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READ ALL ABOUT IT!

## Canonization date set

Pope Francis recently announced at a consistory of cardinals and promoters of the sainthood causes of the late pontiffs that Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II will be canonized next year. Pope John Paul II, led the Catholic Church for 27 years and witnessed the fall of communism. Pope John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council. Both will be declared saints in a single ceremony on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014, and presided over by Pope Francis at the Vatican.



Pope John Paul II leans on his crosier during Mass at Giants Stadium in New

Jersey in 1995. (CNS photo/ Michael Okoniewski)



Blessed John XXIII served as pope from 1958 to 1963. (CNS photo)

Restorations at Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria.



## Msgr. Say celebrates 55 years in the priesthood and altar restorations complete

There is much to celebrate at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL). On October 6th, Msgr. Say commemorated a belated 85th birthday, 55th anniversary of being ordained in the priesthood, and completed altar restorations at the church.

### About Msgr. Say

Celestino Say was born on March 28, 1928, in Manila, Philippines. He was the fifth of seven children, of John and Tee Hee (Ty) Say, and was ordained a Benedictine priest on March 21, 1958.

His parents were Chinese and integrated into the Philippines as teenagers. His father was a logger and an immigrant to Manila that had been baptized Anglican.

His mother was 34 years old, a Buddhist, and a talented embroiderer. She died when



Msgr. Say

he was 5 years old. His family's devout Catholic faith fortified them throughout WWII, at which time he witnessed and experienced hardship and mistreatment during the Japanese occupation of the Philippine Islands. He was always surprised he was not killed during such times. At the age of 13, he became a survivor and his life would soon take an incredible journey.

He began high school with his younger brother following the

*See Msgr. Say, p. 10*

## Church celebrates centennial

### Church history, Westhoff

10 acres of land were donated by Leo Neumann, in 1911, for the purpose of building a church. In 1913, a grant from the Catholic Church Extension Society facilitated completion and the church was officially blessed by Bishop John W. Shaw.

In 1926, Fr. Edward Marco was appointed the resident pastor of Nixon. The church was connected as a mission church to Nixon until October of 1970.

It was moved from the original site in 1926. Storms in 1929

and 1942 left the church in need of repairs. However, framework is basically the same as it was initially completed in 1913.

The church currently serves as a mission church of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Meyersville.



St. Aloysius Church, celebrates 100 years, 1913-2013.

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## Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

### November

- 6** 10:00 a.m. Presbyteral Council meeting, Chancery Office
- 10-14** U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops General meeting, Baltimore, Maryland
- 15** 8:15 a.m. Nazareth Academy National Young Readers Week, Victoria
- 17** 10:30 a.m. Mass, 100th Anniversary Celebration, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria
- 20** 4:00 p.m. Diocesan Building Board meeting, Chancery Office
- 23** 11:00 a.m. Mass, Priestly Ordination of Transitional Deacon James Mark Adame, O.Ss.T., Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria
- 24** 10:30 a.m. Mass, Blessing of new hall, St. Roch Church, Mentz
- 5:30 p.m. Anniversary Celebration, Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Port Lavaca

### December

- 2** 6:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369 and Knights of Columbus Council #1329, Christmas gathering, Knights of Columbus Hall, Victoria
- 3** 6:00 p.m. Appreciation Dinner for Conference volunteers, Chancery Office
- 5** 6:00 p.m. Knights of St. Gregory Christmas gathering for priests, The Club at Colony Creek, Victoria
- 6** Noon Presentation, Serra Club of Victoria, The Club at Colony Creek, Victoria
- 7** 2:00 p.m. Presidio La Bahia Awards, Goliad
- 5:00 p.m. Mass, Spiritual Renewal Center
- 6:15 p.m. Social
- 7:00 p.m. Bishop's Christmas Dinner
- 9** 10:27 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph High School, Victoria
- 12** 5:30 a.m. Mañanitas, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria
- 6:00 a.m. Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria
- 13** 6:30 p.m. Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Christmas gathering, Victoria Country Club, Victoria



OLV 6th grade class celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis portraying *The Canticle of the Sun* under the direction of Sister Donna Bonorden. Mass celebrant was Bishop David E. Fellhauer. Mass assistant was Fr. Gary Janak.

## Thank You Note

Dear Bishop Fellhauer,

I appreciate your contribution of \$23,361.47 from your 2012 Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). With its 75% share of the annual collection, the CCHD supports people living in poverty across the U.S. working together to improve their communities. This collection is the principal source for CCHD. Your generosity makes a difference.

More than 46 million Americans live in poverty. In many areas, unemployment continues. Too many parents face heart-breaking choices between health care, child care, and feeding their children. With its focus on long-term solutions, the work of CCHD is an essential complement to services like Catholic education, Catholic Charities, and pro-life activities. Your donation helps to take poverty off the map, one community at a time.

Your steadfast support reveals the faithful love of God to those living on the margins of our society. Let us join together, in prayer, for the courage to continue defending human dignity and promoting the sanctity of all human life. May the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary help us to care for our brothers and sisters living in poverty. May we serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command" (Eucharistic Prayer IV for use in Masses for various needs).

Respectfully,  
Most Rev. Jaime Soto  
Bishop of Sacramento  
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee  
on the Catholic Campaign for Human  
Development

## DSA & Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign Updates

### 2013 DSA

Diocesan Goal:	\$1,721,343.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$762,469.37
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$714,664.24
Number of Parish Families Participating:	3,382

### Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign

Diocesan Goal:	\$9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$12,880,201.83
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$10,994,933.71
Number of Parish Families Participating:	6,770





## Discover God's love with us!

### Amor Meus Spirituality Center:

- is a ministry of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament.
- seeks to extend the Sisters' charism of incarnational spirituality to individuals and groups desiring to deepen their spiritual growth and love of God.
- welcomes all men and women.
- offers a place for silent retreats, experiences of prayer, personal reflection, and solitude in an atmosphere of quiet contemplation, nature's beauty, and the peace of a sacred space.
- seeks to expand community outreach ministry through educational experiences and opportunities.
- provides private retreats, prayer circles, and spiritual direction.



