In thanksgiving, for Msgr. Celestino Say

A celebration of Mass in Thanksgiving for Msgr. Celestino Say and his devoted ministry to Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria, was held last month. Principal celebrant and homilist was Bishop Brendan Cahill. Concelebrants were Msgr. Celestino Say, Fr. John Kollannur, Fr. Gary Janak, and Fr. Phi Nguyen. Deacon Jim Koeing served as deacon of the word and table.

Msgr. Say has generously given his life to God and to the people of God in a special way through his priestly ministry which spans 57 years. On March 21, 1958, Msgr. Say was ordained a Benedictine priest, a few weeks before this 30th birthday. Born in Manila, Philippines, he was the fifth of 7 children. His father, an Anglican, was a logger and immigrant in Manila. His mother, who he always claimed was a saint, was a Buddhist and talented embroiderer. She died when Msgr. Say was only 5 years old. He has many hardships during his early life and hood. He served in the Archdiocese of San An-
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sorrows from 1973-75. Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, served as an associate
til being assigned to Our Victoria, in 1995. His
Our Lady of Lourdes dedication, mercy, for-

In attendance were the Incarnate Word association of the sisters. Special
ly members of Sr. Theresa Marie Miller.

Celebration of jubilarian, consecrated life, and new bishop

The Sisters of the Incarnate Word Blessed Sacrament gathered at the Incarnate Word Convent to celebrate 3 events: the 70th jubilee of Sr. Theresa Marie Miller, the Anniversary of Vows of sisters during this year Pope Francis has designated as the Year of Consecrated Life, and the welcome of Bishop Brendan Cahill, newly ordained and installed bishop of Victoria.

A festive meal was served as of the Mass. Con-Gary Janak, Fr. John Kollannur, Fr. Michael Petering, and Fr. David Berger. Fr. Phi Nguyen served as master of ceremonies. All of the sisters celebrated the anniversaries of their religious consecration. They renewed their vows of celibate chastity, poverty, and obedience—these vows are a full expression of their baptismal commitment. They aspire to fulfill the basic mission of their congregation which is to expend all the energies of their lives to make the Incarnate Word known and loved. During this year, they are responding to Pope Francis’s invitation to look to the past with gratitude, live the present with passion, and embrace the future with hope as they joyfully renew their consecrated lives, celebrate their consecration, and invite others to join them.

many local clergy, ates, and friends of guests included fam-

Sr. Theresa Marie Miller

See Celebration, pg. 5
A Franciscan priest told me a story about St. John XXIII. After the Second Vatican Council started in 1962, it was becoming apparent Pope John XXIII would not live to see the end of the Council. Someone asked him if he regretted that he would not see the fruit of his labor. The saintly Pope responded by talking about his youth growing up in the mountain farms of northern Italy. He said farmers would plant seeds for wheat in the fall. Then, during the middle of winter, when the weather looked the darkest and most dangerous, they would comment that “the bread lies under the snow.” The snow packed down in the mountains actually protected the seeds and would eventually provide the nourishment for the seeds in the springtime. That simple story can instruct us in so many ways. The Franciscan priest wanted to encourage me that now may be a good time to re-visit the great teachings of the Second Vatican Council. I imagine much of what I will share with you in the coming years will come from my research and study of the bishops and theologians at that time. Reflecting the wisdom of so many Church leaders drawn from the corners of the earth, the writings are like the seeds that were planted.

In this first article, let me end with a quote I referenced at my Ordination in the Cathedral on June 29th, “Wishing to come down to some topics that are practical and of some urgency, the Council lays stress on respect for the human person: everyone should look on his neighbor (without any exception) as another self, bearing in mind above all his life and the means necessary to live it in a dignified way lest he follow the example of the rich man who ignored Lazarus, the poor man.” (Gaudium et spes # 27)

God bless each of you, thank you so much for the warm welcome- let us keep each other in prayer that we can work together with all people of good will for the defense and promotion of the human person from the very beginning to the natural end of life.

+Bishop Brendan Cahill

The Bread Lies Under the Snow

Archbishop Gustavo Siller-Garcia has offered Allison Hybner a position as editor of Today’s Catholic in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. As editor of The Catholic Lighthouse, she led our communication efforts to proclaim the Good News of Christ. She will be missed by many. While there is sadness in departing, I hope we can also share some confidence in the great things that God will accomplish through her in the new position. On her behalf she wanted to share the following with each of you:

Thank you so much for making my time here an incredibly enjoyable one. I am happy about a new career opportunity, yet sad to leave the many people I have met during my time here. I am thankful for the knowledge and experience gained as well as the lasting friendships I have made. TCL is one of the greatest mediums I have worked with to connect people to their faith and spirituality, promote Catholic education, feature the topics from the Church in the news to family, and share the numerous activities of the diocesan ministries. I wish each and every one of you the very best.

