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

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“It will always look to provide guidance that supports and strengthens the unity and indissolubility of the marriage,” Lord Wallace said.

“In this context the Catholic Church expects Catholic spouses to sincerely undertake to do all that they can to raise children in the Catholic Church,” he continued.

“Where it has not been possible for the child of a mixed marriage to be brought up as a Catholic, the Catholic parent does not fall subject to the censure of canon law.”

The remarks were made during the third reading debate of the Succession to the Crown Bill in the House of Lords April 22.

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*Pope Francis*

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### Prepare for Last Judgment by serving the poor, pope says

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians believe they are saved by God's grace, but they also know they will be judged at the end of time on how they used the talents God gave them and how they served others, especially the poor, Pope Francis said.

"Today belief in Jesus' return and in the last judgment isn't always so clear and firm in Christians' hearts," the pope said April 24 at his weekly general audience. But "Jesus, during his public life, spoke frequently" about his coming again to judge the living and

the dead.

While teaching about belief in the second coming of Christ and the last judgment, Pope Francis also spoke about what it means to live in "the intermediary time," the time between the death and resurrection of Christ and his coming again.

It is a "time of vigilance when we must keep the lamp of faith, hope and charity burning, a time when we must keep our hearts open to goodness, beauty and truth. It's a time to live according to God, because we do not know the day or the hour of Christ's return," the pope said.

Christians continually must look for signs of God's presence, he said; they must be vigilant. "Do not fall asleep. The life of a sleeping Christian is a sad life."

Pope Francis also spoke about the importance of using the talents God gives each person, and -- in both Italian and Spanish -- he urged young people to recognize their gifts and seek ways to use them to serve God, others and the whole world.

"Do not be afraid to dream big dreams," he told them.

Faith is a gift and salvation is a grace, he said, "but in order to bear fruit, God's grace requires us to be open, to give a free and concrete response."

The time of waiting for Christ's return is "a time for action," Pope Francis said. Especially at a time of global financial crises, people must use their gifts to help others.

The parable in St. Matthew's Gospel about the Last Judgment -- using the image of a shepherd separating the sheep from the goats -- is not meant to frighten people, but to motivate them to act, the pope said.

The Gospel "tells us that we will be judged by God on our charity, on how we have loved our brothers and sisters, especially the weakest and neediest," he said.

The time before the last judgment, he said, is a time given by God, who with mercy and patience, wants us "to learn to recognize him in the poor and the little ones, work for good and be vigilant in prayer and in love."

## Guest Commentary

### The Boston bombings and their aftermath

Posted on [CatholicPhilly.com](http://CatholicPhilly.com), the news website of the Philadelphia Archdiocese. It was written by Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput.

Violence and grief in the Boston area have rightly dominated our news media for the past week. The latest terrorist bloodshed is not at all senseless. It's the work of calculated malice. Innocent people, including children, have paid the price for other people's hatred. Our most important task right now is to pray for the victims and their families.

God exists, and God can heal even the worst suffering, despite every human attempt to ignore him and every terrible sin that seems to "disprove" his presence. And yet it's fair to ask: How can a good God allow this kind of evil to happen?

The answer is both simple and hard. There's nothing soft-focus or saccharine about real Christianity. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is for the brave; not the complacent, and not cowards. The world and its beauty give glory to God; but we live in it with divided hearts, and so the world is also a field of conflict. God's son died on a cross and rose from the dead to deliver us from our sins. He didn't take away our freedom to choose evil. Until this world ends, some people will do vile and inhuman things to others.

The irony of human dignity

is that it requires our freedom. It depends on our free will. We own our actions. And free persons can freely choose to do wicked things. Spend an hour browsing through Scripture: It's the story of a struggle between good and evil that cuts bloodily through every generation in history. And the story is made bearable, and given meaning, only by the fidelity of God -- the constancy of his justice, his mercy, his solace, his love.