### Upcoming dates:

#### Advent Vespers

5:00-5:45 p.m. Evening prayer finds its base in the Psalms, gives praise and thanksgiving, and prepares for Christmas.  
Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22

#### Taizé Prayer

7:00-8:00 p.m. Originated in Taizé, France near the birthplace of the foundress, Jeanne Chezard de Matel, prayer is held in the atmosphere of quiet and candlelight. Includes chants, songs, scripture, and meditations.  
Dec. 5, Apr. 3, Aug. 26

#### Guided Retreats

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Include at least two presentations, liturgy or prayer service and time for personal prayer, walking, and reflecting.  
Nov. 9, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 1, Apr. 12, May 3

#### Directed Retreats

Include liturgy or prayer service and daily meeting with a retreat director focusing on the participant's experience of God and discerning the interior movements of the Holy Spirit.  
Jan. 24-26, Feb. 12-14, Mar. 28-30, May 16-18, Aug. 8-10

#### Lenten Vespers

5:00-5:45 p.m. Evening prayer finds its base in the Psalms, gives praise and thanksgiving, and prepares for Easter.  
Mar. 9, Mar. 16, Mar. 23, Mar. 30, Apr. 6, Apr. 13

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**The Chancery will  
be closed for the  
Thanksgiving holidays,  
November 28-29.**

## Happy Birthday!



**Ryan Kapavik** is in College I at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. His birthday is Nov. 14. He is from Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Shiner. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: Ryan Kapavik, Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX 75062.

**National Vocations Awareness  
Week • November 3-9**

## New national collection

The collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (A.M.S.) offers each of us the opportunity to serve those who serve. With the funds raised from this national collection, the A.M.S. will ensure all Catholic men, women, and families have access to the sacraments, authentic Catholic education, and the spiritual guidance of a Catholic chaplain wherever they go.



**About this new national collection:**

- The date for the collection is Nov. 9-10. Since it is sponsored only every 3 years, the Diocese of Victoria will not participate again in this collection until November of 2016.
- Materials for the collection should be found at your parish.
- Since this is a new collection, parishioners will not have an envelope. A separate collection will take place.
- Resources are available online at [www.milarch.org/nationalcollection](http://www.milarch.org/nationalcollection).
- Collection funds will be remitted to the Business Office of the Diocese of Victoria. Funds will be sent directly to the A.M.S.

## Upcoming *TCL* deadline dates

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## In Memory of...

### Sister M. Denise Bowers, IWBS

Sister M. Denise Bowers, 82, of Victoria, died October 14, 2013. She was born August 14, 1931, in Mont Belvieu, TX to the late Ray and Helen (Bonneau) Bowers. She was a member of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament.



Sister Denise received her elementary education in Collegeport Grammar School in Collegeport, TX and graduated from Palacios High School in Palacios, TX.

She entered Nazareth Convent and received the habit of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament on August 5, 1956. She made her first profession of vows on August 6, 1957. She taught school at Sacred Heart School, Hallettsville. She received a Bachelor's degree in Education with a major in Business Administration and a minor in English from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos and a Master's degree from Incarnate Word College, San Antonio.

During her 56 years of religious profession, Sister Denise was a teacher and/or principal in Nazareth Academy, Victoria; St. Ludmila Academy and St. Paul High School, Shiner; Falls City Public Elementary and High School, Floresville. She served as secretary general of the congre-

gation from 1973 to 1976. Since 1980 she resided at Incarnate Word Convent where she served as assistant to the treasurer general, worked with the records in the archives and conducted research. Her hobbies included reading, working on jigsaw puzzles, playing cards, and doing ceramics. In 2007 she moved to the IWC Healthcare and entered into the Apostolate of Prayer and Suffering.

Memorials may be made to Incarnate Word Convent, Sister Denise Bowers' Burse, Hospice of South Texas, or donor's choice.



The **Clerical Endowment Fund of the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas-KJZT**, recently presented a check in the amount of \$4,627.57 to support the education of young men studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Victoria. Left to right: Joyce Kurtz, Bishop David E. Fellhauer, and Mary Ann Marek. Joyce is the newly elected state director and will begin her duties in Jan. 2014.



The **St. Agnes Catholic Daughters, St. Theresa the Little Flower Society #1350**, Edna, recently conducted an installation of new members at the St. Agnes Catholic Church Community Center. Total membership is 124. 10 of the 17 new members are left to right: Brittany Hollas, Delia Garcia, Elsie Myers, membership chairperson; Tonja Nelson, Michelle Garcia Hernandez, Sharon Zimberg, Arlette Nava, Jennifer Dierlam, Tracie Brown, Ami Woodring, and Reyna Rosales.



The winning group receiving first place in the Family category, was 'Mary's Team' with 111 points at the recent Catholic Knowledge Bowl held in Hallettsville. Left to right: Ella Harper, Renae Harper, Dorothy Harper, Bishop Fellhauer, and Dory Harper. Photo courtesy of Margaret Dornak.

## Catholic competition held in Hallettsville

Mindful of the challenge of a new evangelization given to us last year by Pope Benedict XVI, especially during this Year of Faith, Sacred Heart parish, Hallettsville, along with St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, St. John, and Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia, provided a fun-filled opportunity for parishioners of all ages to deepen the knowledge of their faith and better prepare them to evangelize to others. The pastor, Msgr. John Peters said, "it was exciting to have parishioners of all ages getting to know the Catholic faith better in this way, to share it with families, friends, and fellow Catholics and become even better Catholic Christians."

On Oct. 20, teams of 4, adults, families, and high school students, gathered to challenge each other in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. The Catholic Knowledge Bowl, patterned after the Diocesan one held each March, consisted of 3 rounds of questions, simultaneously read and projected for all to see and hear. Each team had the opportunity to discuss the 4 answers given and pick the one they believed to be correct. The material consisted of questions from and about the Bible, Sacraments,

Sacramentals, Saints, the Mass, Church teachings, and other areas.

### Adult category

1st place: 'Country Catholics', 106 points; team members: Theresa Hemmi, Phillip and Rosemary Hemmi, and Abby Hemmi.

### Family category

1st place: 'Mary's Team', 111 points; team members: Dory, Renae,

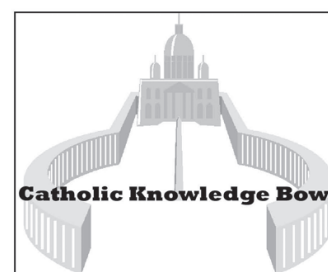
Dorothy, and Ella Harper.

### High school team category

1st place: 'Holy Rollers', 103 points; team members: Stephanie Sykora, Meagan Jurica, Megan Harper, and Hannah Fogle.

