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Bishop David Fellhauer presided at Evening Prayer May 17 at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Shiner in celebration of Father Eddie Winkler's 25th anniversary of ordination.

Rev. Edward Winkler celebrates 25 years of ministry as a priest

By Cynthia Brewer

Shiner— Reverend Edward (Eddie) Winkler celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest at liturgies in two parishes, the parish where he is currently parochial vicar and in his home parish.

On May 17, 2011, Father Eddie celebrated his anniversary with Evening Prayer, presided by Bishop David Fellhauer, at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Shiner. A covered-dish reception followed.

On May 22, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Father Eddie presided at the regular 10:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Parish, Schulenburg, his hometown parish. A reception with a covered-dish lunch followed at the KC Hall.

Rev. Ken Hannon, OMI, professor of Pastoral and Liturgical Theology at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, was the homilist at both Tuesday Evening Prayer and Sunday Eucharist. Cynthia Goerig, director of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and member of Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, coordinated the music and played the organ for both liturgies.

Following his ordination to the priesthood on May 17, 1986, at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Father Eddie was appointed parochial vicar at Saint Philip the Apostle Parish in El Campo, where he served until January 1992.

"The strong lay ministers of the parish helped this 'green priest' to understand

better the gifts of God's people and of our need to give thanks for these gifts through the liturgy," he said of the St. Philip parishioners in an interview with *The Catholic Lighthouse*.

He became pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishes in Eagle Lake in January of 1992. The parishes were merged to form The Parish of the Nativity, March 1, 1995.

"During the first 18 years of ordained ministry," Father Eddie said, "I enjoyed greatly being an instructor with the Pastoral Institute and presenting workshops at our Conference for Catechesis and Ministry." For many years he was the only instructor for all 12 courses that comprise each three-year Pastoral Institute extended program.

During this time he was also the inaugural director of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. This ministry involved attendance at national meetings of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions and being on the board of directors of the Southwest Liturgical Conference (SWLC). The primary work of the SWLC board was to prepare its annual study week, of which the Diocese of Victoria hosted in Port Lavaca in January of 2001.

"The merger of the parishes in Eagle Lake and the hosting of the 2001 SWLC Study Week were both great and memorable accomplishments," he said, "but the faith development of Catholics and other

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Most Rev. Matthias K. Nketsiah, archbishop of Cape Coast, Ghana, and Bishop David E. Fellhauer meet while Archbishop Nketsiah was on a visit with Rev. Charles E. Otsiwah, parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral.

Ghanaian Archbishop Visits Victoria

By Cynthia Brewer

Most Rev. Matthias K. Nketsiah, Archbishop of Cape Coast, Ghana, paid a visit to one of his priests, Rev. Charles E. Otsiwah, parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, and Bishop David E. Fellhauer on May 24, 2011.

In Ghana, there are four archdioceses, 15 dioceses and one vicariate apostolic (a diocese in the making). Archbishop Nketsiah oversees about 130 priests from the Archdiocese of Cape Coast; of those

130, about 15 live in the United States, and another 10 live in Europe. He has taken from May 9 to June 6 to visit his priests who are overseas. In the United States, his priests are in Seattle, New Orleans, New York, Chicago, Albany and Victoria.

Archbishop Nketsiah briefly explained the history of the Church in Ghana: the Portuguese colonized Ghana in 1471 and established the Catholic faith. In 1652

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Reports finds "no single identifiable 'cause' of sexually abusive behavior"

By David Gibson
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Because potential sexual abusers of minors cannot be pinpointed through "identifiable psychological characteristics," it is "very important" to prevent abuse by limiting the "situational factors" associated with it, according to a long-awaited report on the causes and context of sexual abuse by priests in the United States.

The report: "The Causes and Context of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests in the United States, 1950-2010," was released May 18. It reports the findings of a study mandated in 2002 under the U.S. Catholic bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

It said there is "no single identifiable 'cause' of sexually abusive behavior toward minors." It encouraged steps to deny abusers "the opportunity to abuse."

The charter, adopted by the bishops

during a historic meeting in Dallas, created a National Review Board and directed the lay consultative body to commission studies of the abuse problem's "nature and scope" and its "causes and context." The John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York conducted both studies.

The nature and scope study appeared in February 2004. The causes and context study commenced in 2006.

The new report addressed several misperceptions about the sexual abuse of minors by priests. It said:

- Priestly celibacy does not explain this problem. "Constant in the Catholic Church since the 11th century," celibacy cannot "account for the rise and subsequent decline in abuse cases from the 1960s through the 1980s."

- Despite "widespread speculation," priests with a homosexual identity "were

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Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

June	
4	10:00 a.m., Mass, Diaconal Ordination (Transitional Deacon) of Patrick Knippenberg, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Meyersville
5	10:00 a.m., Confirmation Mass, St. Michael Church, including Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cuero
7	4:00 p.m., Diocesan Building Board meeting, Chancery
9	6:30 p.m., Serra Club of Victoria "Priests' Cookout," Holy Family Church Hall, Victoria
10	12 noon, Mass, celebration in honor of Monsignor McLaughlin's 55th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood and 80th birthday, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, with reception following at the Chancery Office
11	5:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass, and blessing of parish hall restoration, Sacred Heart Church, Flatonia
12	10:00 a.m., Confirmation Mass, St. John Bosco Church, Vanderbilt 2:00 p.m., Mass, Blessing of Altar and restoration at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Victoria 6:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass, Assumption Church, Ganado
14-17	United State Conference of Catholic Bishops Spring Meeting, Seattle, Washington
18	Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Exemplification, El Campo Assembly, El Campo
25	5:00 p.m., Mass, Celebrating 100th Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Council 1582, St. Joseph Church, Yoakum
26	7:30 a.m., Mass, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner 9:30 a.m., Mass, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner
July	
8	4:00 p.m., Reconciliation service, Spiritual Renewal Center
9	2:00 p.m., Mass, IWBS Jubilee, Motherhouse, Victoria 6:30 p.m., Mass with newly ordained Father Myviet Tran, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Bay City
10	2:00 p.m., Mass, IWBS Jubilee, Motherhouse, Victoria

Official Appointments By Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer

Effective June 22, 2011:

The request of the **Rev. Casey Jarzombek** to resign as Pastor of Holy Cross Church, Bay City, is granted.


The **Rev. Greg Korenek** is relieved of his present assignment at Holy Family Church, Victoria, and appointed Pastor of Holy Cross Church, Bay City.

The **Rev. Robert Knippenberg** is relieved of his present assignment at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner, and appointed Pastor of Holy Family Church, Victoria.

The **Rev. David Berger** is relieved of his present assignment at St. Rose of Lima Church, Schulenburg, and appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cuero, and St. Michael Church, Cuero.

The **Rev. Edward Winkler** is relieved of his present assignment at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner, and appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Rose of Lima Church, Schulenburg, and the parishes and mission served by St. Rose Church; Father Winkler is also appointed temporary Parochial Administrator of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner, from June 22 to July 12, 2011.

Effective July 13, 2011, the **Rev. Kirby Hlavaty** is relieved of his present assignment at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cuero, and St. Michael Church, Cuero, and appointed Pastor of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner.



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Letter to the Editor

March 31, 2011

Dear Editor:

If you are still accepting "letters to the Editor," here is one I hope you will print sometime soon. I also hope it won't cause me to be moved closer to the front of the line of those dear Catholics headed for hell.

However, I do intend to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth from a Texan's viewpoint. The Holy Father in Rome made a mistake, yes an error in my opinion, regarding that report on page 18 of the March 2011 "Lighthouse." Those bishops represent the pope's thinking on it.

My personal retort is that good, law abiding citizens, especially Texans, should NOT be denied the right to own firearms and as many as they want. Our Secretary of State is madly working on a U.N. treaty to abolish gun ownership by all civilians around the globe. The only leaders who think that way were running the Soviet

Union, Red China, North Korea, Cuba and any other place with a strong-armed dictator. Let us not forget Hitler's Nazi Germany. There they registered all the firearms first and then they came around and collected all of them. And, after that was when they turned 6,000,000 God-fearing Jews into dust and ashes. What would they do to us gun owners today with foreign U.N. troops enforcing that treaty?

In conclusion, the Holy Father needs to come down to Eagle Lake for a few days and enjoy a 12 ga. goose hunt. Will someone please invite him?

An afterthought. If our beloved bishop had a goose hunt instead of a golf tournament, I'd bet that the participants would still make some shots to talk about later. God Bless our good Bishop Fellhauer.

Sincerely yours,
Earl J. Frnka Jr.
St. Anthony's Parish
Columbus, Texas

Thank You Letters

Dear Bishop Fellhauer:

Thank you for your diocesan check for \$56,160.24 which has been deposited in the Retirement Fund for Religious account. This brings your total diocesan contributions for all of the years of the collection to \$527,964.83. The money has been recorded as part of Appeal XXIII for 2010.

Your generosity surely helps religious address the many challenges religious face as they age. Religious today, as always, continue to make an impact on our society. Even as they age, their commitment to the ministry of their community, their prayer and spiritual life are vibrant testimony to the faithfulness they promised so many years ago. Your commitment to them is a heartfelt testimony to their faithfulness. Each religious, young and old, are grateful for your support!

Your support and the support of your Retirement Fund for Religious coordinator, pastors, parish priests and deacons are essential to the fund's continued success. We are most grateful for all you do! You can surely rely on the prayers of the over 34,000 religious now over age 70 and the ever increasing numbers of religious who will be retiring very soon. May God bless you as only he can!

Gratefully,
Sister Janice Bader, CPPS
Executive Director
National Religious Retirement Office
P.S. This is a record-high amount for the diocese. We appreciate this generosity and your support.

Your Excellency,

With profound appreciation, I wish to acknowledge receipt of the check in the amount of \$10,000 as a contribution for the support of the Holy See from the Diocese of Victoria for the year 2011, in accordance with the provisions of Canon 1271.

On behalf of His Holiness, I thank you for this concrete expression of generosity, and I assure that the sum has been forwarded to the Secretariat of State.

May God continue to bless you and the faithful you serve.

With prayerful regards this Easter Triduum, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop Pietro Sambi
Apostolic Nuncio
Washington, D.C.

KSG Bishop's Charity Banquet

The Knights of St. Gregory invite you to share an evening with Bishop David Fellhauer at the Bishop's Annual Charity Banquet at the Victoria Country Club, Thursday, July 14, 2011, with a social at 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., and dinner following. Proceeds benefit Bishop Fellhauer's Special Charities. Tickets are \$100 per person. Seating limited to 260; seating according to return of response cards.

For tickets, please call George Wenzel at (361) 649-7707 or Hardy McCullough at (361) 573-0416.

DSA & Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign Updates

2011 DSA

Diocesan Goal:	\$ 1,471,384.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$ 543,362.50
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$ 442,282.50
Number of Parish Families Participating:	3,114

Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign

Diocesan Goal:	\$ 9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$ 12,951,727.12
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$ 9,210,618.50
Number of Parish Families Participating:	6,766

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The 14th annual Bishop David Fellhauer Invitational Charity Golf Tournament, held for the diocesan youth and vocation offices, was one of the most successful ever, thanks to the generosity of the people of the diocese.

The tournament, which was held at the Colony Creek Country Club, Friday, April 8, 2011, is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 9088 of Victoria.

This year's tournament brought in over \$35,000 thanks to many generous sponsors and the participation of 31 teams. The proceeds were split between the diocesan offices of Vocations, directed by Father Dan Morales, and the Youth and Young Adult Ministry, directed by Debbie Vanelli. These proceeds will benefit numerous new and existing vocations and youth programs throughout the diocese.

A special thank you goes to the golf committee: Gerald Bludau, Mike Brown, Ed Lehnert, Charles Bluntzer, Hardy McCullough, Rev. Dan Morales, John Pribyl, Jose Ortega III, Tommy Treybig, Bennie Vitek, George Wenzel and especially Monroe Rieger, tournament chairperson.