Within hours of the Boston bombings, public officials were telling the nation that terrorists would not be allowed to destroy "our way of life." It's the duty of leaders -- an important duty -- to reassure and strengthen their people in times of tragedy. Our country has a vast reservoir of goodness built up by generations of good people. America's best ideals are well worth fighting for. But we also need to remember that our way of life is as mortal as every other great power; and sooner or later, America will be a footnote in history. Only God is forever.

To read the complete commentary go to [CatholicPhilly.com](http://CatholicPhilly.com)

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## Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival Meal

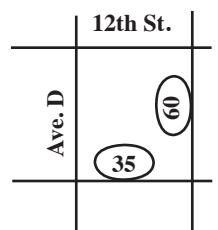
Bay City — Parish Hall (12th Street and Ave. D)



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11:30 a.m.







## 16th Annual Bishop David Fellhauer Invitational Golf Tournament

~ “A Real Hole in One” ~

The 16th annual Bishop David Fellhauer Invitational Charity Golf Tournament, held for the diocesan Seminarian Education Fund, Vocations, and Youth offices, was an even greater success this year than the most successful tournament held last year. As we mention successes we must also congratulate David Heyer for making a Hole in One on #14.

The tournament, which was held at The Club at Colony Creek, Friday, April 12, is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 9088 of Victoria.

This year's tournament raised over \$55,000 – the most ever raised in this tournament – thanks to many generous sponsors and the participation of 30 teams. The proceeds will benefit numerous new and existing vocations and youth programs throughout the diocese.

The tremendous increase in seminarians in our diocese necessitates more funds to educate these perspective priests. Thirty sponsors stepped up to the “tee” becoming \$1,000 Bishop Level sponsors and golfed in the name of one of our 10 seminarians. The \$32,000 raised will go directly to the Seminarian Education Fund.

We also thank this year's golf committee members: Monroe Rieger, tournament chairman; Ron Sitka, golf chairman; Wendy Eggert, Debbie Vanelli, Gerald Bludau,

Mike Brown, Ed Lehnert, Clyde Svetlik, Hardy McCullough, Rev. Dan Morales, John Pribyl, Tommy Treybig, Bennie Vitek, George Wenzel, Glenn Machicek, and Gerald Bryant.

Winners of the tournament include the following: 1st Flight Winners were, 1st Place: Mike Rippamonti, Ron Sitka, Andrew Vasquez, and Richard Vasquez; 2nd Place: Robert Chaney, George Galbraith, Anisia Wolfschlag, and Mel Wolfschlag; 3rd Place: Fabian Balboa, Andre Chapa, Diego Chapa, and Jessie Sanchez; 2nd Flight Winners were, 1st Place: Fritz Baumgartner, Jerad Nethery, Mark Sadler, and Mike Torres; 2nd Place: Bruce Blaha, John Garcia, Bobby Poss, and Chip Stelpflug; 3rd Place: Father David Berger, Father Brian Heyer, Father Patrick Knippenberg, and Father Michael Rother; 3rd Flight Winners were 1st Place: Anthony Collins, Joe Freeman, Ralph Gold, and Dick Ottis; 2nd Place: J.J. Hill, Deacon Larry Hoelscher, Bob Little, and Tommy Turner; 3rd Place: Chris Miller, Donna Miller, Eddie Miller Jr., and Trey Miller

Other Prizes given were: Closest to the Hole (Men) #5 Bishop David Fellhauer; (Women) #14 Wanda Sanders

Closest to the Line (Men) #10 Tommy Treybig; (Women) #15 Anne McIntosh

Hole in One #14 David Heyer



Pictured at the top is Bishop David Fellhauer, Monroe Rieger, David Heyer, who shot a hole in one; with his son, Father Bryan Heyer, Ron Sitka and Father Dan Morales.

Top right, Bishop David Fellhauer presents Anne McIntosh a prize for being closest to the line on #15.

At left are those who sponsored a hole at the Bishop Level, which was earmarked exclusively for the Seminarian Education Fund. At the Bishop Level the sponsor was able to choose a seminarian to sponsor.