Others who helped with the contest were Ruth Barton, Ida Bludau, Brenda Etzler, Doris Fenner, Sister Colette Kouba, Angie McConnell, John Henke, David Smolik, Sacred Heart Catholic School principal; and Mike Tankersley.

The teams will be eager to meet with teams from other parishes in the February 23, 2014 Diocesan Catholic Knowledge Bowl.



At **St. Patrick Church's** Fall Festival, Bloomington, Fr. Samuel Appiasi participated in the dunking machine. He also served as part-time auctioneer.

### 50's Dance/Cruise

with Odessa Band

Feb. 2-9, 2014

Honduras, Belize, Cozumel

### Western Carib. Cruise

June 29-July 6, 2014

Honduras, Belize, Cozumel

### Danube River Cruise

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### Europe Trip - August 9-21, 2014

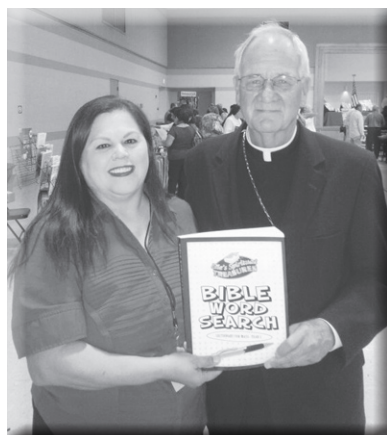
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Elie's Spiritual Treasures recently received a license agreement with the USCCB. Elie Corpus presented Bishop Fellhauer with her second book, *Lectionary for Mass-Year C*. She will continue her series of books to include all the Liturgical books. *Lectionary for Mass-Year B* will be released this month.



**St. Michael's Catholic School**, Cuero, is the first school to receive Elie's latest book, *Lectionary for Mass-Student Version: Year C-Year A*. The book coincides with the school calendar, which begins with the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time and goes through Pentecost Sunday enabling students to discover and enjoy the Scriptures from a unique learning perspective. The books were donated by Rosemary McElroy. From left to right: Hagen Newman, Emie Bolting, Faith Ledwik, Danyelle Rodriguez, Kara Hernandez, and Jason Lopez. Also pictured are Elie Corpus and Fr. David Berger. To order a book or for more information, contact Elie Corpus at (361) 894-7274, visit [www.searching-for-jesus.com](http://www.searching-for-jesus.com), or like her on [www.facebook.com/EliesSpiritualTreasures](http://www.facebook.com/EliesSpiritualTreasures). Books are also available at Incarnate Word Gift Shop in Victoria and Wishing Well Gift Shop in Cuero. Although this book is copyrighted and copying of the material is prohibited by law, the author does offer use of the material for educational purposes under an Educators Program. If you are interested in using this book for educational use, please contact Elie at [elies\\_spiritual\\_treasures@yahoo.com](mailto:elies_spiritual_treasures@yahoo.com).

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

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

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

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

# 4 EVERY Girl™

The 4 Every Girl Campaign aims to call attention to and reverse the sexualized media messages having a devastating impact on young girls. It is for our mothers, our daughters, our sisters in campaigning for media images that value, respect, empower, and promote the true value of every girl.

4 Every Girl wishes for and strives to create a media environment where young girls feel valued and are defined by healthy images of themselves. 4 Every Girl envisions a time in the very near future when all forms of media-broadcast, written, entertainment and advertising-

will honor and reflect the natural value of every girl.

For more information, visit [www.4everygirl.com](http://www.4everygirl.com).

## Jason Evert to speak in diocese

Jason Evert will speak at Holy Cross, Bay City, on Dec. 1\* at 7:30 p.m. His *Chastity Project* talk will be intended for 7th-12th graders. Parents are invited to attend.

He earned a Master's degree in Theology and has undergraduate degrees in counseling and theology with a minor in philosophy from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He has authored more than 10 books challenging young people to embrace the virtue of chastity. His books include *If You Really Loved Me*, *How to Find Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul*, and *Theology of the Body for Teens*.



After giving chastity presentations solo for over several years, he partnered with Crystalina. The pair married in 2003 and have spoken to more than 1 million teens on 5 continents, including World Youth Day in Spain and Australia. The Everts are on the Board of Advisors for the National Abstinence Clearinghouse and are frequent guests on radio programs. Their television appearances include FOX News, BBC, Donahue, WGN-TV News, and EWTN.

### \*Additional dates include:

Dec. 2, 1:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Victoria for students in 6-8 grades

Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Shiner for parents

Dec. 3, 11:00 a.m. at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Shiner for students in 7-12 grades



**St. Robert's Catholic Church Youth Group**, El Campo, participated in a pro-life chain last month.

*"Let us never forget that authentic power is service."*

~Pope Francis





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## Puzzle contest winners

The winner of the October puzzle contest and the book *Lily of the Mohawks, The Story of St. Kateri* by Emily Cavins is Hattie Drozd of St. John Parish, New Taiton. The winners of the children's contest are 12-year-old, Ethan Sanchez of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Victoria and Brianna Jensen, 7, of St. Philip the Apostle School in El Campo (class submission). Each will receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop.

The winner of the November contest will win *The Advent of Christ* by Edward Sri. The book provides an entry for each day of Advent containing a Scripture passage, meditation of the story of Christmas, reflections, and prayers- all in preparation of the coming of Jesus. You will find richness in the Gospel and gain insight to understanding more about the Advent season.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past six months, please mail a completed November puzzle form by November 27, 2013 to *The Catholic Lighthouse*, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 for a chance to win!



*Advent begins December 1.*

## Youth Calendar of Events

**Nov. 7** – Foundations – Leadership Development – Planning and Programming  
**Nov. 12-27** – NET team in Victoria Diocese  
**Nov. 17** – Retreat Formation/Policy and Procedures Training, St. Anthony's Church, Columbus 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 1** – YLT, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Ganado  
**Dec. 5** – Foundations – Prayer and Worship



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Youth from throughout the diocese participated in Youth Leadership Training (YLT) at Right for Life Sunday in early Oct. with Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Catholic Church, Victoria. 47 youth participated in activities including posting over 500 crosses in front of the church and standing in a pro-life chain on Navarro St. Also, opportunities for Catholics to advocate for respecting the life and dignity of the human person were discussed.