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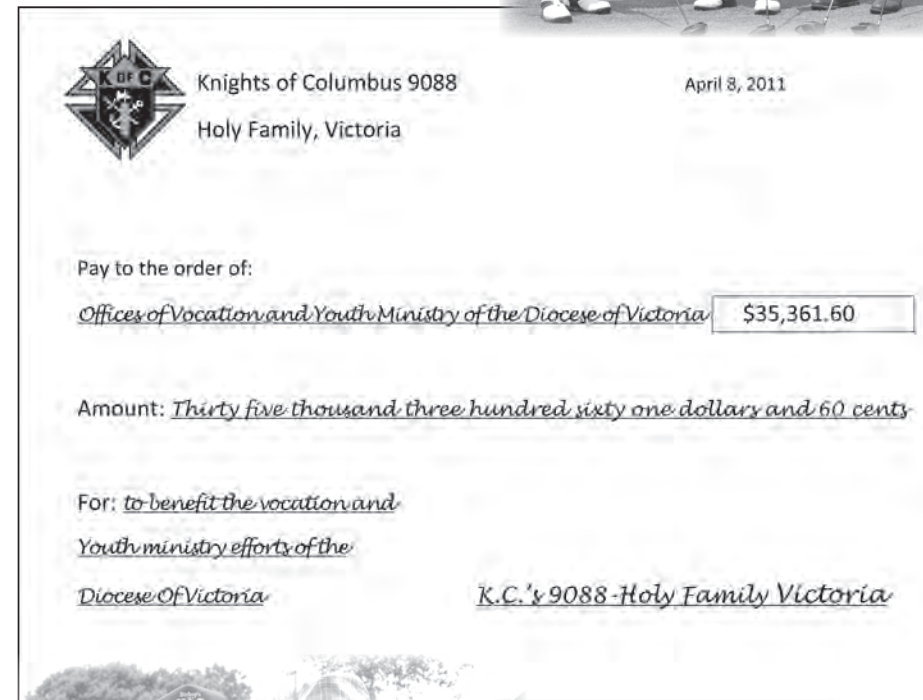
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(left) Bennie Vitek had the opportunity to play golf with his grandson, Travis Vitek.

(above) Seminarian Patrick Knippenberg, Fathers Michael Rother, Bryan Heyer and David Berger

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In Memory of ...

Reverends Lopez and Hoelcher of Archdiocese of San Antonio

Father Joe Lopez and Father James Hoelscher, priests of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, died Saturday, May 28, 2011.

Rev. James Edward Hoelscher died on Saturday, May 28, 2011, in San Antonio at Padua Place after a long illness. He was born on November 29, 1934 in Poth, Texas.

He graduated from the North American Pontifical College in Rome, Italy, and on December 20, 1958, he was ordained in Rome as an archdiocesan priest for San Antonio. Father Hoelscher served as a priest for over 52 years in numerous parishes in San Antonio and the surrounding community including Blessed Sacrament, St. Lawrence, Holy Spirit, St. Luke's in Loire, and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Leming.

Funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church on June 1. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to an Archdiocesan Burse to be set up in the name of Rev. James E. Hoelscher. Send contributions to Pastoral Center Attn. Burses P.O. Box 28410 San Antonio, TX 78228.

Msgr. Jose Aguirre Lopez, known for his sharp intellect and gentle and humble heart, was called to his eternal reward on May 28 at age 66. He left as his legacy the very heart and character of hundreds of priests and thousands of faithful who he helped to form in their understanding of their faith, their dedication to service and their love of God.

Msgr. Lopez was ordained by Bishop Steven Leven at his home parish in Kenedy on April 16, 1971. He served in the 70's and 80's as archdiocesan vocation director and in 1981 he joined the Assumption Seminary formation team, holding a variety of positions over the next three decades.

Viewing and visitation will be held Saturday, June 4, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 1 Notre Dame Plaza, in Kenedy. The rosary will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the Mass of Resurrection to follow at 11 a.m. Burial will be at the Resurrection in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Kenedy immediately following Mass.

Chancery staff members mourn loved ones

Regina for her father and Martha and Sister Digna for husband and brother

Benjamin "Ben" Matus, 75, of Victoria and father of Regina Matus-Janak, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2011. He was born on March 10, 1936, in Lavaca County, to the late John J. and Angeline Dolezal Matus. He was a welder, a member of K of C Council No. 1329 and very active with the Knights of Columbus Bingo, and he was an usher in church.

Ben is survived by his wife, Estela Rodriguez Matus of Victoria; daughter, Regina (Randy) Janak of Victoria; brother, Daniel Matus of Schulenburg, and one granddaughter, Taylor Janak.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Laddie Matus.

Funeral Mass was held Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral with the Most Rev. Bishop David Fellhauer and Msgr. Michael Harrold officiating. Graveside service and interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Yoakum.

Pallbearers were Marvin Huse, Richard Cisneros, Allen Matus, Alois Janak, Pete Tijerina, Frank Rodriguez, Charles Kutchka Jr. and Emil Matus Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Dick Knebel, Dan Ramirez, Amador deLuna, Arlie Williams and Daniel Jalufka.

Memorials in Ben's name may be directed to the Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, to the school or donor's choice.

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Rev. Edward Winkler celebrates 25 years of ministry as a priest

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Christians, to enable them to respond more profoundly in worship, family or community life, and a specific ministry, has become most important to me in my 25 years of ordained ministry."

Father Eddie left Eagle Lake in January 2006 for full-time ministry as an Outreach Preacher with Cross International Catholic Outreach, helping to raise funds for self-help projects for the poor of the world. "(This was) a good temporary change in ministry that opened my eyes to other aspects of the Church."

From January to May 2010, he served in temporal ministry at Sacred Heart Parish, Flatonia, and Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Cistern, during Father Joe Hybner's European sabbatical. For the past year, July 2010 - June 2011, he has been parochial vicar at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Shiner.

Twenty-five years after being ordained to the priesthood, Father Eddie will go full circle and return to his hometown to serve as the parochial vicar at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Schulenburg.



THREE SEMINARIANS TO SPEND SUMMER IN GUATEMALA—Diocese of Victoria seminarians (from left), Jacob Koether, Scott Hill and Matthew Soto, will spend June and July of 2011 studying Spanish and helping at Asociacion Obras Sociales del Santo Hermano Pedro (Las Obras Orphanage) in Las Antigua, Guatemala. Many seminaries now require seminarians to experience a summer Spanish language immersion course in a Spanish speaking country. They will be staying at the orphanage during their summer courses. Following their summer breaks, Jacob and Scott will return to St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, and Matthew will be at the Pontifical College Josephium in Columbus, Ohio. Please pray for our seminarians' safety and learning.

New Priests Offer Hope

By Sr. Mary Ann Walsh, USCCB

A list of those being ordained priests this spring elicits hope and joy. Almost 500 men, from age 25 to 63, constitute the class of 2011 and embody what we need in the priesthood.

We need generosity, as fewer are called to do more. It's certainly found in Timothy Renz of the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin. A few years ago he gave a kidney to a fellow seminarian, now a priest. Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than he give up his life for his friend." Giving up one's kidney ranks pretty high in selfless love.

We need brains because religious issues are complex. A bad priest with brains endangers us. A good priest without brains can be ineffective. But goodness and brains together create a winning formula for one who must offer pastoral advice on everything from family relationships to life and death medical decisions. The new priests are well educated. Several practiced law, including Quan Tran of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and Daniel Hess of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Michael Perucho of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles taught chemistry. Jonathan Kelly of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis was a Wall Street investment banker.

We need holiness and a love for the Eucharist. Leading a community in worship can't become perfunctory. Timothy Holeda II of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Florida, was not raised Catholic but came to the faith through "a powerful experience of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist" while on a college retreat. "It changed my life," he said, and launched his journey to priesthood.

We need relevance — priests who understand today's world. Young men and women will relate to young priests as peers, and older parishioners will take as loving an attitude toward them as they do towards their own adult children with burgeoning careers and families. Daniel Serbicki of Buffalo seeks relevance as, he says, he "looks for Christ hidden in culture, from subway stations to video games." Older men, who have "been there, done that" bring experience that resonates in homilies. Robert P. Schikora of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, has a 35-year-old son, a 33-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old granddaughter. "I hope and pray that the many experiences of my life will serve Christ's Church," he says.

Stage presence helps. Often a good liturgical celebrant has theater background. The Mass is a drama that recounts Jesus' death and resurrection, so those comfortable on the stage hold an edge. That bodes well for Steven Jekielek of the Diocese of Buffalo, a founding member of a community theater group. Once he played a priest and fellow cast members told him his clerical

garb "was a natural look." They didn't know he had priesthood on his mind. Bryce McProud of the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon, participated in a Metropolitan Opera tryout. I'll bet he can lead a choir. Pope John Paul II had acting experience and a remarkable sense of presence at liturgies. He was comfortable before what at times were a million or more people.

Courage and hope help. Priests can find themselves torn between warring factions of the culture, and even within the parish. Sometimes the pastor feels he stands alone. Some of the ordination class showed courage and hope early in life when they escaped in boats from Vietnam for refugee camps. Anthony Bui of the Diocese of San Bernardino, California, and Dominic Phan of the Dominican order both did.

Family support. Lucky the priest with siblings. They knew him when, and see past the role he properly assumes at ordination. Family support is love that seeks nothing in return. Siblings help him remember that taking out the trash is part of family life. Clerics with fellow priests among their brothers are especially lucky. Brothers Matt and Terrence Coonan, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, will be ordained together June 11. They will be soul mates who understand like no other the emotions that are part of priesthood, be it the deep sadness at burying someone's child or the contagious joy evoked by the enthusiasm for God in a First Communion class.

The 2011 class of priests has grounded and talented men. They're a gift to everyone, a reason to say thanks to God and to pray for many more.

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Drawing will be held July 14, 2011.

Seminarian receives scholarship

Seminarian Philip Brune of Sts. Peter & Paul in Frelsburg received a scholarship for his continuing education at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. He received \$13,118.17 from the Cap Jander Scholarship Fund, which is operated by the Catholic Endowment Foundation at St. Mary's.



Philip Brune

"It really helps the diocese," said Deacon Chuck Glynn, Ed.D., associate director of Vocations in the Diocese of Victoria, "It saves us money in educating our seminarians."

Congratulations, Philip!

Celebrating the Centennial of the Maryknoll Society

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers is the overseas mission outreach of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, following Jesus in serving the poor and others in need in 28 countries that include the U.S. All Catholics are called to mission through baptism, and Maryknoll's mission education outreach in parishes and schools throughout the country engages U.S. Catholics in mission through prayer, donations, as volunteers and through vocations.

During 2011, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers is commemorating its centennial with a theme of The Gift of Mission - The Maryknoll Journey. This monthly series during 2011 highlights the history of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers during its first 100 years of sharing God's love and the Gospel by combating poverty, providing healthcare, building communities and promoting human rights. Please read other parts of the series at <http://www.victoriadiocese.org/light-house/columns.html>.

Maryknoll's Mission Work in Africa

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers began missionary work in Africa in 1946. Initially working in Tanganyika (now known as Tanzania), the work soon expanded into Kenya, as well. In the intervening years, missions were opened in Uganda, Zambia, Mozambique, Sudan, Ethiopia, Egypt, and Namibia. As of 2010, there are 36 Maryknoll priests and Brothers serving in Tanzania, Kenya, Namibia, Sudan, and Ethiopia.

The early work of Maryknoll focused on primary evangelization, establishing parishes, building schools and clinics, and proclaiming the Word of God in places where it had never been heard. Maryknoll founded the dioceses of Shinyanga and Musoma in Tanzania and built many of the churches and rectories there. Nowadays, there is less need for construction work, but the pastoral needs of the faithful are ever increasing. The African people have enthusiastically embraced Christianity, and the Catholic Church is growing faster

in Africa than on any other continent in the world. In response to this spiritual need, Maryknollers continue to serve as pastors, preachers, and sacramental agents in both rural and urban settings. Our mission work is enriched by collaborating with others who come to Africa in mission, including the Maryknoll Sisters, Maryknoll Lay Missioners, and short-term volunteers.



Sadly, Africa is also the poorest continent, so Maryknollers are responding to the suffering of the poor in a variety of ways. Providing education and health services are two major endeavors, as well as improving access to clean water and offering famine relief in times of draught.