Peace and blessings,

Allison Hybner

God bless you all, thanks for your faithful support of one another- let us especially keep Allison and the Archdiocese of San Antonio in our prayers,

+Bishop Brendan Cahill
BISHOP CAHILL’S WELCOME RECEPIONS

July 10 • El Campo

Domingo Montalvo, mayor of Wharton, presents a proclamation to Bishop Cahill in El Campo

July 13 • Victoria

Bishop Cahill holds a quilt presented to him by the CDA at Holy Family, Victoria

July 15 • Hallettsville

A large sign and crowd welcomed Bishop Cahill inside the KC Hall in Hallettsville

Bishop Cahill with diocesan priests and deacons in El Campo

Bishop Cahill with CDA members at Holy Family, Victoria

July 20 • Palacios

Bishop Cahill conducts a blessing at the Vietnamese Apostolate in Palacios

In Christ we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the purpose of his glory. ~Ephesians 1:11-12

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As of June 30, 2015

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- General Seminary Burse | $108,209.00 | $108,239.00
| Previously reported | | |
| In memory of Julia Krenek by Ryan and Vicki Simper | 30.00 | |
| Total | $108,239.00 | |

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer / Catholic Life Insurance Nada, Moulton-Flatonia, Hallettsville, El Campo, and Edna-Ganado Branches | | $6,600.00
| Previously reported | | |
| In thanksgiving to Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer by Deacon and Mrs. Milburn Kram | 100.00 | |
| Total | $6,500.00 | |

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune | $3,320.00 | $3,320.00
| Previously reported | | |
| Donation by Catholic Life Insurance Frelsburg Branch #11 | 100.00 | |
| In honor of Ernest and Eudene Richter, Jr.’s 50th wedding anniversary by Clarence and Linda Ruether | 50.00 | |
| Darry and Barbara Meyer | 25.00 | |
| Paul and Cathy Michalsky and Molly | 25.00 | |
| Kathleen and Ernie Noska | 25.00 | |
| In honor of Kenneth and Patsy Warschak’s wedding anniversary by Bill and Carolyn Schuette | 30.00 | |
| In memory of Leonard Buxkemper by Clarence and Linda Ruether | 25.00 | |
| In honor of James Dvorak’s graduation by Darry and Barbara Meyer | 25.00 | |
| In honor of Rev. Philip Brune’s 1st ordination anniversary to the priesthood by Darry and Barbara Meyer | 25.00 | |
| In honor of Rev. Scott Hill’s 1st ordination anniversary to the priesthood by Kathleen Noska | 25.00 | |
| Total | $625.00 | |

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- Rev. Kristopher L. Fuchs | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00
| Previously reported | | |
| In honor of Rev. Kristopher L. Fuchs’ 1st ordination to the priesthood by M/M Leon Krishn | 20.00 | |
| Total | $1,020.00 | |

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- Rev. Scott Joseph Hill | $500.00 | $500.00
| Previously reported | | |
| In honor of Rev. Scott Hill’s 1st ordination to the priesthood by Wanda Alexander | 50.00 | |
| Delton and Janet Hollmann | 50.00 | |
| Dodie and Angie Dugen | 25.00 | |
| Total | $625.00 | |

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB & John and Mary Kolek | $5,230.00 | $5,230.00
| Previously reported | | |
| In memory of Rev. Charles Kolek by the Charles and Mary Kozel Family Reun | 300.00 | |
| Total | $5,530.00 | |

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- Rev. Dan Morales Burse in Honor of his Work for Vocations | $1,300.00 | $1,300.00
| Previously reported | | |
| In honor of Rev. Dan Morales’ birthday celebration by M/M Pete Moralez | 100.00 | |
| Daryl and Joan Hill | 51.00 | |
| Total | $1,351.00 | |

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #7 | | $1,476.00
| Previously reported | | |
| In memory of Andres and Annie Bludau by family members | 500.00 | |
| In honor of Rev. Msgr. John Peters in thanksgiving for all your support by Sacred Heart Catholic School faculty, staff, and students | 300.00 | |
| In thanksgiving for Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters by Ned and Pam Havel Moser | 200.00 | |
| In memory of Emma Wick by Charles and Geralyn Klimitch | 40.00 | |
| Michael, Janice and Steven Jare | 20.00 | |
| Magdalen Steffek | 10.00 | |
| In memory of Eleanor Huser by Bernard and Mary Grahn | 20.00 | |
| Magdalen Steffek | 10.00 | |
| In honor of August and Cecilia Janik’s wedding celebration by John and Charlene Pillow | 20.00 | |
| In memory of Lydia Matuske by Vernon and Marilyn Matuske | 20.00 | |
| In memory of Pat Bollom by Pat Mladenka | 10.00 | |
| In memory of Leo Christ by Magdalen Steffek | 10.00 | |
| In memory of Irene J. Christen by Pat Mladenka | 10.00 | |
| Total | $8,140.00 | |