**Sacred Heart Catholic School**, Hallettsville, recently held an appreciation meal for the Hallettsville Volunteer Fire Department's dedication and service. Members of the Sacred Heart Catholic School Advisory Council organized the meal. HVFD provides educational presentations and demonstrations during Fire Prevention Week, sponsors the Fire Prevention Poster Contest, and conducts fire prevention inspections of the school's campus.

**Catholic Family Fraternal KJZT #1**, Yoakum, recently donated \$100 to St. Joseph School. Left to right are Lorene Barton, Virgi Ferrell, Helen Manning, Susan Kelley, principal of St. Joseph School, and Marilyn Beyer.







## Spotlighting more new Catholic school teachers

### St. Joseph • Victoria



Dana Howard has begun her first year at STJ and her 13th year of teaching. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Texas A&M University. Her teaching experience

includes 12 years at Nazareth Academy. She teaches world history, government, and economics.

### Nazareth Academy • Victoria



Diane Bollom is a graduate of University of Houston-Victoria with certification of PreK-6. She is also a graduate of Sacred Heart School, Hallettsville. She began her career

at NA, taught in Victoria I.S.D., and is happy to be back at NA for her 20th year of teaching. She is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She currently teaches 4th grade language/science and 5th grade reading/language arts.



Maureen Canter was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Shortly thereafter, she left the U.S. and for the next 12 years she lived in various countries in Southeast Asia. She holds a Bachelor's

degree in History and a Master of Arts degree in Teaching. She earned both at the University of South Florida-

Tampa. She and her husband have 3 boys. She loves the outdoors and photography. This is her first year at NA. She teaches literature and cultural studies.



Sister Mary Beth Cernoch has been in ministry with the 3-year old after school care children for the past 3 years. She is privileged to join the teaching staff and

Jets for Jesus to help children learn and live in the spirit of Jesus.

## Check out these Catholic apps

Utilizing an app may be an easy and helpful way to grow in your faith. Some phone apps may only be designed for select devices. Remember, if interested, try a free app before making a financial commitment.

*Catholic news*  
Catholic News Live, [www.catholicnewslive.com](http://www.catholicnewslive.com), has feeds from all major Catholic news sites.



*Missio*  
Launched globally by Pope Francis earlier this year, this app features news and information from *Fides News Agency*, the international news agency of the Pontifical Mission Societies, and from the Vatican. Catholic News Service and the Vatican also stream video.



*Confession*  
Recently updated, you can personalize your examination of conscience. Receiving a push reminder is almost as effective as scheduling a confession a month ahead of time.



*RosaryPlus and iRosary*  
RosaryPlus is beautifully designed as it encapsulates the journey through the Rosary in a way that is easy to use and awe-inspiring. Scripture is integrated



within it as well. iRosary is simple and it is almost like holding an actual rosary.

*Liturgy of the Hours: Divine Office*

Includes each day with professionally produced audio and text for morning, evening, office of readings, and daytime hours of midmorning, midday, and midafternoon prayers.



*iPieta*

This app provides two different translations of the Bible, liturgical calendars, countless prayers, papal encyclicals, writings of various saints, and more.



*iMissal*

Features daily Mass offerings, full liturgical calendar, readings, order of the Mass, audio, video, prayers, Bible verses, and saints of the day options.



*Laudate*

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Marjorie Tydlacka has begun her first year at St. Philip School. She has 30 years of teaching experience. She is a graduate of Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama, Speech, and English. She teaches 7th and 8th grade language arts and 8th grade religion. She is also a chapter adviser for National Junior Honor Society.

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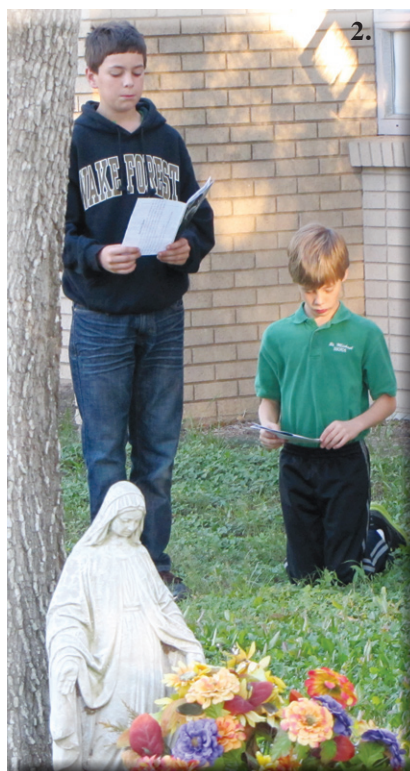




## Honoring the Holy Rosary month of October



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(1) About 80 individuals attended the Holy Rosary service at **Our Lady Victory**. Patricia Hessler helped organize the service. Several families participated in prayer.

(2) **St. Michael School**, Weimar, students prayed a living rosary led by the 5th grade students last month. Intentions were for Respect for Life and the Faith, Hope and Love of All Mothers. Cash Duty and Lucas Desselle, 5th graders, lead a decade of the rosary.

(3) Sponsored by America Needs Fatima and in honor of the 7th anniversary of the Public Square Rosary Crusade, 62 people rallied at the gazebo in downtown **Schulenburg** last month.

(4) Honoring the month of the Holy Rosary, **Our Lady of Sorrows**, Victoria, recited a rosary with numerous participants. Corinne Hinojosa and Melissa Salinas were rosary captains.

(5) Over 60 people attended the rosary rally at **San Roberto Bellarmine**, El Campo.

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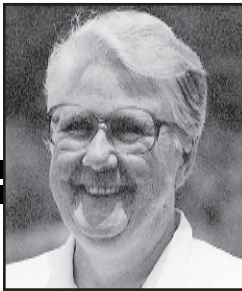
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## SISTERLY THOUGHTS

by Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



### Thanksgiving reflection

As soon as November rolls around most of us think of Thanksgiving. While fanatic football fans may plan for hours of TV viewing with their friends, I hope that all of us can stop to appreciate the reason for the holiday- Thanksgiving. Like our God-fearing forefathers and foremothers in Plymouth Rock, we want to celebrate God's providence.

Can you imagine how those settlers suffered during that first winter in a land so far away from their homes, with inadequate shelter, lack of food and medicine, and seeing so many of their number succumb to disease and hunger?