The AIDS pandemic has affected everyone in Africa, and several Maryknollers play significant roles in leading the Church's efforts in prevention and in giving assistance to the infected and their families. Ministry to youth, who comprise over half of the population, takes place in youth centers in cities, towns, and villages. Proclaiming the Good News to the poor is further advanced through the communication ministries of some Maryknoll Missioners who work in video, radio, print, and web media.

The Maryknoll priests and Brothers, who serve in Africa tend to be a happy family - because the joy of the African people with whom they live and work is remarkably infectious! Liturgies are exuberant with song and dance, and daily life is filled with laughing and friendly people. The Africans truly welcome Maryknollers with all their hearts and appreciate our presence among them. We witness the face of God in them, and hopefully they see a glimpse of God in us. The needs in Africa remain great and the thirst for the Gospel is strong. Missionaries are desperately needed and wanted. Join us - come and see!

For more information, please go to <http://www.maryknollafrica.org/>

Pray for Vocations!

Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee

Rev. Charles Dwomoh will celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination in a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, July 17, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at St. John Catholic Church, Hungerford, Texas.

Rev. Charles Dwomoh was born in Kumasi, the second largest city in Ghana. He studied at St. Peter's Major Seminary in Ghana, and was ordained to the priesthood on July 19, 1986. He served the Catholic Church in Ghana for three years before coming to the United States in 1989.

He received a Master of Theology degree in 1991 at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. Dwomoh served as an associate pastor for one year in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fl. He came to Victoria, Texas, in 1992 and was incardinated

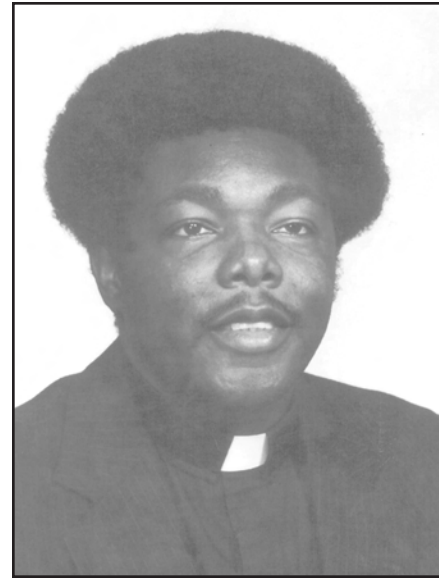
into the Diocese of Victoria in 1995. He served as an associate pastor at St. Mary's Parish, Victoria, from Nov. 1992 to Feb. 1993, and Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria, from February 1993 to January 1998.

He served as pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Palacios from Jan. 1998 to August 2010. In August 2010, he was appointed pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hungerford.

Rev. Dwomoh is a naturalized U.S. citizen, and he is very proud to be an American. He always

thanks God for calling him to serve the Kingdom of God as a priest. Rev. Dwomoh is very much dedicated to the promotion of respect for the human dignity of every person.

"I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and died for me" (Gal. 2:20).



Rev. Charles Dwomoh

Ghanaian Archbishop Visits Victoria

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the Dutch, and then later the British came; during this time the Catholic faith lay dormant. Two French missionaries reestablished the Catholic faith in 1880.

Currently there is the Catholic Church, about 10 mainline Protestant faiths, and "myriads of Pentecostal churches" in Ghana.

"The Pentecostals are a bother; they challenge every practice of our faith," Archbishop Nketsiah said. "They preach an easy faith, and they get the youth."

The Diocese of Victoria has benefited greatly from the arrival of so many missionary priests from Ghana. Currently there are 15 Ghanaian priests serving in the diocese, many of whom have become U.S. citizens.

About Ghana providing so many missionaries to the West, the archbishop said, "I feel excited!"

The Church in the West is "our Mother Church because they gave us birth, planted the faith, sacrificed lives."

"It wasn't easy. They sacrificed a lot. The first missionary to Ghana died of malaria, then religious sisters came. Some were 19 years old and knew they were going to die."

"Now it's time for us to return the compliment. We know the situation, the lack of priests. It's not that we don't need them ... I could open three parishes now, but we make the sacrifice, so that the faith and ministry may go on here (in the United States)."

I asked the archbishop how the Western Church could help the Cape Coast Church.

Archbishop Nketsiah said, "We need to continue training people; financial help is essential, so the supply of priests can continue."

"We feel that now we need to be self-reliant financially, so I intend to get churches to invest in financial, income-generating projects."

He emphasized the word invest, "So that it's a win-win situation."

"Right now, the response has been muted. For me, begging is not pleasant," he said with a smile.

In the Cape Coast Archdiocese, "we need a pastoral center, where we can

form priests, lay people, catechists. We need those structures, such as catechetical centers, for training and forming the faithful."

Archbishop Nketsiah realizes it is not easy for his priests to be missionaries, nor is it easy for the Western Church.

"We come here as a product of our culture and come to minister in a Western culture, and the two are different."

The archbishop stated that it is especially difficult ministering with such a different accent. He advises his priests to speak slowly when ministering in a different country. "When one gets excited, he speaks faster and the language gets

garbled," he said. "That may be part of the difficulty when we come to help."

"We are praying that your own vocations go up," he said, "because it is more effective when one ministers in one's own country and culture."

"We are grateful to God," he said, reflecting on his nation and culture. "Ghana is relatively peaceful, democratic and independent, with a free press. We are free from civil wars."

Archbishop Nketsiah was ordained to the priesthood July 19, 1970; he became an auxiliary bishop July 3, 2007; an apostolic administrator in 2009; and archbishop of Cape Coast in 2010. He is 69 years of age.

To learn more about the Cape Coast Diocese, please go to their Web site at <http://www.archcapeghana.org/>.

Come & See Event

Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana will hold a Come & See Event June 24-30, 2011, for single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 to 40. Get to know our Benedictine sisters, share in our community life and prayer, and meet other women who are considering religious life - no pressure, no commitment! For more information or to register online, visit www.thedome.org/vocations, call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at 800-734-9999, or e-mail vocation@thedome.org.



Invitation to Prayer (Suscipiat Dominus) – Changes to the Peoples' Part of the Mass

The use of the new Roman Missal begins Nov. 27, 2011. Below are the changes in the parts of the people in the Order of the Mass. Text that will change is marked with italics and bold printing. From <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/samples-people.shtml>

Invitation to Prayer

Present text:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

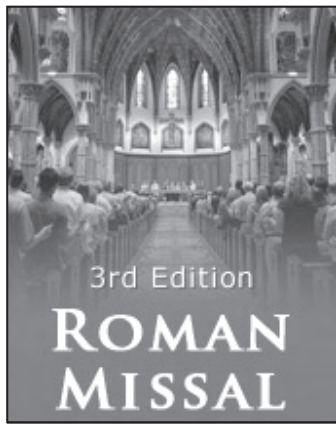
New text:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his *holy* Church.

After the Priest washes his hands, he extends an invitation to prayer. Whereas the current translation of the Orate, fratres ("Pray, brethren") has "our sacrifice," the new translation is changed to "my sacrifice and yours." This seemingly slight distinction, found in the original Latin, in fact conveys the reality that those who are gathered offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in different ways. The Priest offers it on our behalf in a special manner, in persona Christi (in the person of Christ), by virtue of his ordination.

But those of us in the pews are not idle spectators. The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, art. 48, says that the faithful should be "conscious" participants "by offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the Priest, but also with him, they should learn also to offer themselves."

This call to join ourselves to the action of the priest is then answered when the people stand and make their response, which is also referred to by the first words of the prayer in Latin, Suscipiat Dominus. There is only one change to this prayer by the people, though it is not insignificant. The addition of "holy" reminds us that the Church belongs to Christ, and is founded on His grace.



Summer Classes Offer Opportunity for Many

Adult Catholics will once again have the opportunity this summer to attend a variety of Pastoral Institute classes, which will be offered throughout the diocese. The classes vary in length, topic and audience.

Using the Echoes of Faith Plus components, instructors and facilitators will engage attendees with lively media and discussion, thus creating an opportunity to learn more about the Scriptures, sacra-

ments, liturgy, morality, etc.

This summer catechists (Catholic school religion teachers and parish religious education teachers) are especially encouraged to attend as many short-term classes as possible. We hope that no catechist will be left behind!

Call (361) 573-0828 for more information or go to www.victoriadiocese.org to view and/or to register for summer short-term classes.

List of classes follow ...

June 13 & 20	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Intro to the Scriptures	St. Joseph, Boling, CCD building
June 13th	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Getting Started as a Catechist	Assumption, Ganado
June 14th	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Methods for Grades 1 & 2	John Paul II Family Center
June 14th	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Methods for Grades 3 & 4	Sts. Peter & Paul, Frelsburg, parish hall
June 14 & 16	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Church	Sts. Peter & Paul, Frelsburg, parish hall
June 15 & 16	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Intro to the Learner	Chancery, Victoria
June 15th	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Roles of the Catechist	St. Agnes, Edna, parish hall
June 18th	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Prayer & Spirituality	St. John Nepomucene, New Taiton, CCD building
June 20th	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Roles of the Catechist	St. Patrick, Bloomington, CCD building
June 21 & 23	9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Intro to the Scriptures	Assumption, Ganado
June 21 & 23	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Intro to the Scriptures	John Paul II Family Center
June 21st	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Methods for Grades 5 & 6	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria, RE office
June 21st	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Methods for Grades 7 & 8	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 21 & 23	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Intro to the Learner	Sts. Peter & Paul, Frelsburg, parish hall
June 22nd	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Person of the Catechist	Sts. Peter & Paul, Frelsburg, parish hall
June 22 & 23	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Sacraments	St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg, Family-Life Center
June 27th	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Person of the Catechist	St. John Nepomucene, New Taiton, CCD building
June 28 & 30	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Intro to the Learner	St. Anthony of Padua, Palacios, Family Center
June 28th	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Methodology 1-2	Assumption, Ganado
June 28th	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Methodology 3-4	John Paul II Family Center
June 30th	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Methodology 5-6	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
June 30th	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Methodology 7-8	Our Lady of Victory, Victoria
July 6 & 7	5:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Prayer & Spirituality	St. Joseph, Yoakum, Library
July 12 & 13	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Liturgy	Chancery, Victoria
July 12 & 13	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Prayer & Spirituality	Chancery, Victoria
July 12 & 14	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Prayer & Spirituality	Chancery, Victoria
July 13 & 14	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Church	Chancery, Victoria
July 19 & 21	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Prayer & Spirituality	the Baptist Rectory, 7026 FM 957, Schulenburg
July 25 & 27	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Catholic Morality	Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, CCD building
July 26 & 28	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Liturgy	Holy Cross, Yorktown, CCD building
July 26 & 28	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	I Believe, We Believe	St. Anthony, Columbus, school cafeteria



Bishop David E. Fellhauer and Sister Digna Vela are pictured with honorees of the Pastoral Institute 2008-2011 Extended Program Certificate. Inset: Bishop Fellhauer awards Richard and Josie Lara Leos the Advanced Catechist Certificate in addition to the Extended Program Certificate.



Friday the 13th – a Memorable Day for Pastoral Institute Students

On Friday, May 13, 2011, family and friends gathered at the diocese chancery building with the Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer, bishop of Victoria, to honor and celebrate with those who completed the three-year Pastoral Institute Extended Program.

The gathering began with a social and Evening Praise followed by the certificate ceremony and a catered dinner. Bishop Fellhauer congratulated the 24 honorees for having attended weekly classes for three years. Two of the recipients were not in attendance. Those receiving certificates were invited to share how the 144-clock hours of biblical and theological study have affected their lives.

One person said that the courses have given him the knowledge and tools to answer questions more confidently about the Catholic faith. Another shared how studying Scripture has helped her to be better

prepared to hear the word of God each Sunday. Richard C. Leos said that these classes have helped him personally, at work and as a catechist. Another certificate recipient said that the three years passed so quickly, and she is anxious about continuing to take classes and learning more about her faith. Ovelia Rivera enthusiastically commented that she had taken some of the classes more than once and always learned something new each time.

Richard and Josie Lara Leos also received the Advanced Catechist Certificate in addition to the Extended Program Certificate because they took an additional 23 hours of catechetical courses. The Leos' attended all the Pastoral Institute Short-Term theological courses for an additional 42 clock hours. For this, they earned a Basic Catechist Certificate in 2004. The Leos are exemplary models of dedicated Catholics, parents and catechists.

