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Msgr. Celestino Say, 87, recently retired pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Victoria, died on Aug. 4, 2015. Funeral services are as follows: Vigil Service/Rosary at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 105 N. William St., Victoria, TX, on Aug. 7 at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Aug. 8 at 10:00 a.m., with Bishop Brendan Cahill officiating.

In thanksgiving, for Msgr. Celestino Say



Bishop Brendan Cahill, Msgr. Celestino Say, and Msgr. Say's family members

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 Koenig 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 his 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



Msgr.
Celestino Say

he was only 5 years old. many hardships during tion of the Philippines. about his early life and hood.

Archdiocese of San An-Sorrows from 1973-75. Sacred Heart, Halletts-served as an associate til being assigned to Our Victoria, in 1995. His Our Lady of Lourdes dedication, mercy, for-

givenness, laughter, and wisdom.

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 all 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 the Diocese of Victoria.

A festive meal Convent Din-sisters and clergy Bishop Cahill tus David Fell-main celebrants celebrants were 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.



Msgr. Celestino Say and Sr. Theresa Marie Miller

In attendance were Incarnate Word associ-all of the sisters. Special ily members of Sr. The-Following the Eucha-reception was held hon-and jubilarian, Sr. The-

Sr. Theresa Marie Convent in 1943 and vows in 1945. She Heart, La Grange; St. seph, Victoria; Sacred Holy Cross, Dallas; and St. Michael, Cuero. She also served at Incar-



was held in the ing Room for the prior to the Mass. and Bishop Emeri-hauer served as of the Mass. Con-Gary Janak, Fr.



Sr. Theresa
Marie Miller

many local clergy, ates, and friends of guests included fam-resa Marie Miller. ristic celebration, a oring Bishop Cahill resa Marie Miller.

entered Nazareth pronounced her first ministered at Sacred Mary, Nada; St. Jo-Heart, Hallettsville;

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The Most Rev.
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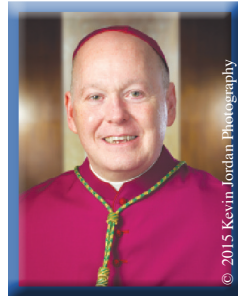
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The Bread Lies Under the Snow

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

Bishop Cahill's August Schedule

- 6** 9:00 a.m. New Teacher Mass, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria
- 10** 5:00 p.m. Liturgical Commission Meeting, Chancery, 1st Floor
- 11** 6:00 p.m. Serra Club Seminarian and Religious Formation Mass & Outing, Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville
- 13** 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Presbyteral Council Day of Reflection, Spiritual Renewal Center
- 15** 10:00 a.m. Mass for Annual Festival, St. Mary Church, Praha
- 16** 10:00 a.m. Mass, 20th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School, Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Port Lavaca
- 21** 8:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner
- 28** 8:05 a.m. School Mass and Bus Blessing, Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville

Heeding God's call

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

Official Appointments

The following positions have either been appointed or confirmed by Bishop Cahill:

Vicar General, Chancellor- Fr. Gary Janak; Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy- Msgr. John Peters; Judicial Vicar- Fr. Matthew Huehlefeld; Vicars Forane- Frs. Dominic Antwi-Boasiako, Gregory Korenek, Roger Hawes, Matthew Huehlefeld, Charles Dwomoh, and Timothy Kosler; Presbyteral Council- Msgr. John Peters, Frs. Gary Janak, Dominic Antwi-Boasiako, Charles Dwomoh, Matthew Huehlefeld, Roger Hawes, Gregory Korenek, Timothy Kosler, David Berger, Peter Yeboah-Amanfo, Robert Knippenberg, Robert Guerra, Charles Sonnier, Dan Morales, and Tommy Chen; Director of Seminarians, Director of Vocations- Fr. Dan Morales; Assistant Director of Seminarians, Director of Vocations- Fr. Tommy Chen.