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Palacios | | $2,415.00
| Previously reported | | |
| Donations by parishioners of St. Anthony Church, Palacios | 1,360.00 | |
| Total | $2,415.00 | |

| Burse Description | Previous Contributions | Total
|-------------------|------------------------|------
| -- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Koerth | | $1,055.00
| In memory of Emma Wick and Terry Wick by Emma Raska | 50.00 | |
| Total | | $1,055.00


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TCL deadlines

See page 15 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org and download the pdf of 2015 dates under TCL tab!
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Sacred Heart Parish Fall Festival

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6, 2015 ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
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DINNER
Dining in the KC Hall:
10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
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Country Fried Chicken • Stew
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AUCTION: 1:00 p.m.
on the Main Pavilion
Washer Pitching Tournament
5:00 p.m.

Join us for a great time at the
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Fun & entertainment for all ages!

Inside the
air-conditioned hall:
Bingo: Noon–6:00 p.m.
Cake Walk, Country Store &
Religious Articles Booth

MUSIC on the Main Pavilion
Kovanda Czech Band
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Free Dance on the Polka Pavilion/Biergarten
The Dujka Brothers & The Red Ravens
1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Delicious hamburgers, french fries, nachos, popcorn, funnel cakes, snow cones, lemonade & sodawater all afternoon!

Celebration of jubilarian, consecrated life, and new bishop

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nate Word Convent as directress of novices, as superior general, and as member of the general council. She served as faithful manager of the Incarnate Word Gift Shop and is currently active in the Apostolate of Prayer.

The celebration also commemorated 2 deceased sisters who were preparing to celebrate their jubilees: Sr. Elaine Braden, died May 28th, would have celebrated her 70th jubilee and Sr. Agatha Shimek, died June 29th, would have celebrated her 75th jubilee.

We, sisters, thank each of you for your presence at our special liturgy and for everything you have done for us over the years.

May the Incarnate Word, to whom we have consecrated our lives, bless you in return for your kindness to us.

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Seminary Burses

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Johnny and JoAnn Canik  25.00
Total  $3,770.00

Rev. Scott Joseph Hill
Previously reported  $625.00
In honor of Rev. Scott Hill on his ordination to the priesthood by Paulene Roeder Mooney, Kelly & Ronnie Naremore, Natalie and Samantha 5000
Allen and Bernice Kahliden  25.00
Total  $1,150.00

Very Rev. Matthew Huehlefeld Burse #2
In honor of George and Almarena Bucek’s 65th Wedding Anniversary by Henry and Carolyn Janak 2000

Rev. Paul P. Kaspar and Parents, John & Frances Kaspar
Donation by the Kaspar Family Reunion  500.00

Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB & John and Marie Kolek
Previously reported  $5,530.00
Donation by the Kolek Family Reunion Fund  200.00
Total  $5,730.00

Rev. Timothy Kosler
Previously reported  $100.00
In memory of Elreid Dittrich by Eugene and Henrietta Veselka  25.00
In memory of Adolf Ulrich, Jr. by Eugene and Henrietta Veselka  25.00
Total  $150.00

Rev. Dan Morales in Honor of his Work for Vocations
Previously reported  $1,476.00
In memory of Peggy Hermes by family and friends  165.00
Total  $1,641.00

John E. and Josephine B. Meismer Burse #2
Previously reported  $100.00
In memory of Marie Braden Whiteley by the children of John and Josephine Meisner  60.00
Total  $160.00

Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #7
Previously reported  $8,140.00
In memory of Daniel Freytag by Leo and Joyce Janda  2000
In memory of Sr. M. Agatha Shimek by Albert and Dorothy Olsowsky  2000
In memory of Victor Roeber by Anita Barrera-Rocha  1000
Soila G. Sanchez  1000
Total  $8,200.00

Rev. Joe Vrana in Honor of his Golden Jubilee Year
Previously reported  $835.00
Donation by the Christopher Columbus 4th Degree Assembly  2000
Total  $855.00

Cora Wostarek
Previously reported  $5,400.00
In honor of Kenneth and Patsy Warschak’s 50th Wedding Anniversary by Johnny and JoAnn Canik  25.00
Total  $5,425.00