The following received the 2008-2011 Pastoral Institute Extended Program Certificate: Theresa Anderson, Cathie Gleinser, Annette Howard, Reuben Petrussek, Emma Monroy (not in attendance) from Holy Family in Victoria; Pat Coffey, Richard Sawyers, Joan Schramek, Dolores Tibiletti, Mary Kasper (not in attendance) from Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria; Lillian N. Berger and John Tinoco from Our Lady of Lourdes in Victoria; Jo Ann Baez, Richard Leos, Josie Lara Leos, Chris Rivera, Mary Ann Rivera, Ovelia Rivera from Our Lady of Sorrows in Victoria; Lillian Kallus, Peggie Creuzbaur, Verlene Kuntschik from Holy Rosary in Hostyn and Sts. Peter and Paul in Plum; Arnold M. Guerra and Delia C. Guerra from Holy Family in Wharton; and John Hancock Jr. from St. Philip in El Campo.

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- *Camp Creations: Crafts for Kids*
- *Summertime Bibletime*

Books/Videos/DVDs for Teens:

- Champions of Faith
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- Did Jesus Have a Last Name? And 199 Other Questions from Catholic Teenagers


Videos/DVDs

Videos & DVDs for kids:

- Veggie Tales
- Sacred Heart Kids Club
- Bedbug Bible Gang

The Library and Media Center has a variety of books and videos for the summertime. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, located on the second floor at 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria. Call 361-573-0828 or browse the on-line library catalog at www.victoriadiocese.org.

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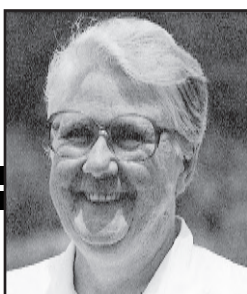
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SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



Everyday Heroes, – Dads

This month we will be celebrating Fathers' Day and showing our dads how much we appreciate their love for us. Their fatherly love complements the maternal love of our mothers – the topic of last month's reflection. Just as Mary serves as a model for moms, the Sacred Heart models the burning love that God has for each of us and serves as an inspiration for earthly fathers.

A father's love helps a child feel secure and loved and balances the love it receives from its mother. Fathers show their children how to love, how to be gentle while being strong, how to face adversity, how to extend an unselfish helping hand to others, and how to protect the weak. Dads have to be able to listen to their children, to be patient with them, to spend time with them, to exert "tough love" when needed, and to be a model of forgiveness toward the misguided explorations of their maturing children.

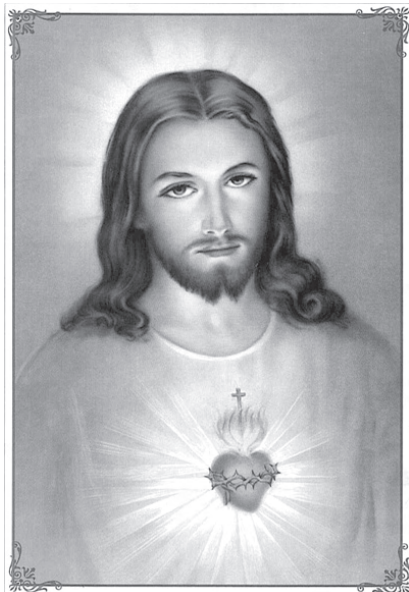
Fathers have an awesome role! By their example, they teach their children how to worship and to become fully integrated Christians. They teach their sons to respect all women especially their sons' future wives who will become the mothers of their children. They help their daughters establish healthy relationships with men especially with their future spouses. Children are blessed who have dads who truly love their mothers and are models of what a father and husband should be.

Furthermore, Dad, Poppa, or Father is

so important in a child's development of faith. The child's perception of God the Father is based upon the experience that he or she has of his or her earthly father. If the father in their family is loving, consistent, dependable, protective and gentle, yet firm, the child will be able to say "Our Father" with the respect and devotion that Jesus exemplified when He prayed, "Abba, Father."

Therefore, we salute all the dads and all the men who are significant male models for children; we urge all readers to show your fathers that you love them. If your dad is alive, please express your love for him, and visit or call him if you are not living with him. If he has already gone to his eternal reward, pray for him and tell him that you love him.

I feel sure that he will hear you. Also, remember to pray to and imitate the Sacred Heart, the Image of God's love for each of us!



Remember, when sending photos for the newspaper, please be sure they're high quality. Thank you.



KJZT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY—The KJZT Society No. 101 of Victoria presents a check to the Victoria County Senior Citizen Center for \$1,500. Presenting the check is Evelyn Dierlam (3rd from right) to Debbie Garner, director of the Senior Citizen Center. Also present, l-r, Irene Brosch, Rosie Olsovsky, Carolyn Nevlud and Wendy Hrcir. The society also donated \$300 to Sister Rebecca Janacek, IWBS, who ministers in Kenya.



YOAKUM JCDA RESUMES IN AUGUST—Throughout the 2010-2011 school year, JCDA No. 206 members participated in many activities, which encouraged kindness and giving and allowed the members to grow in their Christian faith. An awards' ceremony was held May 19 at which perfect attendance certificates were given to qualifying members and bracelets adorned with a crucifix charm were given to members who met the attendance requirement. After the ceremony the members were treated to an ice cream sundae party, which was sponsored by the CDA Court Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 206. JCDA No. 206 activities will resume in August.



RAPHAEL'S REFUGE ANNOUNCES CARL L. STRATING FUND—For those who cannot afford to make a donation for a glass block for their baby at the Monument to the Innocents in Flatonia, a fund has been established to help cover costs. The fund was begun with a generous donation from San Antonio resident, Carl Strating. If interested in having a block engraved or in donating to the Strating fund, please contact Midge Elam at (361) 865-3021. Pictured is Mary Lou Galvan of Flatonia as she watches Bernadette Kresta engrave a block for her baby brother. The engraving was a Mother's Day present for Mary Lou's mother, Maricela Grifaldo. Director Midge Elam also announced more good news for Raphael's Refuge – it now has a gravel road going completely around the monument grounds. To learn more about Raphael's Refuge, please go to: www.raphaelsrefuge.org.

St. John Parish Picnic
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Parish honors pastor

EDNA—St. Agnes parishioners honored their pastor, Rev. Michael Petering, on the 12th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and for Priest Appreciation Sunday, which they held on May 15, 2011. A meal with dessert was served for the celebration. Those attending enjoyed games and fellowship after the meal, as well as a performance by St. Agnes Children's Choir.

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As of May 31, 2011

— General Seminary Burse		TOTALS
Previously reported	\$98,334.00	
In Honor of Rev. Winkler's 25th Anniv. of Ord. by Edward & Lucille Zissa	50.00	
In Memory of Emilio "Lamar" Vela by M/M Robert H. Bochat	25.00	
In Memory of Ben Matus by M/M Robert H. Bochat	25.00	
	TOTAL	\$98,434.00

— Rev. Msgr. Edward Bartsch Seminary Burse	
Previously Reported	\$5,515.00
In Memory of Msgr. Bartsch by Mildred Elam	200.00
	TOTAL
	\$5,715.00

— Rev. John C. Bily Seminary Burse	
Previously Reported	\$8,934.00
Donation by CDA #559 St. Michael, Weimar	200.00
In Memory of Della Berger by M/M James Janak	25.00
	TOTAL
	\$9,159.00

— Msgr. James Brunner Seminary Burse	
Previously Reported	\$350.00
In Memory of Emilio "Lamar" Vela by Deacon and Mrs. A.R. Wearden	25.00
In Memory of Ben Matus by Deacon and Mrs. A.R. Wearden	50.00
	TOTAL
	\$425.00

— CDA Court No. 369 St. Ann Burse #2	
Previously Reported	\$8,543.99
In Memory of Woodrow Wagner by M/M Randy Janak & Taylor	5.00
In Memory of Mary Helen Matula by Otto and JoAnn Bleier	25.00
	TOTAL
	\$8,573.99

— Fr. Roman & Msgr. Hubert Janak Seminary Burse	
Previously Reported	\$14,144.84
In Memory of Joe & Cecelia Fikac by Mary Deloach	50.00
	TOTAL
	\$14,194.84

— Joseph R. Janak Seminary Burse No. 2	
Previously Reported	\$1,748.77
Donation by Marvin and Mary Wagner	250.00
	TOTAL
	\$1,998.77

— Knights Of Columbus No. 1329, Victoria	
Previously Reported	\$10,307.50
In Memory of Ben Matus by K of C Council 1329	100.00
In Memory of Woodrow Wagner by K of C Council 1329	100.00
In Memory of Ben Matus by Dalton and Lillian Thurk	25.00
	TOTAL
	\$10,532.50

— K of C #9088 Holy Family, Victoria Seminary Burse

Previously Reported	\$1,625.00
In Memory of Rodney A. Mutchler by K of C Council 9088	100.00
In Memory of Stanley J. Friedel by Kof C Council 9088	100.00
In Memory of Kenneth D. Krenek by K of C Council 9088	100.00
In Memory of Mary Matula by M/M Harvey Kocian	50.00
In Memory of Mary Matula by Edwin and Julie Stryk	10.00
In Memory of John Salazar by Edwin and Julie Stryk	5.00
	TOTAL
	\$1,990.00

— KJZT, Catholic Family Fraternal Of Texas Burse

Previously Reported	\$9,388.98
In Memory of Annie Gerlich & Nell Satsky by KJZT of Hallettsville	10.00
	TOTAL
	\$9,398.98

— Rev. John C. Peters Seminary Burse #5

Previously Reported	\$730.00
In Memory of Lou Kubena by Lillian Haas and Family	25.00
In Memory of "Sassy" by Deacon Joey & Mary Targac	50.00
	TOTAL
	\$805.00

— St. John Church For Rev. Brian Crookes #2

Previously Reported	\$4,871.00
In Memory of Mathilda Stang by Forrest & Ann Dittrich	10.00
In Memory of Mathilda Stang by Georgia Kalich	10.00
	TOTAL
	\$4,891.00

— Rev. Jerome J. Stryk Seminary Burse

Previously Reported	\$13,794.50
In Memory of Ben Matus by Stanley Stryk and Family	20.00
	TOTAL
	\$13,814.50

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:

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St. Philip Students help with Tsunami research

EL CAMPO—St. Philip Catholic School students were recently selected to participate in the JASON project, an award-winning Internet science program. The live event was hosted by researcher Vasily Titov, the director of Tsunami Research at the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory.

The topic of discussion was the massive 9.0 earthquake that struck off the coast of Japan, radiating throughout the Pacific Ocean. Four video questions were chosen from across the nation. Two of the questions: "How long did it take for the Tsunami to reach the shore from the time of the Earthquake" and "Why weren't the people warned" were submitted by SPS eighth-grade students Korie Couvillion and Jessica Gaines and were included in the live event.

According to the JASON Web site, JASON was founded in 1989 by Dr. Robert Ballard, chairman of JASON's board of trustees and explorer-in-residence at National Geographic Society. After his discovery of the RMS Titanic, he received thousands of letters from students asking to join his next expedition. In response, he founded JASON with the goal of transforming science education.

JASON inspires and educates students by connecting them to real science and exploration-generation digital curricula and combine rigorous, standards-based content with live scientific ongoing games and simulations, hands-on labs and field assignments. All curricula is aligned to state, national and international standards and assessments.

A video about researcher Vasily Titov's work may be viewed at <http://www.jason.org/public/CurrVideos.aspx>

Testimonies for Michael Fonseca's God's Embrace Renewal Centers

God's Embrace Renewal Centers' three-year formation program, developed and presented by Michael Fonseca, the formation director of the Diocese of Victoria diaconate program, will be offered this year to the Diocese of Victoria to facilitate the creation of ardent disciples who would glorify God through the witness of their lives and service to their local diocesan Church.

The First Year will begin on August 27, 2011, at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Hall in El Campo with a daylong retreat to give an overview of the journey into God's

heart through the three-year program, as well as offer input on prayer and the practice of it. You will then discern whether God is calling you to this formation in discipleship. After that you will meet on a monthly basis on a Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., September 2011 through May 2012.

The God's Embrace Renewal Center has received the approval of Bishop David E. Fellhauer.

Below are some testimonials from those who have already participated in God's Embrace Renewal Centers.