Thank you note

Your Excellency,

I cordially send my sentiments of profound appreciation to you and all of your faithful for your generosity of \$40,593. The contribution in support of the Pontifical Mission Societies (Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Society of St. Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Childhood Association) and dedication to the missionary efforts of the Church demonstrate strong commitment and represent significant assistance to the needs of the Church all over the world.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fernando Cardinal Filoni
Prefect of the Congregation for the
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Catholic Church, Dubina



JULY 10 • EL CAMPO



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

BISHOP CAHILL'S WELCOME RECEPTIONS

JULY 15 • HALLETTSVILLE



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

JULY 13 • VICTORIA



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



Bishop Cahill with diocesan priests and deacons in El Campo



Bishop Cahill with CDA members at Holy Family, Victoria



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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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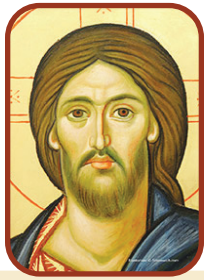
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Happy birthday!



Nick Aparicio is in College II at St. Joseph Seminary. His birthday is Aug. 13. Please show your support by writing to St. Joseph Seminary, 75376 River Rd., St. Benedict, LA 70457.



Dalton Ervin is in Pre-Theology II at Holy Trinity Seminary. His birthday is Aug. 25. Please show your support by writing to Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

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Seminary Burses

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is \$15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received. Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation to: DIOCESE OF VICTORIA • SEMINARY BURSES • P. O. BOX 4070 • VICTORIA, TX 77903.

As of June 30, 2015

	TOTALS
— General Seminary Burse	
Previously reported	\$108,209.00
In memory of Julia Krenak by Ryan and Vicki Simper	30.00
Total	\$108,239.00

— Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer / Catholic Life Insurance Nada, Moulton-Flatonia, Hallettsville, El Campo, and Edna-Ganado Branches Burse #2	
Previously reported	\$6,400.00
In thanksgiving to Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer by Deacon and Mrs. Milburn Kram	100.00
Total	\$6,500.00

— Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune	
Previously reported	\$3,320.00
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 Darry and Barbara Meyer	25.00
Kathleen Noska	25.00
Total	\$3,700.00

— Rev. Kristopher L. Fuchs	
Previously reported	\$1,000.00
In honor of Rev. Kristopher L. Fuchs' 1st ordination to the priesthood by M/M Leon Kristynik	20.00
Total	\$1,020.00

— Rev. Scott Joseph Hill	
Previously reported	\$500.00
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 Dungen	25.00
Total	\$625.00

— Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB & John and Mary Kolek	
Previously reported	\$5,230.00
In memory of Rev. Charles Kolek by the Charles and Mary Kozel Family Reunion	300.00
Total	\$5,530.00

— Rev. Dan Morales Burse in Honor of his Work for Vocations	
Previously reported	\$1,300.00
In honor of Rev. Dan Morales' birthday celebration by M/M Pete Moralez	100.00
Daryl and Joan Hill	51.00

In honor of Rev. Dan Morales by Paz and Andrea Morales	25.00
Total	\$1,476.00

— Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #7	
Previously reported	\$6,970.00
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 Geraldyn Klimitchek	40.00
Michael, Janice and Steven Jares	20.00
Magdalen Steffek	10.00
In memory of Eleanor Huser by Bernard and Mary Grahmann	20.00
Magdalen Steffek	10.00
In honor of August and Cecilia Janak's wedding celebration by John and Charlene Pillow	20.00
In memory of Lydia Matusek by Vernon and Marilyn Matusek	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

— St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Palacios	
Previously reported	\$1,055.00
Donations by parishioners of St. Anthony Church, Palacios	1,360.00
Total	\$2,415.00

— St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Koerth	
In memory of Emma Wick and Terry Wick by Emma Raska	50.00
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TCL deadlines