DSA update

2015 Diocesan Services Appeal
Diocesan Goal:  $1,826,700.00
Parish Pledge Totals:  $736,643.70
Parish Contribution Totals:  $644,919.36
Number of Parish Families Participating:  3,050

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Celebrating 20 years: 1996-2016, sharing memories

From the superintendent

Being a superintendent was a life-long goal for me, since the early 1990s in a small Catholic school in Watts, a low socio-economic area of Los Angeles, CA. After many happy and productive school sessions later, that wondering became a reality in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas. In our Catholic school system, there is the value-added religious dimension. As our Catholic faith reminds us, and Pope John Paul II stated, “The future starts today, not tomorrow.” Our future lies in the halls of our Catholic schools and we are charged with bringing it forth with the love of Christ.

In some small manner, it is my hope that we are enriching and enabling our children’s growth so their paths may be enlightened and infused with the light of Christ which will serve to guide them throughout their lives.

The Catholic Schools Office provides support and encouragement to local school administrators and staff members as well. See Celebrating 20 years, pg. 10

Cont. OLV

During the upcoming school year, 2015-2016, the Catholic Schools Office will be celebrating 20 years of operation as a separate school office. The Catholic Schools Office was previously under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of San Antonio. A new logo and website banner have been developed to celebrate the CSO anniversary.

Catholic schools continue to provide a F.I.R.S.T.-Class Education...for all...for life!

Faith – Integrity – Respect – Scholarship – Tradition

Cont. St. Michael’s, Cuero accomplished because of the contributions of Hugo and Selma Zengerle; The Kołodziejczyk, Seidel, Wazzecha families; and the generous benefactors of the Catholic community of Cuero. There were also numerous hours of work put in by volunteers to move furniture and materials. The KCs from the Catholic community of Cuero have been unconditionally supportive in this endeavor as well.

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~In 2006, at St. Joseph Catholic School, Yoakum, renovations of the chapel on the 3rd floor were completed. A ceremony was held and it was rededicated as a place of prayer as well as a memorial for the school’s deceased alumni.

~In 2013, the installation of new windows and new security doors were added to the entire school building. Also, on the 3rd floor, air conditioning units were added - providing much needed relief!

~Also, in 2013, the relocation of Pre-K students to the 1st floor of the school united all of the students and teachers in a centralized area.

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~Our Lady of Victory, Victoria, continues to grow and prove its Blue Ribbon status by offering new additions to curriculum such as a band program, 5th grade Colonial Day, 8th grade Mock Trial at the County Courthouse, 7th grade Living Museum, and 8th grade trip to the nation’s Capital.

~OLV hosts the Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) District Meet where students compete in over 60 academic events in grades 1-8.

~Msgr. Michael Harrold was pastor of OLV parish for over 38 years. He believed a Catholic education was the greatest investment parents could make for their children. He was instrumental in building the Early Childhood Center, beginning a Pre-K program, creating a new gymnasium, and opening an Art Center and Youth Hut. His foresight was helpful to the parish investing in the Old Town Plaza Mall in expansion of physical space to accommodate future generations.

(361) 277-3854

www.stmichaels-cuero.org

~St. Michael’s Catholic School, Cuero, has added a brand new building for the 2015-16 school year. It will house a gym, a cafeteria, and the Early Childhood classrooms (Pre-K 3 through kindergarten equating to 6 classrooms). The main school building was built in 1955 and housed a convent and classrooms. This building will house 1st-6th grades which totals 8 classrooms plus a music room. This building also has new flooring in all of the classrooms. Such projects have been accomplished because of the contributions of Hugo and Selma Zengerle; The Kołodziejczyk, Seidel, Wazzecha families; and the generous benefactors of the Catholic community of Cuero. There were also numerous hours of work put in by volunteers to move furniture and materials. The KCs from the Catholic community of Cuero have been unconditionally supportive in this endeavor as well.

(979) 543-2901

www.stphilipschool.org

~At St. Philip Catholic School, El Campo, our recent building project included a new gym, parish center, and renovation of our old gym as a new Early Childhood Center.

~We were preparing for what we thought was a normal day, when we received a call that a bull was loose in town and that the authorities would like to use our playground (Pioneer Field) because it was enclosed with a fence. We watched from a safe distance as cowboys corralled the bull to load it on a trailer. The bull was probably just as scared as we were at times!

~Nancy Krenek was an employee at our school. She had a fun-loving personality and she loved her faith. She was unexpectedly taken from us a few years ago, but her life was such a testament to living the Catholic faith. The outpouring of kindness during this time was felt by her family as well as her school family. She had a contagious smile and worked hard managing the duties assigned. Students built a lasting relationship with her and we still think of her as our bus driving angel.