"In attending Michael's classes I have learned so much about deepening my Catholic faith, which has brought me into a personal relationship with God through prayer and Scripture. Each month as our class meets with Michael, I get excited about seeing everyone and can't wait for the new information I receive, which leaves me with the hunger for learning more about my faith and trust in God. It is an awesome experience, please come and join us in 'God's Embrace!'" ~ Regina Jank, St. Philip the Apostle Parish, El Campo

"Doug and I went to an incredible one-day workshop in Hallettsville on our anniversary last August with Michael Fonseca, spiritual director for the Diaconate Program of the Victoria Catholic Diocese. Little did we know that the daylong spiritual workshop would manifest into an on-going commitment to discipleship. Our experience with Michael has brought us into a deeper commitment to each other, a deeper commitment to prayer, a deeper commitment to include God in our everyday lives and an urgency to bring others with us. We look forward to our monthly workshops with Michael and our new friends throughout the diocese. We encourage you to join us in God's Embrace!" ~ Marsha and Doug Petter, Holy Cross Parish, Bay City

Natural Family Planning Summer Class Series
David and Annie Coffey will hold a series of Natural Family Planning classes during the summer. They will be held once a month on Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory library in Victoria. The schedule is as follows:

Intro and Class One, July 10
Class Two, August 14
Class Three and completion certificate, September 11
Natural Family Planning is the only Church-approved form of family planning.
Please contact Annie at victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com or at 361-579-8464 for questions or to register.

47th Biennial Texas State CDA Convention

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his cost for a wheelchair is only \$150.00 delivered!

Reverend John Peters, State Junior CDA Chaplain for 27 years and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Hallettsville, was the celebrant for the JCDA Mass. In his homily, Father John said, "I've attended every CDA convention for the past 37 years and witnessed the work of both the junior and senior courts. Also, I know that you don't age, so now you must tell these JCDA members to join the senior courts so they won't age! These ladies are both the present and our future."

Special guests at the banquet included State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus Texas State Council Tony Herreth; National CDA Director Olga Samaniego, who shared remarks and greetings from the national board; and Immediate Past National Regent Libby Ramirez.

State Regent Martinka presented State Regent Appreciation Awards for outstanding service to Terri Beltran, Christine Moore, Terrie Vacek, Janice Wright and Cecina Koeijmans. Christine Moore was the State Habitat chairman for the 4th Habitat-CDA-built home, which is located in Eagle Lake; Terrie Vacek is the State Public Relations Chairman and now lives in Willis; and Terri Beltran is the CDA State Youth/JCDA Chairman; she and the JCDA State Officers have installed 15 new JCDA Courts for 2009 - 2011. Terri Beltran also serves as vice regent at CDA Court San Roberto Bellarmine No. 2275

in El Campo.

Ninety-four CDA members participated in the second annual Walk Run, raising \$6,537.65 for nine various State Mercy of Mission (M.O.M.) Projects

Reverend Bob Knippenberg of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Shiner was the celebrant for the officer's Installation Mass. Elected and installed as the 2011-2013 state officers were State Regent Carolyn Malik, Shiner; First Vice State Regent Peggy Rosales, Austin; Second Vice State Regent Eve Trevino, Corpus Christi; State Secretary Rosie Stockwell, Edinburg; and State Treasurer Melodie Brunt, Texarkana.

In the message from the State Regent Elect, Carolyn Malik stated, "I want each one of us to re-evaluate our priorities and ensure that God is first in our lives, thus furthering the works of our order. 'The world listens to witnesses not to teachers.' I have chosen 'COME, BE MY LIGHT' for my theme for the 2011-2013 term."

There are currently 16,015 members in 227 CDA courts in Texas who engage in creative and spiritual programs that provide them with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in a meaningful way to positively influence the welfare of the Church and all peoples throughout the world. Texas has seven College Campus Courts with approximately 200 members and 80 Texas Junior Catholic Daughter Courts with 749 members. The 2013 State Convention will be in San Antonio.



FLYER GRADUATES CONTINUE IN SPORTS—Five Lady Flyers, graduates of St. Joseph High School in Victoria, announced their intentions to play sports at the collegiate level. Stephanie Kasper will play softball at Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn., and Shannon Danesi will play soccer at University of Houston-Victoria. Brandi Calvo, Spenser Strnadell and Brittany Engelbart will all play volleyball for the Victoria College. Pictured from l. to r., back row, are Stephanie Kasper and Shannon Danesi; front row: Brandi Calvo, Spenser Strnadell and Brittany Engelbart.



THREE ST. JOSEPH GRADUATES TO PLAY COLLEGE BALL—Three St. Joseph High School, Victoria, Baseball players will go on to play next year for various colleges. Pictured with Coach Mike Shimek, are, from left: Brayden Blanton, who will play for University of Houston, Victoria; Hayden Veseley, who will play baseball for Blinn College, Brenham; and Ryan Falcon, who will play baseball at Cisco Junior College, Cisco.

USCCB Announces Youth Art Contest, Invites Nominations for Young Adult Award

WASHINGTON—The Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has released materials for two programs targeted to youth and young adults, the Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award and the Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest. Both are sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the domestic anti-poverty initiative of the U.S. bishops.

The Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award is given annually to a Catholic young adult between the ages of 18 and 30 engaged in efforts to end the root causes of poverty in the United States. The annual winner is recognized at the bishops' November meeting in Baltimore. The nomination form and profiles of past winners are available at www.usccb.org/campus/bernardin-award.shtml.

Through the Multi-Media Youth Arts

Contest, youth in grades 7 to 12 learn about poverty, its causes, and the Church's response, then create art to teach others what they have learned.

The 2011-2012 contest theme is Put Faith in Action! Uproot Poverty Together. Contest packets for young artists, educators at Catholic schools and parishes, youth ministers, and diocesan staff are available at www.usccb.org/artcontest. The national grand prize winner will be honored at the annual conference sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

Band instruments needed for OLV

Our Lady of Victory School in Victoria is still looking for donations of band instruments that might be in your closet or attic that students at OLV could be using. They are planning to extend their band program next year and will be needing instruments for students who cannot afford to rent one. Please consider donating or lending it to OLV, and if you have a friend that has one, please mention this possibility.

For more information, please call OLV School at (361) 575-5391.



Come & See day for Jr. and Sr. Girls

The Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament invite teens and their parents to a Jr. and Sr. High Girls "Come and See" Day on July 31, 2011. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and ends with Evening Praise at 5:00 p.m. Join us at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria, for information, stories, games and food. For information and to register, please contact: Sister Louise Marie Jones at (361) 575-7111; iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com; www.iwbsvictoria.org.

Youth Calendar of Events

June 10-12—Camp David Staff Development
June 12-14—Camp David – Junior High Camp
June 15—Camp David Elementary Camp
June 15-17—Camp David Junior High Camp
June 24-26—D-week Staff Development
June 27-30—D-week
July 2-10—Rocky Mountain High
July 18-21—Boys Vocation Camp



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For more information on any of these events, please contact:

Debbie Vanelli at the Office of Youth Ministry
at (361) 573-0828 ext. 32 or e-mail at
dvanelli@victoriadiocese.org

Web site: www.victoriadiocese.org/youthoffice

Ashton Gilliam, a junior at McAuley Catholic High School, helps Maggie Mannerino, 4, pick out clothes in the high school's gym in Joplin, Mo., May 25. McAuley, only blocks away from the area destroyed by a massive F5 tornado May 22, was turned into a shelter and medical triage facility. As of early May 26, the number of those killed by the tornado totaled 125. (CNS photo/Dave Crenshaw, Eastern Oklahoma Catholic)



Catholic high school turned into shelter for tornado victims

By Mason T. Beecroft
Catholic News Service

JOPLIN, Mo. (CNS) — Father J. Friedel, pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Joplin, and Gene Koester, principal of McAuley Catholic High School, have been offering pastoral care, support and leadership since the massive F-5 tornado struck Joplin the evening of May 22.

St. Peter and McAuley are only a couple of miles from St. Mary's, which was leveled, but they were left untouched by the tornado. Since the storm, the high school has been serving as a triage center, hospital, storm shelter and sleep facility. Residents and staff of a destroyed nursing home were now making the gym their temporary home.

Koester had not slept since the evening of May 22, when the tornado struck, going home just long enough to shower and shave. He said that nearly every one of the school's 100 students had been volunteering around the clock, with the only exceptions being those who have lost their homes or family members.

"The kids have just been amazing. Students and their parents have given of themselves and their mindset is entirely on helping. It is remarkable, but not surprising. It is also part of the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy who founded our school," he said.

Father Friedel said providing care at this point is difficult as everything keeps shifting, depending on the immediate needs of the people who have been displaced or injured, and the subsequent storms that continue to come through the area. Still, Father Friedel was heartened by the selfless and dedicated service offered by the Catholic faithful in Joplin.

"It is absolutely remarkable to watch our high school and college kids working with our professionals to help the homeless, the elderly and anyone in need," said Father Friedel. "There has been an abundance of compassion, concern, and charity from the people," he said. "Even those who have endured tragic personal suffering or the loss of their homes are

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47th Biennial Texas State CDA Convention

By Terrie Vacek, Texas CDA State Public Relations Chairman; edited by Cynthia Brewer, *The Catholic Lighthouse*

“Do Whatever He Tells You” was the theme for the 47th Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Biennial Texas State Convention held in Houston April 28 to May 1 for delegates and guests of the 227 Texas Courts. The Convention was dedicated to State Chaplain Reverend Donald Ruppert, pastor of Holy Cross in East Bernard, for his many years of service to the Texas State Catholic Daughters.



Delegates from the Diocese of Victoria attending the 47th Biennial Texas State CDA Convention.

The 47th Biennial Texas State CDA Convention was dedicated to Father Donald Ruppert, Texas State CDA chaplain and pastor of Holy Cross in East Bernard, for his many years of service to the Texas State CDA.



Pictured is newly elected State Regent Elect Carolyn Malik with her pastor, Father Bob Knippenberg, of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Shiner.

The celebrant for the opening Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston, was the Most Reverend Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. The honor guard for the formal procession of robed local, state and national CDA officers was led by the Fourth Degree Council of the Knights of Columbus.



(above) Newly elected State Regent Elect Carolyn Malik with Past National Regent Libby Ramirez.

Terri Beltran, CDA State Youth/JCDA chairman, was honored by receiving the “State Regent’s Award” in appreciation and recognition of her outstanding service to the Texas State Court of Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2009-2011 by State Regent Sheila Martinka. Terri and the JCDA state officers have installed 15 new JCDA Courts for 2009 – 2011. She is pictured with Father John Peters, State JCDA chaplain and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Hallettsville.



The conference business session was opened and called to order by State Regent Sheila Martinka of Houston. Lloyd Waguespack, deputy chief of staff, Houston Mayor’s Office, presented the city’s proclamation - “Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day” to her.

The keynote address was given by Sister Louise Marie Jones, IWBS, of Victoria, who challenged delegates and guests to “listen to His voice with fine-tuned attention, obedience and willingness ... the CDA Circle of Love logo with its seven spokes sums up and radiates outward a life centered on Love, the true love of God.”

Rev. Ruppert, celebrant for the Memorial Mass in memory of 2009-2011 deceased CDA members said, “Do not focus on the death of loved ones, remember their lives and follow in their footsteps, striving to be Unity and Charity.” Deceased members’ names were placed in the newly established Memory Book that will be passed down to each convention.

Special Guest Speaker Christopher Lewis, (son of the late MDA National Chairman, Jerry Lewis) president of the American Wheelchair Organization/Mission, Nevada, gave a moving talk and slide show presentation, “A Journey on Common Grounds.” Lewis stated that the convention theme reminds him to use the tools that are readily available to help others. Listening to that message, he reaches out to help over 100 million people worldwide in need of a wheelchair. Working directly with the manufacturer,

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Junior Catholic Daughters of America attended the CDA 47th Biennial Convention and participated in the Saturday JCDA Mass with Father John Peters, JCDA Chaplain from Hallettsville. Pictured, from l. to r. with State CDA Youth/JCDA Chairman Terri Beltran of El Campo, are new officers: State Reporter Amy Adamek of Shiner, State President Maya Cuellar of Dallas, 1st Vice President Kimberly Kallies of Deer Park, State Secretary Valerie Barrera of Lubbock and 2nd Vice President Sarah Proske of La Grange. JCDA is part of the Catholic Daughters Circle of Love Program under Youth.