### Pope Francis Coat of Arms

This is a high-quality artist's reproduction of the coat of arms of Pope Francis. The insignia borrows much from his former episcopal emblem. On the blue shield is the symbol of the Society of Jesus. Below it is a star and the buds of a spikenard flower, which represent respectively Mary and St. Joseph. The papal motto is the Latin phrase “Misericordia atque eligendo,” which means “having mercy, he called him.” The phrase refers to a line in a homily by St. Bede: “Because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him.” (CNS graphic/Tim Meko)



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## Theological and Catechetical Courses Offered This Summer

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The Pastoral Institute was created to offer continuing adult faith enrichment and education for the people of the Diocese of Victoria. This summer the Pastoral Institute is offering a variety of courses for those involved in catechetical ministry as well as theology courses that would be of interest to catechists and/or the general public. These courses can also be a means for the people of the diocese to participate in The Year of Faith.

A companion booklet (\$4.25 per book) is required for each course. There are no other fees associated with these courses. Registration can be done online or to view

a complete listing of all the 2013 Short-term courses, at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org), click on Ministries, then Pastoral Institute, then Short-term Program, then click 2013

Summer Short-term program, then Short-term Registration, or by calling (361) 573-0828 ext 2223. The courses, locations, and times are listed below:

DATES	TIME	CLASS	Parish/City
June 11	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Methods 1 & 2	St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg
June 11	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Methods 3 & 4	St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg
June 11	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Methods 5 & 6	St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg
June 11	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Methods 7 & 8	St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg
June 12	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Methods 1 & 2	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 12	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Methods 3 & 4	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 12	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Methods 5 & 6	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 12	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Methods 7 & 8	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 17	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	The Learner Pt. 1	O. L. of Guadalupe, Bay City
June 24	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	The Learner Pt. 2	O. L. of Guadalupe, Bay City
June 17	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Sacraments Pt. 1	Chancery, Victoria
June 18	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Sacraments Pt. 2	Chancery, Victoria
June 19	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	The Learner Pt. 1	Chancery, Victoria
June 20	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	The Learner Pt. 2	Chancery, Victoria
June 19	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Methods 1 & 2	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 19	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Methods 3 & 4	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 19	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Methods 5 & 6	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 19	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Methods 7 & 8	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 25	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Prayer & Spirituality Pt. 1	Chancery, Victoria
June 27	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Prayer & Spirituality Pt. 2	Chancery, Victoria

## NCEA Convention attended by teachers from diocese

HOSUTON—Faculty and staff from the various schools and John Quarry, superintendent of Catholic Schools, of the Diocese of Victoria traveled to the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston to join thousands of others involved in the ministry of Catholic Education at the National Catholic Educators Association Convention.

The NCEA Convention & Expo is the largest private-education association gathering in the nation and was held in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston. Those who partici-

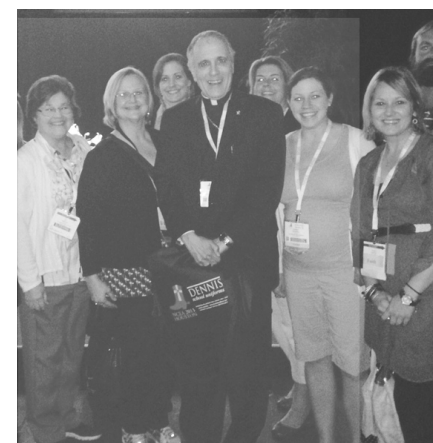
pate represent all aspects of Catholic and faith-based education from preschool, elementary, secondary, adult education, colleges and universities, to local parish pastors, priests, directors of parish religious education programs, parish volunteers, and more. The convention was a time to celebrate, to acquire new knowledge, and to experience a renewing of the spirit.

Attendees were able to enjoy more than 300 professional development sessions, departmental meetings, beautiful liturgies, and the special events hosted by our host diocese. There was also an opportunity to visit the Expo Hall to get the latest in educational technology, products, and services.