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In memory



Sr. M. John Hayden, 99, of Victoria, died June 30. She was born May 30, 1916, in San Antonio, TX to the late Robert Joseph Hayden and Emma Caroline (Nocker) Hayden. She was a member of the Sisters of the IWBS. She completed grammar school at St. Leo School and graduated from Blessed Sacrament Academy in San Antonio in 1934. She began her postulancy at Blessed Sacrament Convent in San Antonio on June 18, 1934, received the habit on Feb. 22, 1935 and pronounced first vows on Feb. 23, 1936. She received a BA degree from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio with a major in English and a minor in Spanish. During her 79 years as a professed member of the congregation, she taught at Blessed Sacrament Academy, San Antonio and ministered as teacher and principal at Sacred Heart School, Hallettsville and Immaculate Conception School, Sealy. When she retired from full-time active teaching in 1986, she assisted in the IWC Gift Shop and helped as supervisor of household duties at the convent. She enjoyed reading, traveling, sewing and, gardening. She entered into her Apostolate of Prayer and Suffering in 2004. She is buried at Catholic Cemetery No. 3. Memorials may be made to Incarnate Word Convent, Hospice of South Texas, or donor's choice.



Sr. M. Agatha Shimek, 93, of Victoria, died June 29, 2015. She was born Sept. 21, 1921, in St. John, TX to the late Louis Shimek and Frances Kutac Shimek. She was a member of the Sisters of the IWBS. She completed grammar grades at St. John School and St. Rose School in Schulenburg. She attended St. Ludmila Academy in Shiner, and after graduation, entered the convent on Sept. 18, 1938. She received the habit June 4, 1930. She made her first vows on June 10, 1940 in Shiner and professed her final vows in Nazareth Convent July 28, 1943. She was awarded a BA degree from Incarnate Word College with a major in English and a minor in Spanish and a Master's degree in Education from Our Lady of the Lake University. During her 75 years of religious profession, she taught at St. John School, San Marcos; St. Paul School, Sedan; St. Mary's School, Nada; Guadalupe School, Victoria; St. Jerome School, Plum; Public School in Radhost, Holy Cross School, East Bernard; St. Ludmila Academy and St. Paul School, Shiner; Blessed Sacrament Academy, San Antonio;

Falls City Public School, Nazareth Academy and St. Joseph High School, Victoria, and Sacred Heart School, Hallettsville. In addition to serving as a full-time classroom teacher, she served as librarian, principal, senior class sponsor, and academic counselor. Among her many hobbies, she enjoyed those of gardening, growing potted plants, cooking, crocheting, and reading. After retiring to Incarnate Word Convent in 1997, she became the librarian for Annunciation Library and assisted with tutoring. She entered into her Apostolate of Prayer and Suffering in 2007. She is buried at Catholic Cemetery No. 3. Memorials may be made to Incarnate Word Convent, Hospice of South Texas, or donor's choice.

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.*



Sacred Heart Parish Fall Festival **SUNDAY, SEPT. 6, 2015 ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL HALLETTSVILLE, TX**

DINNER

Dining in the KC Hall:
10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Drive-thru/plates-to-go:
10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Country Fried Chicken • Stew
Homemade Cornbread Dressing
with all the trimmings!**

Adults: \$9.00 p/p.
Children (10 & under): \$4.50 p/p.



Short memorial: 1:00 p.m. given
by Rev. Msgr. John Peters

AUCTION: 1:00 p.m.
on the Main Pavilion

Washer Pitching Tournament
5:00 p.m.

**Join us for a great time at the
Sacred Heart Picnic!
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!



*Kiddie Games & Rides
all afternoon!*

**Cool off in the Water
Slide!**

Seminary Burses

Continued from page 4

— Rev. Joe Vrana, in honor of his Golden Jubilee Year

In honor of Rev. Joe Vrana in
thanksgiving for his chaplaincy of the
Christopher Columbus 4th Degree
Assembly \$810.00
Donation in honor of Rev. Joe Vrana by
Kurt and Shara Sunderman 25.00
Total \$835.00

As of July 31, 2015

TOTALS

— General Seminary Burse

Previously reported \$108,239.00
In memory of Julia Krenak by
Michael or Jackie Watz 100.00
In memory of Jane Laura Wilhite by
Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill 50.00
Total \$108,389.00

— Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily Burse #2

Previously reported \$3,249.00
In memory of Sir Knight Leonard Bux-
kemper by St. Michael KC #1527-
Flatonia, Schulenburg, & Weimar 200.00
In memory of Sir Knight Daniel R.
Freitag by St. Michael KC #1527-
Flatonia, Schulenburg, & Weimar 200.00
Total \$3,294.00

— CDA Court St. Ann #369

Previously reported \$10,858.99
In memory of Doris Kleiber by
CDA Court St. Ann #369 25.00
In memory of Lillian Steffek by
CDA Court St. Ann #369 25.00
Total \$10,908.99

— Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune

Previously reported \$3,700.00
In memory of Gene Pflughaupt, Sr. by
Victor and Gail Dvorak 25.00
M/M Elbert Brune 20.00
In honor of Ernie and Eudene Richter's
50th Wedding Anniversary by

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 ordina-
tion to the priesthood by Paulene
Roeder Mooney, Kelly & Ronnie
Naremore, Natalie and Samantha 500.00
Allen and Bernice Kahlden 25.00
Total \$1,150.00

— Very Rev. Matthew Huehlefeld Burse #2

In honor of George and Almaren Bucek's
65th Wedding Anniversary by
Henry and Carolyn Janak 20.00

— 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 Elreed 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 Whitely by
the children of
John and Josephine Meismer 60.00
Total \$160.00

— Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #7

Previously reported \$8,140.00
In memory of Daniel Freitag by
Leo and Joyce Janda 20.00
In memory of Sr. M. Agatha Shimek
by Albert and Dorothy Olsovsky 20.00
In memory of Victor Roeber by
Anita Barrera-Rocha 10.00
Soila G. Sanchez 10.00
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 20.00
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

TCL readers

Due to a business change, several
July issues were not received by our
readers. We apologize for any incon-
venience. Future issues will be back
on schedule and mailed within the
first week of the month. All 2015 is-
sues are featured online. We appreci-
ate your patience and understanding.

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**National
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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



(361) 575-5391

www.ourladyvictory.org

~**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

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.

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Cont. OLV

helpful to the parish investing in the Old Town Plaza Mall in expansion of physical space to accommodate future generations.



(361) 293-9000

www.stjcatholicsschool.com

~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.



(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

Cont. St. Michael's, Cuero

accomplished because of the contributions of Hugo and Selma Zengerle; The Kolodziejczyk, Seidel, Warzecha 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 Krennek 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*.



National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the U.S. It begins the last Sunday in January and lasts all week. Schools typically celebrate with Masses, open house, and several activities for students, families, parishioners, and surrounding communities. Through such events, schools focus on the value a Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, the public, and nation.



(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 Marti Love Children's Chapel were dedicated May 2012 by Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer. The chapel building was restored in honor of former kindergarten teacher, Marti 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
Psalms 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

Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

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
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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.

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.

Love is patient, love is kind, it is not
jealous, is not pompous, it is not
inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek
its own interests, it is not quick-
tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but
rejoices with the truth it bears all
things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4

Presidio La Bahia (PLB) Museum and Visitor Center
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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.

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3rd Annual Fishers of Men Saltwater Fishing Tournament



Saturday, August 29, 2015

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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.

*He calls us to proclaim the message
that heals and restores
our broken relationships
with God and each other.*

~2 Corinthians 5:11

Last month, Bishop Cahill was a guest speaker at the
of Victoria, a parade and march
In his speech to those in atten-
“How do we support families and
the merciful love from the heart



He stated part of the acknowledgment our sins, pray enemies, and advocate for those able." Everyone united in prayer

information about Strong Families of Victoria, call (361) 228-0021.

first annual Strong Families held in downtown Victoria. dance, he posed the question, create a world that reflects of God?"

swer includes, "We must for those we think are our who society treats as dispos- and fellowship. For more

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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.*

We, in the Catholic Schools Office, anticipate sharing all of the wonderful upcoming events and accomplishments of our 15 Catholic schools. Bishop Cahill's varied, extensive educational background, and compassionate gifts will surely benefit our Catholic school system, as we continue to provide a *F.I.R.S.T.-Class Education* for the estimated 3,000 students throughout the Diocese of Victoria. Thank you, Bishop Cahill, for saying "yes" to leading our South Texas flock as we strive to *Teach Minds and Touch Hearts* for the glory of God!