Fortunately, they maintained a peaceful relationship with the Native Americans in the vicinity, unlike La Salle's Fort St. Louis settlement on the bank of Garcitas Creek in Victoria County. After suffering many death-dealing hardships, the survivors in Fort St. Louis were brutally murdered; except for some children captured by the Karankawa tribe during the attack.

On the other hand, in the Plymouth colony, it was the friendly Native Americans who shared food and survival skills

with them during that dreadful first winter. The settlers enjoyed a bountiful harvest the following summer and expressed their gratitude to God through a feast with their Native American friends.

Let us, too, celebrate with gratitude all that we are and have. Let us thank God for all those who have had to leave homes and loved ones behind to make our nation a beacon for so many who are still seeking the freedoms, the quality of life, and the hopes we enjoy. Let us thank God for all those who strive to protect our lives, our freedom, and our hopes. Let us celebrate God's goodness!



### Sunday Readings from Nov. 10 to Dec. 15

November 10 — Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14  
Psalms 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15  
2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5  
Luke 20:27-38

November 17 — Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Malachi 3:19-20A  
Psalms 98:5-6, 7-8, 9  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19

November 24 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

December 1 — First Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

December 8 — Second Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12

December 12 — Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Zechariah 2:14-17  
Judith 13:18BCDE, 19  
Luke 1:26-38

December 15 — Third Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10  
Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

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### Msgr. Say celebrates 55 years in the priesthood and altar restorations complete

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war. In his 2nd year, a Benedictine priest asked if he had ever considered a vocation to the priesthood. The thought would not leave his mind...

After graduating from high school, he sneaked into the Benedictine monastery, but had to return home at his father's request. Msgr. Say has always believed "to be a priest one has to be ready emotionally and have maturity." His father wanted him to be a banker. Msgr. Say dreamed of and wanted to be a farmer. He was intrigued by farming equipment and machinery. He also thought of being a pilot or being a firefighter. Nevertheless, a couple of years later, he went back to the same monastery.

This time he was allowed to stay because his godfather told his father, "If this is not your son's vocation, he will be out in a week. If it is a true vocation, you're fighting God. He is brave enough to go in; he will be brave enough to come out if it is not for him."

One week before his ordination, his father suffered a severe heart attack. Msgr. Say persevered and was ordained by Archbishop Santos in the chapel of the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat in Manila in 1958. He served as head librarian of the Benedictine College in Manila from 1959 to 1962. He obtained a Master's degree in Library Science from The Catholic University of

America in 1964.

While at the Congress of Abbots in Rome in September of 1973, he tendered his resignation and requested reassignment. Subsequently, he was assigned to the Archdiocese of San Antonio and was welcomed by Archbishop Francis J. Furey. He became a U.S. citizen in 1982. He was assigned associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in San Antonio from 1973 to 1975. Later, he moved to Hallettsville and assumed the same position at Sacred Heart parish from 1975 to 1982. He served as pastor of Sacred Heart parish from 1982 to 1994. Currently,

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he is administrator of OLL where has been serving since 1995.

After attaining 55 years in the priesthood, he says “it is worth it. It is all I know. It has given me a lot of joy and has been very rewarding. I can die happy because I am now older than my father. Looking back, God was trying to recruit me and wanted me to be a priest... God called me to be a priest. God is merciful and very wise. I have always tried to be a good person, so I could be a good priest.”



17 years ago, Msgr. Say suffered a triple bypass. After surgery, he bought a yellow fish that remains alive today.



### About the artist

Artist, Bogdan Chernetkiy was born in Ternopil, Ukraine in 1956. He graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Lviv, Ukraine, with high honors, specializing in decorative and applied art. He became an artist of the Junior Art League of the USSR, which he says is “a very good organization and big accomplishment in my personal life.” He excels in painting murals in domed spaces. Although he is rarely there, his residence and workshop is in Cleveland, OH. He has painted several cathedrals and churches throughout Europe and the U.S.

### About the mural

The mural has been funded by a parishioner in thanksgiving for Msgr. Say’s ministry.

It depicts important aspects of the 16th and 17th apparitions as reported at the time. In the 16th, Our Lady announces with open arms to proclaim, with the universe as her witness, her identity to Bernadette that she is the Immaculate Conception. Bernadette maintained that the apparition she saw was a young girl, not a lady/woman, and someone whom she felt could be even younger than she. Mary’s youth in this mural also alludes to scripture expressing the ‘fullness of life’ we are promised in heaven. Bernadette said Mary was not always stationary and in this apparition, she descends into the cave through its ceiling. As Mary descends from heaven, in the mural, her veil is draped over her arms in such a way to depict movement and support the creative flow of the painting. Mary’s eyes are raised to heaven as if in wonder at the miracle of the Immaculate Conception; to help convey this revelation is not only for Bernadette, but for the world. It is claimed Mary had instructed Bernadette to bring a candle and a rosary to the grotto. Bernadette dropped the lit candle, in awe at the proclamation, by her side as the flame touched the side of her hand for over 15 minutes. Upon witnessing the event, a doctor examined her hand and found no evidence of burn marks. This miracle is detailed in the mural. Onlookers are taken from actual photographs of shepherds who were in the grotto at the time the apparitions occurred. The grotto and the stream created when Bernadette dug at Our Lady’s request, and the magnificent sky behind Mary signify a moment in time when the spiritual world broke through to the physical world in a very powerful way.



Members of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Catholic Daughters, and Altar Society, Shiner, recently made a pilgrimage to Raphael’s Refuge in Flatonia. Midge Elam, director, shared history of the site and plans for future construction at the

facility. Together, and in conjunction with the Respect Life month of October, all prayed a pro-life rosary and other prayers in the Holy Innocents Chapel. In front of the mural of St. Raphael, patron of the Refuge, are left to right: Laverne Madala, Adeline Krenek, Mary Rose Barta, Laura Strubhart, Fran Pesek, Edwarda Roeder, Georgie Herman, Janie Cimrhantz, Rita Kasper, Nancy Martinsen, Mary Machacek, George Martinsen, Irene Picha, and Agnes Darilek.

## Catholic by Grace

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



## Sharing the faith

We are called to witness. Every baptized Catholic must share the Gospel message with others. Yes, even those who are afraid of public speaking are called to bear witness to the joy of living a life for Christ.

Before you dismiss the Great Commission, before you tell yourself that the mandate to give witness to the faith is only for those who like to stand up in public and hold a microphone, you need to know something.

We are all afraid of public speaking.