Among the keynote speakers was Father Robert Barron of Chicago, Founder of Word on Fire Ministries. His presentation “Proclaiming Christ to a Secular Culture” discussed the indispensable work of the

church in light of the New Evangelization.

Each day of the convention there were daily Liturgical Celebrations. These Masses included special musical accompaniment by various Catholic School choirs and music programs throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The celebrant at the opening Eucharistic Liturgy on Tuesday, April 2 was Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. His homily was spiritual and motivating.



St. Rose of Lima School, in Schulenburg, faculty and Principal Rosanne Gallia, second left, took a picture following the closing keynote speaker on Thursday, April 4, with Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

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## Our Lady of the Gulf 12th Annual Golf Outing



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**Father's Team:**—\$500 includes round of golf with a priest from our diocese, photos, mulligans, range balls, 18 holes of golf, carts, lunch and special ditty bags.  
**Parishioner's Team:**—\$400 includes round of golf, range balls, 18 holes of golf, carts, lunch and various awards.

There will be an awards presentation and lunch directly after golf.

Contact Mike Elgin at (361) 552-2495 or e-mail at [mikeelgin112@gmail.com](mailto:mikeelgin112@gmail.com) or church office at (361) 552-6140 before May 18 to help properly plan for the event.



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## Special Collections

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May 12**

## Ongoing Events

**That Man Is You**—This men's group transforms men, families, and society as it presents the vision of man fully alive; see [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org). It is held at 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., JPPI 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 or [sanantonio@bep.org](mailto:sanantonio@bep.org); or see: [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 go to 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, please go to [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 [victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com](mailto:victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com). Classes—Spring Session: April 21, May 19 and June 23; 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 for all interested. Victoria meetings, 2nd Tuesday, 101 W. Convent at 6:30 p.m., includes light supper; for Angel Workshop/Training dates, contact Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or e-mail: [barbaramccain85@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramccain85@yahoo.com). Holy Family, Wharton, meets 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.; contact (979) 532-3593, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. See: [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, visit the website at [www.victoriadiocese.org/family/ee.htm](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/family/ee.htm). The weekend is held at the Spiritual Renewal Center. The 2013 dates are: Sept. 27-29 with ONLY 25 spaces available. For more info., call (361) 573-0828 ext. 2230. All registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form.

**Retrouvaille**—Retrouvaille, meaning rediscovery, is a marriage-healing ministry offered in the diocese to couples in difficult marriages. Go to [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org); contact John and Jennifer Vincent at [jbvjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbvjov@sbcglobal.net) or (361) 580-2770; (800) 470-2230; or [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, go to [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.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 ministers to family and friends of persons with same-sex attraction. Learn more at [couragec.net/](http://couragec.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. It and its museum are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and closed on major holidays. The Quarters, a two-bedroom guest quarter, is available for overnight stays. For rates and more information, contact (361) 645-3752 or see [www.presidiolabahia.org](http://www.presidiolabahia.org).

## Picnics, Activities, etc.

### May

**Hostyn**—Holy Rosary Mayfest May 5

**Victoria**—Holy Family Parish Festival May 5

**Weimar**—Celebrate Weimar Gedenke May 10-11 — barbecue cook-off, 5K fun run, antique car show, arts and crafts, contests, reunions, loads of activities, silent auction and more. Music Friday with The Good, Bad & Ugly and TUB — Saturdays music — Red Ravens — the Telstars and The Hit Men. The parade will be at noon on Saturday — bring your lawn chairs. A celebration of culture, history, and tradition. For more information call (979) 725-9511 or visit [weimartx.org](http://weimartx.org).

**Cuero**—St. Michael Annual Parish Spring Festival May 19 on the parish grounds. A roast-beef dinner including dessert will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a drive-thru-line for plates-to-go available. Meal tickets are \$8 p/p. See ad on page 11 for more information.