KJZT GIVES TO GABRIEL PROJECT—Society No. 43, The Purification of Assumption BVM parish of Ganado, recently donated \$100 to the Gabriel Project of Assumption BVM parish. Receiving the funds are Anna Lee Tegeler and Rose Chovanec, contact persons for the Gabriel Project. Presenting the check for KJZT Society is Frances Vesely, treasurer. The Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - KJZT, adopted this fraternal project to recognize societies that have achieved Diamond Status for being actively involved in church and community projects. The purpose is to promote fraternal fellowship. Societies of the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas focus on projects and fundraisers throughout the State of Texas. Members donate many hours of volunteer work and donate thousands of funds working together to make their hometowns and churches stronger and safer places to enjoy life.



HERBS, VEGGIES AND MORE—St. Rose fourth graders are having a great time taking care of their garden box at the Schulenburg Community Garden. Pictured from l. to r. are Jasmine Modi, Andrew Fogleman, Allison Mican, Dylan Goldberg, Cory Heger, Jack Jacobs, Lane Brunner, Wesley Liere, Branson Fowlkes, Madeline Sommer and Rylie Lux.



Our Lady of Victory School competed at the 2011 Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) State Meet held April 30 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. State medalists were left to right: sixth grader Davey Castoreno, second place Vocabulary; fifth grader Kelsey Ellett, first place Ready Writing; seventh grader Andrew Bernhard, third place Science; sixth grader Sarah Sabbagh, fifth place Music Memory; fourth grader Pranav Jain, sixth place Music Memory; and eighth grader Katelynn Nguyen, fifth place Dictionary Skills. This year 124 schools across Texas competed in the PSIA State Meet. Our Lady of Victory placed 23rd in the Elementary School Division and 16th overall in the competition.



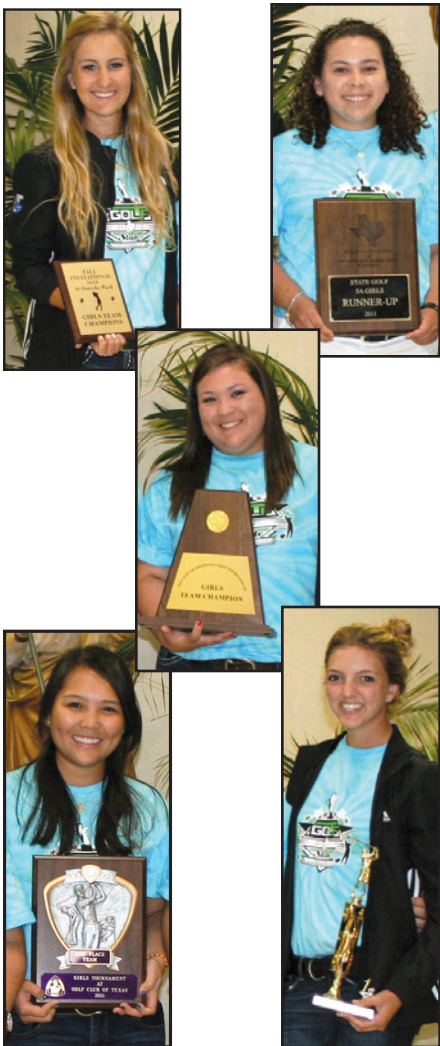
Nazareth Academy had 12 students compete in the Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA) State Meet held in Fort Worth on the TCU campus. Out of these 12, three earned State medals. Pictured from left to right are: Allie Blain, 8th grade, 5th place in Prose; Colleen Sontheimer, 1st grade, 4th place in Story Telling; and Haley Charbula, 6th grade, 1st place in Prose. This is the fourth year Nazareth Academy has participated in the PSIA competition, and the first year Nazareth has had a State Champion (Haley Charbula).



Four students from Shiner Catholic School placed at the State PSIA (Private School's Interscholastic Association) academic meet held on May 14, 2011, at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. Gus Egan placed 4th in Dictionary Skills, Kurt Chunda placed 4th in Science, Kolten Knesek placed 5th in Calculator, and Kyle Chunda placed 3rd in Science. Shiner Catholic School had 17 students in 23 events attend the state meet at TCU. All students represented the school and town of Shiner well.



Students from St. Rose of Lima School went to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on Saturday May 14 for the PSIA State Meet. Those placing at state, back row l-r, Bryn Stryk placed 5th in fifth grade Mathematics. Wyatt Fogle placed 6th in sixth grade Science; front row, Julie Guentert placed 6th in second grade Creative Writing and Justin Stang placed 5th in third grade Spelling.



ST. JOSEPH GIRLS PLACE 2ND IN GOLF—Congratulations to the Lady Flyers of St. Joseph High School in Victoria who placed second at the TAPPS 5A state golf tournament. Maddy Buhler shot a combined score of 161, finishing seventh overall. Freshman, Chloe Velasco shot a two-day score of 172, Kaitlyn Cantu shot a 186, Bethany Hickner shot a 189 and Kim Chavarria shot a 217. Pictured are Bethany Hickner (top left), Kaitlyn Cantu (top right), Kimberly Chavarria (center), Chloe Velasco (bottom left) and Maddy Buhler (bottom right).

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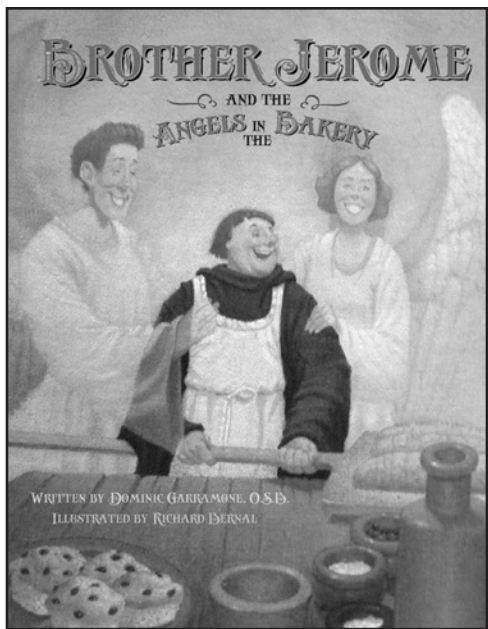
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Critically acclaimed children's book, "Brother Jerome and the Angels in the Bakery," to be June puzzle prize

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—*Brother Jerome and the Angels in the Bakery*, authored by Father Dominic Garramone, OSB, and illustrated by Richard Bernal, was selected as a Christopher Award in the "Books for Young People" category. Father Dominic, as he is known from his public television shows and specials, accepted the honor at the 62nd annual Christopher Award ceremony in New York City May 19.



A beautifully told and illustrated book, *Brother Jerome and the Angels in the Bakery*

helps readers relate to the protagonist's anxieties about failure. Brother Jerome's monastery, bakery and supporters come to life, as he relies on faith to gain self-confidence through adversity.

Since 1949, the Christopher Awards

have annually saluted media (TV programming, feature films, books for adults and children) that "affirm the highest values of the human spirit." Christopher Award winners celebrate the humanity of people in a positive way. They encourage audiences to see the better side of human nature and motivate artists and the general public to use their best instincts on behalf of others.

Brother Jerome and the Angels in the Bakery will be the June Family Puzzle Contest Prize. Please send completed puzzle and form to *The Catholic Lighthouse* by June 25 to be eligible to win *Brother Jerome and the Angels in the Bakery* through a random drawing.

ISBN: 9781933370644, hardcover, 9x12, 32 pages, \$16.95.

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May/June Puzzle CORRECTION

The May Puzzle had some major errors. We did not realize that we had received the puzzle from our puzzle provider with old clues. We will solve this matter by keeping any May puzzle forms sent in and combining them in a drawing with the completed June puzzle forms.

We will then draw the May winner from the full group of puzzle forms (May and June), and then have a second drawing from the remaining forms for the June book.

The winner from the first drawing will receive "An Invitation to Joy ~ Selections from the Writings and Speeches of His Holiness John Paul II," and the winner from the second drawing will receive "Brother Jerome and the Angels in the Bakery."

Please be sure to mail all completed June puzzles/forms to arrive in *The Catholic Lighthouse* office, P. O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 by June 25. Both drawings will take place on June 27. Thank you for your patience.

Church Fathers taught. How She holds to the Creed. She's sacramental and liturgical. And She knows that everyone is invited to the waters of Baptism.

For the Assemblies of God family, I speak of the Holy Spirit. I remind them that Catholics believe in the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit. Catholics believe that we become sealed with the Spirit, always and forever when we are confirmed, through the laying on of hands, through apostolic succession. The Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost and rested on Mother Church. We have always believed in signs and wonders.

We are saved by grace. Yes, we believe that.

Christ is coming back again and will raise us to new life. Yes, we believe that.

We love Sacred Scripture. And we believe the Holy Spirit guided Mother Church so that She would know what to include in the Canon of Scripture.

But where do you go if you want all of it, I ask my family and friends? Where can a believer go who wants social justice and is a contemplative, believes that sanctification and personal holiness are necessary, knows what the Early Church taught and holds it dear, is sacramental, liturgical, charismatic, believes in grace, knows that Jesus Christ really will come back again, and loves the

Bible dearly?

Where is that church family?

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, because that Church does exist. Christ Himself founded Her on solid rock. Where do you go if you want it all? You go home.

Dad, it's time to come back home. Mother is waiting. The children are waiting, too.

As Catholics, we believe that unity is possible. We've been praying for it for a very long time.

I see the pastors, and I think of Dad. I see the priest, and I think of Mother Church. And I feel like the child of estranged parents. There's joy, because I see them trying.

I look at the cross and think, now is an acceptable time.

Catholic By Grace

By Denise E. Bossert
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Reconciling Father and Mother ~ Christian Unity

I attended an ecumenical prayer service for Christian unity last January. Even with the bad weather, the parishioners at our parish were well represented. There was one Baptist pastor, one United Church of Christ pastor, one United Methodist pastor and our parish priest.

As we prayed together, my heart went out to the Protestant ministers. I see them, and I think of my dad, the Protestant minister. Simultaneously, I find myself overwhelmed by the great divide and the burning desire within me to be able to share in a meaningful way what I have come to love and cherish in the Catholic Church. But an ecumenical prayer service is not the right place for that. It is not a moment for apologetics; it is a moment for prayer. Father, make us one.

I feel caught between what is and what should be. I feel the pain of it. I literally ache for the remedy.

As I prayed, I felt fully a preacher's daughter and fully a Roman Catholic. It was like being the child of divorced parents, and you finally have your parents in the room together. And that is wonderful, but your heart wants more. Your heart wants full reconciliation between those you love so dearly.

And it's even more difficult because you know that your Mother (the Church) wants it – has always wanted it. You sense how close they are to reconciliation. And that just might be the hardest part of all.

I wanted to cry over what isn't. But I also wanted to thank God for even this much.

It is a cross, this standing-in-the-gap. I care deeply for Protestant clergy because I was raised in a preacher's home, and I can see my own father's face on the faces of those pastors. I loved being a preacher's daughter. When I thought I might be a pastor's wife as well, I was overjoyed. I did not become Catholic to get away from being Protestant. I wasn't trying to leave anything. I became Catholic to receive more of Christ – all of Christ – in the Eucharist.

I love being Catholic. I am home. I see the full helping of goodness laid out before me – all that I share in this column and all that I keep quiet in my heart.

So I stand and lift high this cross – lifting it up to the Cross of Christ.

And when I'm with my father's family, I tell them how wonderful our Mother is.

For the Quakers, I tell them that nobody is more active in social justice than Mother Church. Nobody knows contemplative prayer like Our Mother

For the Wesleyans, I highlight the importance of sanctification and personal holiness. Nobody places a higher premium on these things than Mother Church.

For the Presbyterians, I affirm the Church's adherence to all that the Early

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Twenty Something

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'Unexpected harmonies' in Mother's Day requiem

Auditioning for Patty Connors' choir was a prelude to Russ's audition to be her husband. She said yes to the mild-mannered tenor twice.