Some mornings, I am a lector at daily Mass. As I step up to the ambo, I feel the fear once again. It always comes. It has a voice. It tells me that I am going to lose my place or trip or get a frog in my throat that won’t go away or have a clothing malfunction. I will sit down in a few minutes and realize that the tag is sticking out of my shirt or I forgot to zip up my pants or my shirt is tucked in on one side and not the other or...

You get the idea.

I am afraid.

Every time I get up to speak, I bow before the altar, and I give it all to Jesus. My weakness. My horrible insecurities. My mind games.

I hesitated to admit I have these fears, but then I changed my mind. Here is why:

If there is any chance you have emptied yourself from sharing the Good News because you do not feel comfortable speaking up in a crowd or talking about the faith with others- know you are exactly like the ones who do it. The only difference is you do not do it, and they do.

The fear is exactly the same. It does not mean you have to be a lector. It *does* mean you have to be a public witness. The Church is full of wall flowers. Too many of us find a comfortable corner, and that is where we sit.

St. Paul was no wall flower. His motto was, “woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:16). Wait, you say. He was an apostle. That message is for the clergy, not for regular people like me.

In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii*

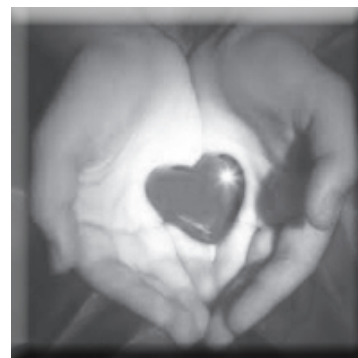
*Nuntiandi* Pope Paul VI clearly states that it is “the whole Church that receives the mission to evangelize, and the work of each individual member is important for the whole. . .” (7) He continues, “evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize . . .” (14)

The Synod of Bishops underscores the words of Pope Paul VI when they assert, “Loving one’s faith implies bearing witness to it, bringing it to others and allowing others to participate in it. The lack of missionary zeal is a lack of zeal for the faith.” (XIII Ordinary General Assembly, *The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith* 10).

If you love the faith you have received, you must bear witness to it.

Let your knees wobble. Let your words get all jumbled up. Fumble for your glasses. Trip on the first step. Offer all of it to the ‘lamb who was slain’. This is where grace shows. This is where conversion begins. It is where conversion has always begun- through the word of one who is willing to open his mouth and proclaim the Good News to anyone who will listen.

Do it for love of Christ; do it for love of Mother Church. After all, “perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18).



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Pope Francis enters the Porziuncola inside Assisi's Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels in Italy on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4. The pontiff was making his first pilgrimage as pope to the birthplace of his papal namesake. (CNS photo/Maria Grazia Picciarella, pool)



Pope Francis leaves after visiting the hermitage and cell of St. Francis. The site was a place where the saint spent time in prayer in the countryside near Assisi, Italy. At left is U.S. Franciscan Fr. Michael Perry, minister general of the Order of Friars Minor. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)



Benedictine nuns are pictured in 1900 before the completion of St. Anthony's Hospital in Bemidji, Minn. The image appears in a documentary *Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America* airing on NBC as part of its 'Horizons of the Spirit' series. The window for local stations to air the film runs until March 15, 2014. The film chronicles the 300-year contribution of U.S. women religious. It shows their arrivals on immigrant ships, their nursing of Civil War soldiers and courageous care for epidemic victims. Through determination and sheer grit, they established hundreds of schools, one out of every five hospitals in the U.S. and 110 colleges, all at a time when women had less public freedom. (CNS photo/courtesy Benedictines of Duluth)

## Spirituality rooted in Saint Ignatius

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) provides mature men and women the opportunity to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition.

### IVC principles include:

- *Service* done with and for the materially poor.
- *Reflection* on the work and service experience with the poor.
- The *life experience*, wisdom, and skills of senior men and women.
- The leadership role of the laity to transform the world through justice, rooted in gospel values.
- The *dignity and equality* of all women and men regardless of race, age, education, economic deprivation, or social status.
- The search for the *presence of God* to be found in all things and the call to holiness extended to all women and men throughout life.

• Jesuit *support*, including opportunities for spiritual development in the Ignatian tradition.

### Ignatian spirituality

The origin of this spirituality is rooted in the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits.

Ignatian spirituality is geared towards action. It embraces



Saint Ignatius

the world as good and embraces it as a source of joy. It is an incarnational spirituality, which, through Christ's coming, experiences the divine presence in other persons, in the world, and in creation. God can be found in all things. It is a discerning spirituality in which choices and decisions are carefully made in the Spirit. At the center of this discernment is reflection on experience, leading to action. In the action or the good works, God is transparent and seeking him there helps finding him in regular prayer. Thus, there is an empowering cycle of action and contemplation, and contemplation and action. Centered on Christ, it follows 'the Way' through the Paschal Mystery and through him we are led to the mystery of the Trinity.

### Brief background of the IVC

In September 1995, two Jesuit priests, Jim Conroy S.J. and Charlie Costello S.J., gathered a small group of retired men and women to form IVC. They found teachers and parents of young Jesuits were seeking tangible ways of ministering to the poor and a spirituality in accordance with the vision of Vatican II. Out of their experience came the realization of a shared vision: a program for retired women and men, age 50 and over, with two major components: ministry to the poor and reflection on that ministry.

IVC's headquarters are in Baltimore, MD and is presently served by a board of directors and is administered by a national staff, regional directors, and spiritual reflectors.

For more information, visit [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org).

## Our Lady Undoer of Knots

The knots symbolize problems and struggles. Knots of anguish, knots of deep hurts, knots of despair, knots of depression, knots of lack of understanding, knots of disrespect, knots of violence, and knots of sickness can deprive the soul and separate us from God.

Many Catholics have prayed and given thanks for graces received from Our Lady. For that reason, Mary, undoes the knots. She was chosen by God to crush the evil. She wants to undo the knots of our sins which dominate our lives. She brings blessings and peace.

She is the Queen of Mercy. She knows all about us. She has compassion. She wants to rescue us and prays for everyone to Her beloved Jesus.



*Our Lady Undoer of Knots* painted by artist Johann Melchior Georg Schmittner. In 1700, his painting was venerated in the Church of St. Peter in Perlack, Augsburg, Germany.