(979) 743-3080

www.strosecardinals.org

~St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, Schulenburg, has spent the past year celebrating our 125th year in Catholic education. In 2002, ground was broken for the St. Rose Family Life Center. Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer blessed the new addition in Jan. 2003. It meets the need for a full-size gym, drama stage, and meeting room. It provides space for our physical education classes and athletic events. Vacation Bible School, drama club performances, and band concerts are also held inside.

~ In April 2009, the school acquired the Stanzel home and lot with a grant from the Schmidt Family Foundation. The facility was renovated in the summer of 2009 into an Early Childhood Center. This unique space was designed to meet the physical and developmental needs of our youngest students. The foundation provided to our Pre-K 3 and 4K students sets up a life-long love of learning and establishes connections which continue through 8th grade.

~ The Jack Hooper Prayer Garden and Marty Love Children’s Chapel were dedicated May 2012 by Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer. The chapel building was restored in honor of former kindergarten teacher, Marty Love. It sits in the garden area designated in memory of Jack Hooper. He was a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish and attended CCD at the school.
Sunday Readings from Aug. 9 to Aug. 30, 2015

Aug. 9- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:2-9
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

Aug. 15- Solemnity of the Assumption
Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10
Psalms 45:10-12, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Aug. 16- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalms 34:2-7

Aug. 23- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
Psalms 34:2-3, 16-21
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

Aug. 23- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Psalms 15:2-5
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

For daily and Sunday readings, as well as a daily reflection video, visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings.

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The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

Last month, The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall was on display in El Campo. The names of 58,272 service members who did not survive the Vietnam War are etched on the wall. Of those service members, 28 from the local area, were honored with a memorial service. A candlelight ceremony saluting all veterans was also held. The wall is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. It stands 6 feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end. It was made to heal and rekindle friendships. It allows people an opportunity to visit loved ones in their home town who may not be able to make a trip to Washington. For more information, visit www.vva1069.org.

Reporting Abuse

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

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

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: Fr. Gary Janak at (361) 575-4741.

Reporting Child Abuse Hotline • 1 (800) 252-5400 • www.txabusehotline.org
If you know or suspect a child or person has been abused or mistreated, you are required to report it to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or to a law enforcement agency within 48 hours.
If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.

3rd Annual Fishers of Men Saltwater Fishing Tournament

Saturday, August 29, 2015
Elks Lodge • El Campo, TX

Entry fee: $200 per team (4 persons max)
5 optional side-pot entry fees
$20 each category • 100% side-pot payout
Tournament prizes will be given for
1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.
5 fish heavy stringer (2 red & 3 trout)
A meal will be provided after the weigh-in for those who have entered the tournament by August 14th. Additional meal tickets may be purchased for $8 p/p when the team entry is sent in or at weigh-in.
You may register at the mandatory Captain’s Meeting at the Elks Lodge on Friday, August 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
For more information, contact Kyle Chandler at (979) 541-9833 or kyle.streamline@yahoo.com.

Entry fees benefit the El Campo Deanery ACTS.

To Love as God Loves–This marriage preparation program is for couples 40 and over, couples seeking convalidation, and couples seeking a second marriage and beyond. Upcoming date: Sept. 27. For more information, brochure, or registration form, visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Presidio La Bahía (PLB) Museum and Visitor Center

Visit the 19th Century! See living historians, artisans, and more!

The Presidio, located in Goliad, is the only Spanish fort in the possession of the Catholic church in North America and is a National Historic Landmark. The museum is open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and is closed on major holidays. For more information, call (361) 645-3752 or visit www.presidiolabahia.org.

Fr. Sam Appiasi, pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Bloomington, recently celebrated his birthday. Parishioners displayed a money tree and a dinner was held, in his honor, at the Parish Hall.
Last month, Bishop Cahill was a guest speaker at the first annual Strong Families of Victoria, a parade and march held in downtown Victoria. In his speech to those in attendance—“How do we support families and the merciful love from the heart,” he posed the question, create a world that reflects of God?” He stated part of the answer includes, “We must for those we think are our who society treats as disposable. Everyone united in prayer information about Strong Families of Victoria, call (361) 228-0021.

Words of Welcome
(a TCL series)

In honor of his first year as bishop, should you wish to offer any Words of Welcome for Bishop Brendan Cahill, please send them! Please limit words to a few sentences. The series will be featured through June 2016.

Welcome,
BISHOP BRENDAN J. CAHILL,
to the Diocese of Victoria!
Deacon Dennis and Georgia Kutach
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Yoakum, TX

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bay City, welcomes our new diocesan bishop with a welcome sign. Vacation Bible School youth made the poster for Bishop Cahill. Welcome Bishop Brendan Cahill!