They have enjoyed 15 years of marriage and music, raising a daughter and a son while chairing their respective departments at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn. — she in music, he in theology.

Last March came the news that Stage 4 colorectal cancer had seized Russ's body, bringing with it a two-year life expectancy. He kept singing in Patty's choir, savoring each measure.

This March came the news that the chemo wasn't halting Russ's cancer. His life expectancy dropped to six months.

Russ has lost hair, energy, weight, and, most painful of all, the ability to sing. When it came time for Patty's choir to perform the premiere of a requiem by Jocelyn Hagen called "Ashes of Roses," Russ knew he would have to sit it out.

He wrote about the Mother's Day concert on his *CaringBridge* journal. "I have a prayer for Patty about this, one I have been praying for a while: I pray that she will

so lose herself in this beautiful music, get so involved in making something beautiful happen, that for the hour or so that it takes to perform, she can give away all the anxieties and worries that she is living with so bravely."

Bravely, indeed: 56 and facing what was likely her last Mother's Day with her husband, preparing to conduct a requiem with Mass parts for the dead.

Patty opened her heart to the rainy Sunday, receiving gifts over breakfast and attending the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit before slipping away to study the seven-movement score.

At 3 p.m. she stepped onto the stage, wearing black and smiling, and she wished the audience a happy Mother's Day. She would've selected another Sunday to perform, but that's what was available and there she stood, poised and elegant.

There Russ sat, son at his side, head in his hand, eyes on his wife. She raised her baton and ushered in a low tremble from the cello. Soon the choir was chanting, "Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine" — "Grant unto them eternal rest, Lord."

Conducting the requiem con-

sumed Patty and answered Russ's prayer. "It's thrilling to work with so many musicians," she told me the next morning. "I did lose myself in the music."

Patty described the requiem's "tricky rhythms and unexpected harmonies." The orchestra rarely plays in the same harmony as the choir, resulting in dissonance. The meter and tempo shift often, and even within the same meter, she said, you've got "triplets and duplets and quadruplets and septuplets to negotiate." Just as soon as a pattern is established, it changes.

For Patty the requiem's joy is tethered to its complexity. "It demands such absorption and rewards one for that," she said.

What a brave response to life's changing patterns: inhale deeply, dig in your heels and listen for unexpected harmonies.

One of Patty's favorite movements in the requiem is the last one, "Lux Aeterna," eternal light. It begins with a trumpet fanfare, "like a joyous march into heaven," she said, and then the upper strings dive in — first violins, second violins, violas, each group divided in half. "That makes six different parts playing a sixteenth note and each of them begins an eighth note apart. It's very challenging but it creates a shimmering effect."

When those bows flew, you could feel an ascent. Russ lifted his head and Patty leaned forward, unafraid.

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Sunday Readings from June 5 to July 17

June 5 — Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20
June 12 — Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Corinthians 12:3b7, 12-13 John 20:19-23
June 19 — Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18
June 26 — Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58
July 3 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30
July 10 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23
July 17 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-33

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Summer Conference to Address National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage

MILWAUKEE, WIS—The National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM) is offering a summer conference titled "2011 Marriage-Building Construction Zone."

Catholic clergy and laity from across the U.S. and abroad with a passion for marriage and family life are invited to come together at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 3-6, 2011. Pre-conference Workshops begin August 2.

Offered in partnership with the USCCB Secretariat for La-

ity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, this incredible opportunity will feature top leaders, speakers and resources from the field of marriage and family research, enrichment, education and spirituality.

The Conference aims to assist the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), who, in November 2004, began a National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage to communicate from the riches of our Catholic faith, the meaning and value of marriage as both a Sacrament of the

Church and a social institution. In 2010 the bishops published a pastoral letter titled "MARRIAGE: Love & Life in the Divine Plan."

Individuals and couples who attend the conference can increase their knowledge of marriage and family life issues and Catholic teachings on marriage and family. There will be pre-conference workshops and three-hour, trade-school classes offering in-depth learning on topics helpful to clergy; marriage preparation and marriage enrichment leaders; marriage and family counselors; bereavement ministers; religious educators; and those involved in ministries to the divorced; and natural family planning ministries, to name a few. Several trade schools will be given in Spanish.

NACFLM has chosen to implement the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage using Eight Building Blocks for a Marriage-Building Parish: Building Leaders; Forming Youth; Preparing for Sacramental Marriage; Creating a Culture of Love and Life; Strengthening the Married; Pastoral-Caring for those in need; Divorce-Healing and Worshiping and Prayer.

A complete brochure and registration information can be found at NACFLM.org or call or e-mail Lorrie and Don Gramer at (815) 387-3370, lgramer@rockforddiocese.org.

Social Security Reveals the Most Popular Baby Names in Texas for 2010

The Social Security Administration just announced the most popular baby names in Texas for 2010. Jacob and Isabella topped the list.

The top five boys and girls names for 2010 in Texas were:

- Boys:
- 1) Jacob
- 2) Jose
- 3) Jayden
- 4) Angel
- 5) David
- Girls:
- 1) Isabella
- 2) Sophia
- 3) Emma
- 4) Emily
- 5) Mia

Last week the federal government's top official for baby names, Michael J. Astrue, commissioner of Social Security, announced Isabella and Jacob were the most popular baby names in the U.S. How does Texas compare to the rest of the country? Check out Social Security's Web site — www.socialsecurity.gov — to see the top baby names for 2010.

While having fun with baby names, don't forget to help someone you care about get an average of almost \$4,000 of extra help with Medicare prescription

drug costs. Social Security's Web site has the top-rated online services in the U.S., including *extra help* to pay Medicare prescription drug costs. *Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov* to apply for retirement, disability, Medicare, and so much more.

In addition to each state's top 100 baby names, Social Security's Web site has a list of the 1,000 most popular boys' and girls' names for 2010 and a list of the top 100 names for twins born in 2010. The Web site also offers lists of baby names for each year since 1880.

To read about this year's winner for biggest jump in popularity, how pop culture (teen moms and frogs) affects baby names, and whether or not Elvis still lives, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/pr/baby-names2010-pr.html

Coming soon, Social Security will introduce a baby names mobile application. The Baby Name Playroom application will provide useful information and promote Social Security's award-winning online services at www.socialsecurity.gov, plus all the baby names info you want — from your iPhone. Look for the new playroom at Apple's App Store in the coming weeks.

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.

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or
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or
- Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer
Diocese of Victoria
P.O. Box 4070
Victoria, TX 77903
Mark your letter "Personal and Confidential"

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

If you are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information, please contact: Rev. Gary Janak at (979) 543-3770.

"Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, ..."

Philemon 1:7



Church to Observe Pope's 60th Anniversary of Ordination June 29

WASHINGTON—Catholics worldwide are asked to mark the sixtieth anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's ordination to the priesthood with sixty-hours of Eucharistic prayer for vocations.

The pope will celebrate his anniversary June 29, 2011, the Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul. In honor of his anniversary, the Vatican Congregation for Clergy suggested Catholic clergy and faithful be invited to participate in Eucharistic Adoration with the intention of praying for the sanctification of the clergy and for the gift of new and holy priestly vocations.

Dioceses nationwide are planning special prayers before the Blessed Sacrament in June, offered continuously or across various days in the month. Celebrations might conclude July 1, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the World Day of Prayer for Priests.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, highlighted the importance of this celebration.

"An increase in number and sanctity of the priests in service to our dioceses is a sign of health and vitality in the Church," he said. Prayer for vocations is "a worthy intention" and an appropriate spiritual

sacrifice "in gratitude for the example and service of Pope Benedict XVI," he wrote in a May 17 letter to bishops.

For this occasion, the USCCB Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations has designed a prayer card that can be downloaded from www.foryourvocation.org. The prayer card can be linked to diocesan or parish Web sites, printed in parish bulletins, and used for dioceses or parishes.

"This is an exceptional opportunity to give thanks for our Holy Father, to pray for all of our priests, and to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood," said Archbishop Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis, chairman for the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "The Holy Father has been an outstanding model of priestly ministry and service to the Church. In his Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Proposing Vocations in the Local Church, he reminded the faithful that we all have a responsibility to pray for vocations. This is a great opportunity to do just that."

Dioceses and parishes are asked to share information on how they are celebrating the anniversary in prayer by sending their information to clergy@uscgb.org.

Pope Benedict XVI's Intentions June 2011

General Intention: That priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses of the caring and merciful love of God.

Missionary Intention: That the Holy Spirit may bring forth from our communities numerous missionary vocations, willing to fully consecrate themselves to spreading the Kingdom of God.

'Rerum Novarum' panel says encyclical needed now as much as ever

WASHINGTON (CNS) — At a time when workers continue to struggle for decent wages and rights, panelists at a conference marking the 120th anniversary of the encyclical "Rerum Novarum" made clear that the letter on labor and the rights of workers holds important contemporary lessons. A daylong series of panel discussions was held May 2 at The Catholic University of America about the historic and contemporary context of the 1891 encyclical that is considered the groundwork for the church's social teaching.

Pope receives papers for cause of Archbishop Sheen, whom he knew

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., presented Pope Benedict XVI with two thick volumes about the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the pope surprised him by saying he had worked with the late archbishop.

Pope Benedict "told me something I hadn't known: he worked on the commission for mission at the Second Vatican Council with Fulton Sheen," Bishop Jenky told Catholic News Service. The pope served as a theological expert at the council in the 1960s.

At the end of the pope's weekly general audience May 25, Bishop Jenky presented the pope with two leather-bound volumes with golden lettering on the side: "Fultonius Ioannes Sheen."

The tomes — totaling close to 2,000 pages — are the "positio," the official position paper, outlining why the Catholic Church should recognize Archbishop Sheen as a saint.

Archbishop Sheen, who was born in Illinois in 1895 and died in New York in 1979, was an Emmy-winning televangelist. His program, "Life is Worth Living," aired in the United States from 1951 to 1957.

Bishop Jenky said, "I hope it helps" that the pope personally knew Archbishop Sheen, who was national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1950-66 and attended every session of

Vatican II.

For the Peoria bishop, the most impressive thing about Archbishop Sheen was his untiring evangelizing effort, which was addressed not just to radio or television audiences, but to taxi drivers and anyone else he happened to meet.

"I don't know how many people he brought to the faith; it must be thousands and thousands," the bishop said. "He never passed by an opportunity to bring someone to the faith. He was a hands-on evangelizer."

Msgr. Stanley Deptula, executive director of the Peoria-based Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation, joined Bishop Jenky for the trip to the Vatican.

They also gave the pope an album with more than 100 letters from cardinals and bishops in North America, Australia and Africa supporting Archbishop Sheen's cause.

Msgr. Deptula told CNS that Archbishop Sheen should be beatified and canonized because "he was a dynamic missionary, he used all the modern means available to spread the Gospel throughout the world." In fact, the archbishop was host of "The Catholic Hour" radio program for 22 years before beginning his television career, he wrote several popular books and traveled the world speaking and preaching once his TV program went off the air.

The diocesan phase of the sainthood cause concluded in 2008 and the postulator, or promoter, of the cause took the eight

THE POPE SPEAKS

Pope Benedict XVI



CNS photo from Reuters

Pope explains biblical story of Jacob to stress importance of prayer

By Sarah Delaney
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Humility and perseverance in prayer is rewarded by a true encounter with God, Pope Benedict XVI said.

At his weekly general audience May 25 in St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict said God's blessing cannot be won by force but rather "must be received with humility from him."

The pope continued his series of audience talks about prayer, using the story of the biblical patriarch Jacob, who was challenged by an unidentified foe as he prepared to cross a river.

After a struggle that lasted all night, Jacob, who appeared to be winning, demanded that his opponent bless him. The man turned the tables by asking Jacob his name, which the pope said was like appropriating "the deepest reality of the individual, revealing secrets and destiny."

The challenger gave Jacob the name Israel, the pope said, which showed that even though the patriarch won the fight, he finally recognized that he had been battling with God, who gave him a new and honest identity.

The pope said the story "speaks to us of a long night in search of God, of the struggle to know his name and face." It describes "the night of prayer that with tenacity and perseverance asks God for a blessing and a new name, a new reality that comes from conversion and forgiveness."

Pope Benedict said the story shows believers how to understand the relationship with God "that finds its greatest expres-

sion in prayer," which, he said, "requires faith, closeness, almost a body-to-body struggle."