The 2013 *Signed. Sealed. Delivered.* National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is November 21-23, in Indianapolis, IN. The 3-day experience offers prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. Keynote presentations, prayer, workshops, liturgy, and opportunities to participate in reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recreational activities, concerts, and exhibits will be featured. A the thematic park with a blend of traditional exhibit booths and interactive areas will provide service projects, games, recreation, live musical performances, arts and more. For more information, visit [www.ncyc.info](http://www.ncyc.info).



Decorated elephants carry a portrait of Our Lady of Fatima last month during a procession at St. Mary's Assumption Church in Kottadak, India. The parish incorporated the Hindu tradition of using elephants in the celebration. (CNS photo/Anto Akkara)

(right) A bouquet of flowers is seen as a U.S. sailor sits at the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial in Arlington, Va. (CNS photo/Gary Cameron, Reuters)



(left) People look at a light installation at the Berlin Cathedral during the Festival of Light. (CNS photo/Tobias Schwarz, Reuters)



(below) An image of Mary and the Christ Child is projected on the facade of a hotel during the opening day of the Festival of Light in Berlin last month. Several landmarks and tourist spots in the German capital were illuminated. (CNS photo/Tobias Schwarz, Reuters)



Pope Francis made his international advisory panel on church governance, unofficially dubbed the *Group of Eight* or G-8, a permanent council of cardinals. The eight are from top, left to right: Italian Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello, Chilean Cardinal Francisco Javier Errazuriz Ossa, Indian Cardinal Oswald Gracias, German Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Congolese Cardinal Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya, U.S. Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, Australian Cardinal George Pell, and Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga. (CNS photos)



Volunteers hang a banner prior to the start of the 25th National Catholic China Conference at Loyola University in Chicago last month. More than 130 people from around the U.S. and China attended. It was sponsored by the U.S. Catholic China Bureau and focused on the theme of globalization. (CNS photo/Karen Callaway, *Catholic New World*)

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The seminarian prayer is courtesy of Daniel Bauer, a seminarian for the Diocese of Austin studying at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, TX.



Seminarians from the Pontifical North American College were recently ordained as deacons during a Mass at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. 41 seminarians were ordained. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

## Honoring black history and contributions to Catholicism

In 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus designated the month of November as a time to honor as well as to celebrate the heritage of black Catholics. Many historical and contemporary figures have made tremendous strides in upholding the Catholic faith.

### Recalling history

The first blacks to arrive in the U.S. came from Spain. In 1528, Estevanico was the first black Roman Catholic to reach Texas. Born on the coast of Morocco, he was owned by Andrés Dorantes as a Christianized slave. The greatest proof of Estevanico being Catholic originates in his name, Stephen or *Esteban*. He was an invaluable scout and negotiator with Indians and eventually reached Mexico City in 1536.



Estevanico

Mexico had a considerable amount of slaves; all were ostensibly Roman Catholics concentrated in the Veracruz, Zacatecas, and Durango regions. Some, *cimarrones*, settled in the north and likely moved to Texas and Louisiana.

Slaves were baptized by the Catholic French, in Louisiana. In 1927 an immense flooding of the Mississippi River drove blacks to Crosby, Texas. Many were Catholic and by 1936, Mission Blessed Martin de Porres was established. Black Louisiana Catholics arrived in Houston and around the vicinity as business projects began to amplify around 1951.

There have been nearly 35 principally black parishes in Texas in the preceding 100 years. Supplementing the Houston-Galveston region, Washington-on-the-Brazos, Corpus Christi, Dallas and Fort Worth, Austin, and several East Texas communities, many have supported black Catholic parishes and missions. Several religious orders have also been imperative in the history of black Catholics in Texas, especially the Dominican Sisters, the Jesuits, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the Congregation of Holy Cross, the Society of the Divine Word, and the Josephite Fathers.

The first black parish was established in October 1887, in Houston, by Bishop Nicholas A. Gallagher of Galveston. He dedicated a small elementary school in the Third Ward to



Bishop  
Guillory

teach children. Virtually a century later, on February 19, 1988, Louisiana native Bishop Curtis Guillory was installed as auxiliary bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Galveston-Houston. He was the first black Catholic bishop in Texas.

In 1888, in San Antonio, St. Peter Claver Church was originated by an Irish priest that did not like seeing blacks sitting in the back of churches. Over the years, Claver church leaders have provided support for black parishes and raised money to help black men and women pursue vocations.

Catholic schools also played an important part to encourage integration. San Antonio archbishop Robert E. Lucey promoted integrated meetings and competitions among schools in the 1940s.

In 1936, in Austin, Holy Cross Catholic Church was founded. The parish included a school and the first black Catholic hospital in Texas. Later, in the 1990s, Fr. George Fr. George Artis, served as pastor of Holy Cross parish and was a Divine Word priest.



Fr. George  
Artis

### Known for spreading the word



Fr. John  
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Fr. John Henry Dorsey was the first black priest in Texas, first black pastor in Arkansas, and second black Josephite priest in the U.S.

Daniel Rudd was the founder of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) and editor of the newspaper, *American Catholic Tribune*.



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J. Fabre was recently installed as bishop of the Houma-Thibodaux Diocese and chairman of the Subcommittee on African American Affairs.

Renewed emphasis in the Catholic Church welcomes the cultural gifts of all peoples and offers hope in the arms of God's love.

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**Courage**—Ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. The ministry also has an outreach, EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. It is a Roman Catholic Apostolate endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. For more information, visit [www.couragerc.net](http://www.couragerc.net).

**Engaged Encounter**—2014 dates: Jan. 17-19 (18 openings left), April 11-13, June 27-29 and Sept. 26-28 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form. For a registration form, contact your pastor. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 x2230 or visit [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) click on the Ministries tab followed by Family Ministry.

**Gabriel Project**—Helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy—an alternative to abortion. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 101 W. Convent. Light supper included. For angel workshop/training dates, contact Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or [barbaramccain85@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramccain85@yahoo.com). Holy Family, Wharton, meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (979) 532-3593, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or visit [www.gabrielproject.com](http://www.gabrielproject.com).

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

**Incarnate Word Prayer Group**—Praise and worship on Mondays 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street. For more information, contact Sr. Louise Marie Jones at (361) 575-7111 or [amormeus@yahoo.com](mailto:amormeus@yahoo.com).

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

**Natural Family Planning**—Introductory session to the Creighton Model Fertility Care System (CrMS) featuring NaPro technology Nov. 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Wharton. For more information, contact Susanne Koch at (505) 710-0903 or [susannekoch614@gmail.com](mailto:susannekoch614@gmail.com).