The Office of Catechetical Ministry offered three SUMMER FUN DAYS! this recent summer. The events were held at the Library and Media Center located at the Chancery. Several youth enjoyed the free events. At the second Summer Fun Days!, a faith-based movie for children titled, The Bedbug Bible Gang: Big Boats of the Bible, was shown. Healthy snacks were provided. Bishop Cahill met with parents and assisted children with arts and crafts activities related to stories of Noah’s Ark and Jonah and the Whale.

Come, visit the Diocese of Victoria’s Library, located on the 2nd floor of the Chancery, and check out a book!

There are many choices for adults and children!

Also, visit www.victoriadiocese.org to view a complete catalog!

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
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SUNDAY, SEPT. 6, 2015
EASTON, Mass. (CNS)- Presentation of the positio, or official position paper, on the life and holiness of Fr. Patrick Peyton to a Vatican congregation cause of the Holy Cross priest, making and is the synthesis by tribunals in the Archdiocese around the world.

“We are very pleased to see progress in Fr. Peyton’s cause,” said “Many people regularly tell me that Fr. Peyton is the appropriate person to make our world a better place through his message of the Rosary and the power of prayer.”

Fr. Peyton came to the U.S. from Ireland in 1928 when he was the founder of Holy Cross Family Institute, Family Rosary, Family Theater Productions, Fr. Peyton Family Institute, and Family Rosary International.

His ministry produced television programs and books, and conducted rosary programs in dozens of countries. He was buried in the Diocese of Chicago, where hisRosary Church in Tunbridge Wells, England, was named after him.

“Fr. Peyton was known worldwide as the ‘Rosary Priest.’ He had a deep love for the Rosary and its power to change lives. He wanted to bring the Rosary to millions of people around the world.”

Robert Seelig leads Catholic Management Services (CMS) as CEO and founder. He created the vision for CMS as “Church helping Church.” As such, he continues to look for ways to leverage investments in resources by providing services to numerous organizations, rather than each organization building them on their own.

In 2011, CMS was formed as a 501(c)3 nonprofit to serve the greater Catholic Church. The staff works in numerous dioceses, supporting over 30 active cemeteries that conduct 10,000 burial services annually, as well as 10 funeral centers that provide over 2,500 funeral and cremation services. CMS’ unique “shared services” model has reinvigorated a vital ministry, producing positive financial results when dioceses are being challenged to sustain their operations.

CMS offers a wide scope of services that can be customized to meet the needs of a diocese such as management services, consulting services, and advisory services. CMS has developed proven, mission-centric programs in marketing and communications, education and outreach, information technology, and finance that serve their goal of creating a financially healthy and sustainable funeral and cemetery system within each of their client-dioceses across the nation. For more information, e-mail info@cmsmission.org or visit www.cmsmission.org.

Meet a Deacon (a TCL series)

by Deacon Joe Duplan

I was born in Piedras Negras, Coahuiila Mexico. My mother was born in La Porte and lived in those years at St. Mary’s Seminary. My maternal grandfather was the ranch caretaker for the seminary. They eventually moved to Mexico where my mom met my dad. They married and had their first 3 children. I come from a family of 9, 7 sisters and a younger brother. 4 of my siblings were born in Los Angeles, CA and the last 2 were born in Eagle Pass.

I went to schools in Compton, CA, Eagle Pass, and Texas City, TX. I graduated from Texas City High School in 1972. Being a product of a large family where all made it through high school, we have only 2 with college degrees and the rest with vocational training. I started working out of high school to help the family. I studied many college courses for personal training and later joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers starting a 4-year apprenticeship graduating in 1981. I retired from the electrical industry after 37 years. I went through seminary studies and was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in 1990.

I met my wife, Mary Lou, in Texas City. We were married in July 1975 and recently celebrated our 40th anniversary. I wanted to hold full time for the Church and found an opening in the Diocese of Victoria. I was hired as the administrator of the Spiritual Renewal Center. I still think, after 25 years since my ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, that being a permanent deacon is being the link between the hierarchy of the Church and the laity. Many do not understand the nature of the ministry of the Permanent Deacon. At times, we are misunderstood and yet play a very important role in the Church. The last 25 years have been a definite challenge for Mary Lou and I, but I would not trade it for anything. Every deacon’s story is different, so please, ask a deacon about his story!