~John Quarry, Superintendent of Schools



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*.

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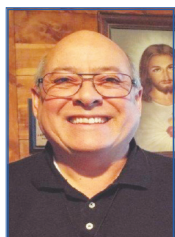
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Meet a Deacon (a TCL series)



by Deacon Joe Duplan

I was born in Piedras Negras, Coahuila Mexico. My mother was born in La Porte and lived her early 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 right 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 work 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 people 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!

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EASTON, Mass. (CNS)- Presentation of the *positio*, or official position paper, on the life and holiness of Fr. Patrick

is the latest step in the sainthood. The document was 4 years in of a 6,000-page report completed of Baltimore and 34 other dioceses

"We are very pleased to see progress in Fr. Peyton's cause," said Holy Cross Fr. Wilfred Raymond. we need a 'saint for families' and candidate."



Fr. Peyton came to the U.S. he was 19. Ordained in 1941,

Cross Family Ministries, which includes Family Rosary, Family Theater Productions, Fr. Peyton Family Institute, and Family Rosary International.

His ministry produced television programs and priest also conducted rosary people in dozens of countries buried in cause was Diocese of from that Archdiocese archdiocese's

sainthood causes. Fr. Peyton "The Rosary Priest." He had tos: "The family that prays and "A world at prayer is a world at peace."

Pray
the
rosary



Peyton to a Vatican congregation cause of the Holy Cross priest. the making and is the synthesis by tribunals in the Archdiocese around the world.

ress in Fr. Peyton's cause," said "Many people regularly tell me that Fr. Peyton is the appropriate

from Ireland in 1928 when he was the founder of Holy

more than 600 radio and 10,000 broadcasts. The crusades for millions of tries. He died in 1992 and Easton. His sainthood opened in June 2001 in the Fall River. It was moved diocese to the Baltimore by the Vatican, citing the experience with other was known worldwide as 2 especially famous mot-together stays together"

Church helping Church

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.



Robert Seelig

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as to guide their school communities in achieving goals of providing nurturing, quality-filled, family-centered, faith-based Catholic education for all. The Catholic Schools Office is vital because it provides another worker in the vineyard of the Lord, whose shared purpose is building up His kingdom... one child at a time. Without this common ambition, our office could be seen as simply another school office; yet, we are focused on a higher degree of excellence grounded in our shared faith.

Memories of my time, as superintendent, have been varied, fulfilling, and humbling experiences. Some of the more noteworthy ones include: the realization of the extent and substance of the roots of Catholic faith within the diocese; the unparalleled sense of commitment to service and family values that abound in our school communities; generosity, mutual respect, and kindness are commonplace and passed on from generation to generation; and humility and modesty, of those I have had the pleasure of encountering throughout my years as superintendent, are traits which have left an indelible mark on me.



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 world-wide must unite to keep Christian-Land of Christ.

The Kando known and retail and business community and profession was leather dealers. father was known for his intelligence, hard work, mind. He helped establish a leather pro-shop and from an keen interest in archeology. The place in his life in 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

family became respected as spiritual leaders of their country. Their working as Shibly's grandfather for his intelligent and inquisitive his father establishment work-early age had a the Bible and Lord's will took 1947 when the

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*Meet a Seminarian
(a TCL series)*



by James Dvorak

Share your insight

After 4 years of discerning at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, TX and attending undergraduate classes at the University of Dallas (UD), I finally received a Bachelor of the Arts degree. During my senior year, I wrote a thesis concerning a theme related to the major field of study- philosophy.

After much research, thought, and reflection, I decided to write about promises, looking specifically at how promising relates to marriage. I entitled my thesis *Marital Promises: The Path to Perfection Through the Sacrament of Matrimony*.

Today, there is a serious misunderstanding of what it means to make a promise. This is evident in many Christian marriages. Writing this thesis brought me to a fruitful understanding, not only of what marriage is, but of what promising is in its most basic sense.