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

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

**Raphael's Refuge**—RR's mission is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies, born and unborn. This ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Flatonina. Peer counseling and spiritual direction are also available for those suffering a loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. Learn more at [www.raphaelsrefuge.org](http://www.raphaelsrefuge.org).

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

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

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

## Events • Picnics

### November

**Edna**—St. Agnes Catholic Daughters, St. Theresa the Little Flower Society #1350 Strudel Bake Nov. 23 at the church. Orders are being taken for \$14 baked and \$12 unbaked strudels. For more information, please call (361) 782-0794.

**Hungerford**—KJT #79 Turkey Dinner Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Center.

**Victoria**—CDA Court Holy Family #2665 Country Store and Craft Sale Nov. 23 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church in St. Peter Hall. There will be baked items, crafts and more.

**Victoria**—Our Lady of Lourdes Festival Nov. 10 at the Community Center. Turkey dinner plates are \$8 p/p. Silent auction 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Live auction at 12:30 p.m. There will be booths, games, country store, bbq on the bun, and nachos available throughout the day.

### December

**Bay City**—Jason Evert will speak at Holy Cross on Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. For 7th - 12th grades. See pg. 6 for more information.

**Shiner**—Jason Evert will speak at Sts. Cyril and Methodius on Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. For parents. See pg. 6 for more information.

**Shiner**—Jason Evert will speak at Sts. Cyril and Methodius on Dec. 3 at 11:00 a.m. For 7th - 12th grades. See pg. 6 for more information.

**Victoria**—Jason Evert will speak at Holy Family on Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m. For 6th - 8th grades. Parents are invited to attend. See pg. 6 for more information.

**Victoria**—KJZT #101 and KJT #115 joint Christmas Party Dec. 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Our Lady of Victory. 4:00 p.m. meal. Meat furnished. Side dish requested. To RSVP, call (361) 573-2669.



Students from St. Philip Catholic School, El Campo, Dayton and Mallory Zabodyn, play one of the many games at the St. Philip PTC Halloween Carnival held last month. Food, fun, and games were

enjoyed by kids of all ages. The afternoon concluded with a costume contest.

## Conferences • Masses • Retreats

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

**El Campo**—Life in the Spirit seminar Dec. 6-7 at St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church in the Upper Room Prayer Group. Praise, worship, Mass, and prayer will be offered. Presided by Fr. Joseph Lam Nguyen, C.S.Sp. of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. No fee. To register or for more information, contact Gwen Edwards at [dennis1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dennis1@sbcglobal.net), (979) 637-0277, or Jan Dornak at [jan.hair@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jan.hair@sbcglobal.net), (979) 541-3609.

**San Antonio**—Are you or someone you know divorced, widowed, or separated and hurting? Beginning Experience weekend retreat Nov. 15-17 offers an opportunity for turning the pain of loss into a growth experience and help deal with the grief process. For more information, call (210) 478-0690, e-mail [sanantonioe@yahoo.com](mailto:sanantonioe@yahoo.com), or visit [www.sanantonioe.org](http://www.sanantonioe.org).

**San Antonio**—Begin Lent with the Catholic Men's Conference March 7-8, 2014 at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Get empowered, inspired, and challenged by speakers Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS; Fr. Nathan Cromly, CSJ; Tim Staples of Catholic Answers and more.

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

**Tyler**—Fullness of Truth *Why be Catholic? When You Can be Anything Else!* Dinner and Conference Nov. 9-8 at Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Regional Catholic High School. Bishop Joseph Strickland and two of America's top Catholic speakers, Jessie Romero and John Martignoni, will be guest speakers. To register or for more information, visit [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org).

**Victoria**—Come and See Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women 18 to 50 years of age Jan. 11-12 at Incarnate Word Convent. For more information, call (361) 575-7111, e-mail [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com), or visit [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org).

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



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## Veterans Day Nov. 11

The Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument honors Texans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War. Before the monument dedication in March 2014, an exhibit that includes a tribute to the 3,417 Texans who died is touring the state.

After recently being displayed in Beaumont, the Texas Vietnam Heroes Exhibit will be displayed at the Health Museum of Houston on Nov. 23rd. The exhibit was developed by the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans



Monument Committee to honor and remember every Texan who died in the Vietnam War, including the 102 Texans who remain Missing in Action. Houston suffered the greatest number of losses of any Texas city in Vietnam, with 356 men killed in the war. Every Texan who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam is individually represented on a pair of dog tags in the exhibit that includes his name, rank, branch of service, date of loss and home of record.

*You are Cordially Invited to Observe Advent  
with The Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer Dinner*

*Saturday, December 7, 2013*

*5:00 p.m. Mass in the Chapel ♦ 6:15 p.m. Social ♦ 7:00 p.m. Dinner*



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(361) 572-0836 or [renewalcenter@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:renewalcenter@victoriadiocese.org).  
All proceeds benefit the Spiritual Renewal Center.*



Nazareth Academy, Victoria, hosted a cancer rally last month for The Guardians of the Ribbon-South Texas Chapter and Tickled Pink honoring 10 women battling cancer or who were cancer survivors with a full day of pampering. The Choir of Angels and the Junior High Choir sang 3 songs; one was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Angela Daniels, an office aide, cafeteria monitor, and parent at NA. Choir students, 2nd-7th grades, were directed by Ralph Nance. Concluding the ceremony involved a closing prayer with raised hands for the 10 ladies and anyone in the audience who had battled cancer.

## Attendees found inspiration, renewal, and brought it all to God... at the Year of Faith XXVI Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry



**Dr. Thomas Groome**  
Keynote speaker



**Maria Apac Smith**  
Keynote speaker



**Bishop  
David E.  
Fellhauer**

**Ron Friedel, director  
Office of Catechetical  
Ministry**



**Fr. Gary Janak  
speaking on  
the impact of  
social media  
on adolescents  
and adults.**



**Sr. Emiliana Grafe at IWBS booth**



**Shoppers at the conference**

Dolores D. Wilkes was inspired to write a poem after attending the conference session lead by Sister Digna Vela, *The Everyday Mystics*. The following is an excerpt:

### Where I Find Thee. . .

I hear you in the sound of rain,  
pouring down onto the ground,  
filling the dry cracks with your loving tears.

I hear you in the roaring sound in the thunder,  
telling us of your might and power.