Mary Lou and I meet a lot of great folks and at the same time experience living in solitude as in a monastery. Hello to all of the folks from our diocese and beyond! God bless you!
A guest from Bethlehem

Shibly Edmond Kando is the grandson of Khalil Iskandar Shahin (Kando), known for the Dead Sea Scrolls fame, which has shaped Shibly’s life and his conviction that Christians worldwide must unite to keep Christianity alive in the Land of Christ.

The Kando family became known and respected as spiritual and business leaders of their community and profession was leather dealers. Their father was known for his diligence, hard work, and mind. He helped establish a leather shop and from an early age had a keen interest in archeology. The family became respected as spiritual leaders of their country. Their working as Shibly’s grand- fathers for his intellectual and inquisitive mind. He helped his father establish a leather production shop and from an early age had a keen interest in archeology. The place in his life in 1947 when the Lord’s will took place in his life in 1947 when the Lord guided 2 shepherd boys carrying large thick swabs of dried leather to the family’s leather workshop. They came from across the Judean Hills from the area near the Dead Sea, looking for a reputable leather expert who could craft a comfortable pair of sandals from the leather they were fortunate enough to discover in a cave. It was not common leather. It was a significant old piece. Upon cleaning the leather Kando realized he was looking at an ancient manuscript with writing on it containing Biblical references. The language that was written on the leather was in his mother tongue, the Aramaic language,

Fr. Albert Yankey, parochial vicar of St. Philip’s; Shibly Kando; and Fr. Michael Rother, pastor of St. Philip the Apostle, El Campo

See A guest, pg. 16
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How wonderful it is to proclaim to everyone the love of God which saves us and gives meaning to our lives!

~Pope Francis

Bishop Cahill in prayer at his ordination and installation at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria

(CNS photo/Max Rossi, Reuters)

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.

My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

~ Psalm 28:7

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**Online registration is available!**

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**COUNTRY AUCTION:** 1:00 p.m.
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**Jesus Christ is worth everything**

It is not so hard to imagine anymore. You are middle to upper class. Christian or some other minority faith group. ISIS presses toward your city, sending messengers ahead of them. “Leave the city with only the clothes you are wearing, or we will kill you.” There are very few places to go. Lebanon or Turkey are possibilities.

As a Christian, you set your eyes on Jordan. Amman has a hospital, a Catholic hospital, that will care for your emergency medical needs at no charge. You feel a pull towards Amman, once named Philadelphia, a city in the Decapolis. You are an educated Christian. You know the historical significance of that claim... and now, Jordan has thrown open its borders to you.

The Church will provide you with food and the thing you need most: encouragement about what has everything your family built, to your homeland, you look at that call to you as a Christian. It the East. This country that opened “Come.”

Elijah’s birthplace is here, and the site where he ascended to heaven in a chariot of fire, that is here. Mount Nebo, where Moses was given a vision of the Promised Land, that is here. Ruth grew up here, in the area of Moab, and traveled to Bethlehem, which is not far to the north. Jordan-beyond-the-sea is here, where John baptized the Lord, and where King Herod had a fortress and watched a girl dance. Mukawir, where John was martyred, that is here, too. It is the place where John sent word to the Lord, asking, “Are you the one?” You feel like asking that question sometimes. Tell me again that you are the one. You can do this. I will lose everything for you, for God, only remind me again that you are the one we have expected. This land is the birthplace of faith- and so, it is a little bit like going home. The Christian refugees know that. But, it is not home. In fact, it feels a little like you are being called away from life to something closer to eternity, where the familiar comforts have all been taken from you, where you have only one thing left, your common bond with people of faith. A fraternity rises up in this moment. You learn more about solidarity than you ever expected to learn. You realize Jordan is full of people like you- refugees from Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria, and Iraq. They have all come here. They all remind you of the very thing you need to hear again. Yes, He is the one. Jesus Christ is still Lord.

*See Jesus Christ, pg. 16*

El Campo—Fishers of Men Saltwater Fishing Tournament Aug. 29. Benefits ACTS. See ad on pg. 8.

Hallettsville—Serra Club holds Seminarian Cookout Aug. 11 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Hillje/El Campo—St. Andrew Summer Festival Aug. 16 at the Parish Hall. 11:00 a.m. BBQ Prime Beef and sausage. $9 p/p. 12:30 p.m. auction. There will be a country store, bake sale, cake walk, raffle, music, games, and more.

Praha—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Picnic Aug. 15, 10:00 a.m. Mass. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Stew and fried chicken. $9 p/p. 1:00 p.m. auction. 1:50 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. Bingo. For more information, call (361) 596-4674 or visit www.stmaryspraha.org.

Weimar—St. Michael Harvest Feast Aug. 9 at the Veterans Hall. Fried chicken and stew. $9 p/p. Drive-thru and plates to-go at the Family Center. There will be an auction, music, and more.