**Inez**—Catholic Daughters Court St. Joseph, Protector of Mary is hosting a games party at \$7 p/p on May 19 at the St. Joseph Parish Hall from 2:00-5:00 p.m. with dinner served (king ranch chicken, salad and drink). Reservations required by calling Kathy Prukop at (361) 575-3559 or Brenda Miller at (361) 218-9389.

**Hallettsville**— Sacred Heart Parish Spring Festival May 26 at the KC Hall. A fried-chicken and stew dinner will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the hall with plates-to-go available. There will be music, auction, games, entertainment and more all afternoon.

**Shiner**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Spring Picnic May 26, see ad on page 7 for more information

## Upcoming Events

**Flatonia**—Sacred Heart Parish Annual Spring Picnic on June 2. Fried-chicken and stew dinner will be served. There will be an outdoor auction, silent auction, games, bingo, music — something for all ages. Located at 516 South Faires.

**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 and children 12 and under free. Entertainment indoors and under pavilion with water-fan cooled comfort. Sausage/barbecue-chicken plate lunches available beginning at 11:00 a.m., hamburgers and sausage sandwiches available in the afternoon. Arts/crafts, kiddie games, cakewalk and more family fun. For more information including all the bands that will be there go to [www.kkfest.com](http://www.kkfest.com) or call (979) 335-7907.

**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/Drive thru available. Auction begins at 11:30 a.m.

**Schulenburg**—St. Rose of Lima Annual Parish Picnic June 9 at KC Hall.

**St. Mary**—St. Mary picnic June 9. See ad on page 10 for more information.

**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 or (361) 552-6844 or (361) 552-3233.

**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. followed by flag-raising ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. A stew and fried-chicken dinner begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Dubina**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Picnic July 7

**Moravia**—Ascension of Our Lord Parish Picnic July 14 (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, toy walk, games and cakewalk along with much more. Auction starts at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments and food available throughout the day. Music during the day and night.

## Masses • Retreats • Conferences

**Dallas**—The 16th annual multi-denominational Dallas Benedictine Experience will take place at The Catholic Conference and Formation Center from Wednesday, June 19, to Saturday, 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, please e-mail [heepsence@aol.com](mailto:heepsence@aol.com) or call (214) 339-8483.

**Victoria**—St. Mary's Altar Society will sponsor a half-day retreat on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the St. Mary's Activity Center. More information at a later date.

**Victoria**—Incarnate Word Prayer Group invites you to Praise and Worship on Mondays at 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Events are held at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street. FMI on any event, 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, please contact Sister Louise Marie Jones at [iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com).

**Shiner**—Latin Masses will be celebrated by Father Bob Knippenberg at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church every 1st & 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 follows at 7:00 p.m., with Rev. Paulson Panakal. Mark your calendars now for next month. Call for more information: (361) 237-3634

**ACTS Retreats**—For information on ACTS retreats, please go to ACTS Web site at [www.actsmissions.org](http://www.actsmissions.org).

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## 100 Years of Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Yoakum *Court Our Lady Of Guadalupe #206, 1913 – 2013*

YOAKUM—Whether it's aiding St. Joseph Parish in Yoakum, helping with local community projects, or weighing in on social-justice issues, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have done a century's worth of goodwill in Yoakum, Texas. Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206 observed its 100th anniversary on March 10, 2013. Court #206 was first organized on June 1, 1913, with 33 charter members and was only the fourth court to be organized in the State of Texas. Also recognized was Yoakum's Junior CDA Court, celebrating 70 years, and currently led by adult leaders Jennifer Jahn and Desiree Muenich.

The anniversary celebration began with Mass at St. Joseph Church. Mass was celebrated by Bishop David Fellhauer.