I would like to share the main ideas of my thesis with you in a series of articles. I will begin by explaining what promises are and showing how they are brought to their utmost importance in the sacrament of matrimony.

My hope is that you will follow this series in its entirety and that it brings you some insight. Moreover, I hope this series will enable you to share that insight with the world.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Msgr. John Peters, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hallettsville, recently received the Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) Award at the Czech Heritage Cultural Center in La Grange.

The TOCA award is given to someone who has exemplified the importance of knowing Czech ancestry and promotes Czech culture.

He served as the KJT's state spiritual director and currently serves as chaplain for several KJT and KJZT societies. He is one of the founders of the Czech American Priests Association (CAPA) and is a member of the Czech Heritage Society.



The **Knights of Columbus Council #1329**, Victoria, installed officers for the 2015-16 term. Left to right: Silvano Silva, advocate; Richard Gutierrez, deputy grand knight; Fr. Gary Janak, chaplain; Loren Hackbarth, trustee; Robert Koenig, inside guard; Charles Kutchka, Jr., outside guard; Jerry Fabian, warden; Joe Rainosek, trustee; Tommy Dornak, trustee; Donnie Shellenbarger, grand knight; Dennis Boehm, lecturer; and Gary Rangnow, financial secretary. Not pictured are Mike Vanelli, chancellor; Howard Motal, recorder; and Chris Krejci, treasurer.



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Inez, TX

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Bishop Cahill in prayer at his
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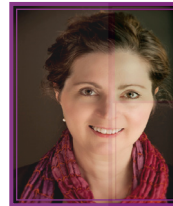
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by Denise Bossert
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Jesus Christ is worth everything

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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: social connections, supplies, the Eucharist.

Even as you feel the dis-happened, how you have lost and how you may never return Jordan and you see many places is like home, this Holy Land of wide its arms and said,



couragement 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. I 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



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Meals • Picnics and more

August

Cistern—Sts. Cyril & Methodius Picnic Aug. 23. Fried chicken and sausage. \$9 p/p. Auction, Bingo, live music, trail ride, and more. See ad on pg. 13.

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. Prime beef BBQ 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. 1-5:00 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.

September

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

Blessing—KC Shrimp Étouffée 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, games, 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.

TCL submission deadlines

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September
October
November
December
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August 14
September 14
October 16
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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.

October

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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ACTS Retreats—For information, visit www.actsmissions.org.

Amarillo—Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) retreat Aug. 22 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. For more information, visit www.amarillodiocese.org.

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

Orlando, FL—*Be the Voice of Catholic Women: Sowers of Hope* National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) Convention Sept. 9-12. For more information, visit www.nccw.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@archsa.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.

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A guest from Bethlehem

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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.

For more information about Kando Store, e-mail Kandos@palnet.com. For more information about pilgrimages, see ad on pg. 15.

Jesus Christ is worth everything

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Your mind wanders. Maybe you will visit Petra and remember how the Magi passed through there as they journeyed far from home. Maybe you will see the Wadi Rum, assume a lifestyle a bit closer to the Bedoin than the doctor you were back home. Or the teacher. Or the merchant. Maybe you will have some goats or sheep. Make cheese. Pass the day close to the land-that-is-not-quite-home. Not the home you left. Not the eternal home where you are headed. Somewhere in the middle.

Then something happens. Something you did not expect. Christians from all over the world make their way to this new country to visit, they want to see you, to thank you for your strength, for your steadfast spirit, for your global witness that Jesus Christ is worth everything- worth losing every piece of clothing and

furniture and picture and your home and car. Worth giving up your job and your social position. They look at you. You see them struggling to know what to do, what to say, how to be with you, because you have so little in common- but you hold one thing in common: you both know the Holy One. You both call Him Lord. You have both traveled here, to the Holy Land of the East, on the pilgrimage of life.

For now, your eyes meet. God is in your midst. You feel the bond that is greater than either one of you. One returns home and tells others about this holy place and the holy people who have fled to Jordan. The other remains in Jordan, and waits upon the Lord for the renewing of strength and hope.

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