Bay City—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 13. Food, games, live music, raffle, and more. See ad on pg. 12.

Blessing—KC Shrimp Etouffeé and Gumbo Meal Sept. 13 at St. Peter’s Parish Hall. 11:00 a.m. $9 p/p. See ad on pg. 13.

Bloomington—St. Patrick Festival Dinner Sept. 27. Turkey and dressing. $9 p/p. 11:00 a.m. Plates-to-go: 9:00 a.m. Auction, country store/religious store, raffle, and more.

Cuero—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 6. BBQ dinner, tamales, auction, Bingo, and more. See ad on pg. 9.

El Campo—St. Philip the Apostle Picnic Sept. 27. 11:00 a.m. meal serving begins. There will be a live auction, silent auction, music, and more.

Hallettsville—Sacred Heart Festival Sept. 6 at KC Hall. Country fried chicken, stew, and cornbread dressing. $9 p/p. See ad on pg. 5.

Inez—St. Joseph Picnic Sept. 13 at Inez Community Center. 3-meat plate. $8 p/p. Auction, prizes, and more. See ad on pg. 12.

Nada—St. Mary’s Parish Festival & Homecoming Sept. 6 at Nada Community Center. BBQ beef and sausage. 11:00 a.m. $10 p/p. See ad on pg. 14.

Port Lavaca—Our Lady of the Gulf Festival Sept. 20 at Bauer Community Center. Auction, crafts, games, raffle, and more. See ad on pg. 11.

Shiner—Sts. Cyril & Methodius Fall Picnic Sept. 6 at KC Park. 3-meat plate. $10 p/p. Auction, Bingo, dancing, games, and more. See ad on pg. 11.

Vanderbilt—St. John Bosco Festival Sept. 6 at Trinity Family Center. BBQ pork steak and sausage. $9 p/p. 1:00 p.m. auction. There will be door prizes, games, raffle, and more.

Victoria—Our Lady of Sorrows CDA #2273 and Altar Society host Games Party Sept. 20 at Holy Trinity Hall. 2-5:00 p.m. $7 meal included. For more information, contact Dolores Soliz at (361) 676-0373 or Minnie Villa at (361) 578-0051.

Yorktown—Holy Cross Centennial Celebration Sept. 13. 9:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Cahill. 11:00 a.m. BBQ beef and sausage. Auction, music, and more. See ad on pg. 14.

Blessing—St. Peter BBQ Turkey and Dressing Dinner Oct. 25. 11:00 a.m. $10 p/p. See ad on pg. 11.

East Bernard—Holy Cross Bazaar Oct. 11.

El Campo—St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Festival Oct. 11 at the KC Hall.

Victoria—Our Lady of Victory Parish Festival Oct. 11.

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**Beaumont**—Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person Catechetical Conference Aug. 15. For more information, visit www.dioceseofbmt.org.


**San Antonio**—Catholic Women’s Conference Aug. 28-29 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. For more information, call (210) 521-3377 or visit www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org.

**San Antonio**—St. John’s/Assumption Seminary Centennial Celebration Gala Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Oblate School of Theology. For more information, contact Mike Davis at (210) 734-5137 x1414 or mike.davis@archlsa.org.

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

**Victoria**—Amor Meus Spirituality Center Taizé Prayer Service Aug. 11 at Incarnate Word Convent. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at (361) 575-7111, amormeus@yahoo.com, or visit www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

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

**Wharton**—Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person Conference for Catechesis and Ministry Oct. 24 at Holy Family Catholic Church. For more information, visit www.victoriadiocese.org or see pg. 13.
not in the old Hebrew language found on manuscripts excavated later. The rest of the public story is well known, however many gaps in the truth surrounding the events which took place remain a mystery to this day.

Shibly remembers the lessons taught to him by his grandfather as some of the most important of his life— the love of God and acceptance of God’s will, the importance of family and community, and how to be a man of dignity and integrity.

Last month, he was a guest speaker at St. Philip the Apostle, El Campo. The evening was hosted by Journeys of Faith with Ceci Pilgrimages to raise awareness of the importance of making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. People of all faiths from the surrounding communities attended as well as one who drove from San Antonio.

He quoted Pope Francis saying that the Christians living in the Holy Land are the “living stones” of our Christian faith.

Why go to the Holy Land? He said, “you can read it- or you can live it. Live the moments written in the Bible.” He said the best support of Christians is to be “present.” By being physically present in the Holy Land it “shows fellow Christians they are cared for by their Christian brothers and sisters from around the world.” He also spoke of Sharing the Bread program where tour groups have the opportunity to go into the homes of Christian families for a simple home cooked meal.

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