Those honored with 50 plus years in the court, who were able to attend were, front row l-r, Mary Ann Wenzel, Lillie Vecera, Aliene Vinklerek, Mary McQuillen, Joyce Brewer; back row l-r, Elenora Ebner, Barbara Lauer, Ruby Jiral, Margaret Smolik, Genevieve Pekar, Doris Friedel, Theresa Polzin

Concelebrant was Reverend Matthew H. Huehlefeld with Deacon Dennis Kutach assisting. The entrance procession was led by the Color Guard, U.S. Flag, and CDA Banner, followed by members of the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, CDA Court 206 members and local, state and national CDA officers. Members of Knights



*Pictured above with Bishop David Fellhauer, back center, and Father Matthew Huehlefeld, and Deacon Dennis Kutach is the local court officers of the CDA Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206 and Texas State CDA officers.*

of Columbus, 4th Degree Council #1128 served as honor guard for the procession and during the Mass.

Mass was followed by a reception and lunch served at the St. Joseph Parish Family Center. The celebration was well attended by members of Court #206 as well as by representatives from various CDA Courts throughout the state. Special guests attending the event were: Bishop Fellhauer of Victoria, Father Huehlefeld – pastor of St. Joseph Parish and Chaplain of Court #206, Second Vice National Regent Olga Samaniego of El Paso, State Regent Carolyn Malik of Shiner, First Vice State Regent Peggy Rosales of Austin, Second Vice State Regent Eve Trevino of Corpus Christi, State Secretary Rosie Stockwell of Edinburg, and State Treasurer Melodie Brunt of Texarkana, Youth/JCDA State Chairman Terri Beltran of El Campo, JCDA State President Mary Adamek of Shiner, and District Deputy #12 Marcella Henke of Hallettsville.

Mayor Annie Rodriguez and City Council member Elorine Sitka presented a Resolution of Recognition of CDA Court #206 from the City of Yoakum. Mary McQuillen gave the history of Court Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Ladies who have been members of the Yoakum Court for 50 years or more were recognized and presented a red rose by fellow CDA members. 50+ year members included: Marcella Janak, Theresa Polzin, Joyce Brewer, Ruby Jiral, Ann Richter, Evelyn Brzozowski, Veraline Kaiser, Fay Rohan, Almarena Bucek, Marie Jo Knippa, Ruby Sansom, Agnes Chomout, Mag Laqua, Margie Schindler, Mertes Culak, Jo Ann Machac, Ardyce Vaclavik, Sheila Dennis, Aileen Manning, Betty Valenta, Elenora Ebner, Helen Manning, Edith

Vanek, Doris Friedel, Mary McQuillen, Aliene Vinklerek, Dorothy Hercek, Tillie Mudd, Lillie Vecera, Margaret Hermes, Virginia Patek, Bernice Watson, Marie Holster, Genevieve Pekar, Mary Ann Wenzel, Maggie Jahn, Wilma Pesek, Barbara Lauer, Margaret Smolik.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (originally called Daughters of Isabella) was founded by the Knights of Columbus in 1903, and is now one of the oldest and largest Catholic women's organizations with members within and outside of the United States.

Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206 was first organized 100 years ago with 33 charter members. On June 1, 1913, the Degree Team from Court Marie Galante in Austin (the first Court in Texas) came to Yoakum to institute Yoakum's Court as "Daughters of Isabella" the 4th Court in Texas!

Mrs. D. J. Shall served as the first Regent for the court; Shirley Kocian is currently serving as Regent. Two Yoakum CDA members have served as State Regent: the late Mrs. Bettie Rohan and the late Mrs. Ida Poth. Mrs. Bettie Rohan also served as National Director.

Yoakum's Court #206 is proud to sponsor the local Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court for girls age 6-18 for the past 70 years (1943-2013). Currently they are blessed to have 59 active members. The JCDA Court is very active and is a role model for young ladies, encouraging leadership and responsibility. Counselors for the JCDA are Jennifer Jahn and Desiree Muenich.

Court #206 is always welcoming new members to their fun-loving group of Catholic women. Please set aside the first Monday of each month to join us at St. Joseph Parish Family Center at 6:00 p.m.

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