The pope said the lives of Christians "are like this long night of struggle and prayer" in which believers seek a blessing from God "that cannot be taken or won by force, but that must be received with humility from him, as a gift that will finally let us see the face of the Lord."

After his talk, the pope gave a special greeting to 45 people from the St. Petersburg, Fla.-based Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that seeks to help veterans from both the Afghanistan and Iraq wars recover from physical and mental trauma and re-engage in society.

At the end of the audience, Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., gave the pope two white leather-bound volumes with documentation for the sainthood cause of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the creator of the 1950s television program "Life is Worth Living." The archbishop died in New York in 1979.

Editor's Note: The text of the pope's audience remarks in Spanish will be posted online at: www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/audiences/2011/documents/hf_ben-xvi_aud_20110525_sp.html.

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boxes of eyewitness testimony and "every book Sheen ever wrote" and summarized the material, creating the "positio," the monsignor said.

The Congregation for Saints' Causes will study the "positio" and if congregation members agree, they will recommend that the pope officially declare that the archbishop lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way.

Before Archbishop Sheen can be beatified, the pope also must recognize a miracle attributed to his intercession.

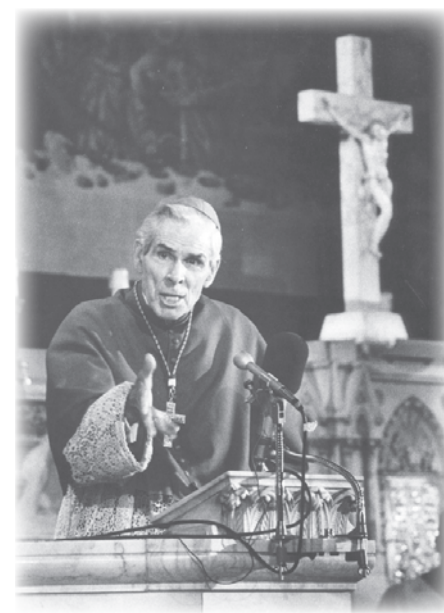
"We actually have two fully-documented alleged miracles of cures that seem to have been effected by God through the intercession of Archbishop Sheen," Msgr. Deptula said. "Actually, we also have a couple more that have come into our office. Really, every day I hear stories about little miracles, ways that Fulton Sheen continues to change lives today."

The best documented cases involve cures that took place in the United States, he said. "One happened in central Illinois to an elderly woman in the Champaign area. And the other, kind of the stronger case that we will probably be pursuing to present to the Holy Father, involved a baby in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area."

The monsignor said he could not reveal many details about the case, but "basically this baby was born ... with several life threatening diseases, any one of which would have been a very serious illness for this infant."

"The parents and family and friends

prayed for the intercession of Archbishop Sheen. They had the baby baptized, (and) I believe his middle name is Fulton," he said. "It seems to have been a miracle. The baby lived and seemed to have been cured of those illnesses" and is now in the first or second grade.



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen is pictured at a pulpit in an undated file photo. In the late 1920's, he preached on "The Catholic Hour" radio program and later became its most popular host. He moved to television in the 1950s with "Life is Worth Living." He was named a bishop in 1951 and became archbishop in 1969. (CNS file photo)



Father Juan Molina named director for Church in Latin America

WASHINGTON—Trinitarian Father Juan J. Molina has been named associate director of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Office of National Collections and director for the Church in Latin America. Father Molina is currently serving as policy advisor for Latin America and Global Trade in the Office of International Justice and Peace at USCCB and previously served as advocacy program coordinator in the Southwest regional office of Catholic Relief Services. Fr. Molina once served as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Victoria.



Father Juan J. Molina

“Father Molina’s qualifications and skills made him a perfect choice for this position,” said Patrick Markey, executive director of the USCCB Office of National Collections. “Father Molina’s knowledge of the region, his existing relationships with the Church in Latin America, and his deep knowledge and broad experience in the work of the Church will help him transition well into a program that is already recognized for the excellent work Father Andrew Small did to support the USCCB’s commitment to the Church in Latin America, especially regarding Haiti.”

In March, the Vatican appointed Oblate of Mary Immaculate Father Andrew Small as national director of the Pontifical Missions Societies, based in New York City. During his two years of service as director for the Church in Latin America, Father Small oversaw the grant making program and the development of plans to help the reconstruction of the Church in Haiti in the wake of last year’s earthquake.

As director of the USCCB effort to support the Church in Latin America, Father Molina will be responsible for the bishops’ grant initiative for the Church in the region, including the work to support the Haitian bishops’ Partnership for Reconstruction of the Church in Haiti (PROCHE by its acronym in French).

Father Molina is a priest of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity (the Trinitarians). He holds a Ph.D. in economics and a master’s degree in international political economy and development, both from Fordham University. He also received a Master of Arts degree in spirituality from the Washington Theological Union in Washington and speaks several languages.

The USCCB Office of National Collections manages eight of the national collections held in Catholic parishes throughout the year. The Collection for the Church in Latin America received over \$7.1 million in donations from 150 U.S. Dioceses in 2010. The bishops’ Subcommittee on Latin America approved grants for 22 countries in the region totaling \$7,563,961 that year. The special appeal for the Church in Haiti received over \$84 million, of which 60 percent was committed for aiding the victims of the earthquake and 40 percent has been committed for church reconstruction.

For more information on the USCCB’s work in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

Foster Children featured at MCB Victoria College

The Heart & Soul Gallery <http://www.heartgalleryofamerica.org/> will have a traveling exhibit, featuring photos of foster children in the state’s conservatorship, and an opening reception at Museum of the Coastal Bend Thursday, June 23, 5 – 7 p.m. MCB presents this exhibit in partnership with the State of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (Region 11) <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/>, Golden Crescent CASA <http://www.goldencrescentcasa.org/> and Devereux Texas – Victoria http://www.devereux.org/site/PageServer?pagename=tx_victoria. MCB was a backdrop for some of these photographs. FREE admission for museum members, VC and UHV students, faculty and staff; adults \$3.50; senior citizens (55+) \$2.50; Students accompanied by an adult \$2.00.

Bishops to Vote On Revision of Charter at June meeting in Seattle

WASHINGTON—The U.S. bishops will vote on revisions of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People at their meeting in Seattle, June 15-17.

The Charter was adopted by the U.S. bishops in 2002 in response to the crisis of sexual abuse of minors by clerics. It was revised previously in 2005.

The proposed revisions would bring the Charter into line with the most recent Vatican instructions in this area, including specifically mentioning child pornography as a crime against Church law and holding that abuse of someone who habitually lacks reason, for example, someone with mental retardation, is equivalent to child abuse.

The Charter guides the handling of allegations of abuse and is accompanied by the Essential Norms, Vatican-approved norms for the United States.

The Spring General Assembly of U.S. bishops will be held at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel in Seattle.

The bishops also will debate and vote on a document on physician assisted suicide called “To Live Each Day With Dignity.” The agenda also includes a presentation on the Defense of Marriage efforts of the USCCB, including a Spanish-language video, and a report by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington on Anglicanorum coetibus, the Vatican guideline for allowing communities of Anglicans to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. The bishops also will vote on two liturgical items pertaining to the Spanish translation of the USA Propers and Adaptations to the Roman Missal, Third Edition, and the inclusion of a collection of Mass prayers for major patronal feasts from Spanish-speaking countries.

Reports finds “no single identifiable ‘cause’ of sexually abusive behavior”

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not significantly more likely to abuse minors” than heterosexual priests. Sexual “identity” should be differentiated from “behavior.” A possible reason so many male minors were abused is that priests had greater access to them.

• Less than 5 percent of priests with abuse allegations exhibited behavior consistent with pedophilia. Few victims were prepubescent children.

Seventy percent of priests referred for abusing a minor “had also had sexual behavior with adults,” the study found. The majority of priest-abusers did not “specialize” in abusing “particular types of victims.”

The new study’s goal was to understand what factors “led to a sexual abuse ‘crisis’ in the Catholic Church” and “make recommendations to Catholic leadership” for reducing abuse, the John Jay College researchers explained.

They said their report also “provides a framework” for understanding “sexual victimization of children in any institution” and how organizations respond.

No other institution has undertaken a public study of sexual abuse like this one, they said.

Priests who abused minors were not carbon copies of one another. The report said they constituted a “heterogeneous population.” The majority “appear to have had certain vulnerabilities,” such as “emotional congruence to adolescents” or difficulty interrelating with adults.

Some priest-abusers were abused as youths. “Having been sexually abused by an adult while a minor increased the risk that priests would later abuse a child,” the report said.

The stress priests may experience at transitional moments – moving from seminary to parish life; transferring to new parishes; becoming pastors – was cited as a factor that can increase “vulnerability to abuse.”

The report indicated that “situational stressors” do not cause abuse, but may serve “as triggers.” High alcohol consumption during stressful times can lower inhibitions, it noted.

“The peak of the crisis has passed,” the report observed. It said the church “responded,” and abuse cases decreased substantially.

A “system of change” has begun in the church, according to the report. However, it said, “organizational changes take years, and often decades, to fully implement.”

The report called sexual abuse of minors “a long-term societal problem,” one “likely to persist, particularly in organizations that nurture and mentor adolescents.” It said diocesan leaders “must continue to deal with abuse allegations appropriately.”

Priest-abusers represented only a small percentage of all priests. The researchers judged it “neither possible nor desirable to implement extensive restrictions on the mentor-

ing and nurturing relationships between minors and priests, given that most priests have not sexually abused minors and are not likely to do so.”

Because so many abuse cases first were reported to authorities in the early 2000s, some people suspect the abuse remains “at peak levels,” the report said. The reality is otherwise.

Sexual abuse of minors by priests “increased steadily from the mid-1960s through the late 1970s, then declined in the 1980s and continues to remain low,” the report showed. “Most abuse incidents occurred decades ago.”

And “the majority of abusers (70 percent) were ordained prior to the 1970s,” the study noted; 44 percent of those accused entered the priesthood before 1960.

Social factors influenced the increase of abuse incidents during the 1960s and 1970s, the report said. It found this increase consistent with “the rise of other types of ‘deviant’ behavior, such as drug use and crime,” and changes in social behavior such as the “increase in premarital sexual behavior and divorce.”

Those generations of priest-abusers also lacked “careful preparation for a celibate life,” the report noted. Moreover, they failed to recognize the harm done to victims.

Awareness of the harm of sexual abuse to minors grew in society and the church during the 20th century’s last decades. An increasing reluctance over time to reinstate priests in parishes after a first accusation may reflect the growth of this awareness, the report suggested.

In the 1990s, it said, “the failure of some diocesan leaders to take responsibility for the harms of the abuse by priests was egregious in some cases.”

The report accented the critical role of what today is called “human formation” in seminaries. It said a gradually intensifying focus on human-formation concerns coincided with a decline of abuse cases.

Human formation addresses matters such as the future priest’s relationships and friendships, his self-knowledge, integrity and celibate chastity. The report recommended that human formation continue after ordination.

Can seminaries screen-out priesthood candidates who will abuse minors? While encouraging further research, the report said “personality tests did not show statistically significant differences on major clinical scales” between priest-abusers and others without abuse allegations.

Nonetheless, it said screening tools remain “critically important” for identifying “other psychological problems not necessarily related” to abuse of minors.

Removing opportunities to abuse minors, making abuse more difficult and increasing its risks are among prevention steps the report recommended. Excuses priest-abusers make need to be recognized for what they are, it advised.

The report affirmed the safe environment programs implemented throughout the church in the U.S. These programs educate potential victims, abusers, parents and others, increasing the likelihood that abusers “will be identified” and “have more to lose.”

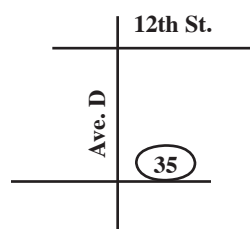
Priests need “outlets to form social friendships and suitable bonds with age-appropriate persons,” the report said. It encouraged attention to priests’ health and well-being, including factors such as stress.

It recommended that dioceses periodically evaluate priests’ performance. Evaluation is “an established element of most complex organizations,” it noted.

The church has taken many steps “to reduce opportunities for abuse,” the report said. It recommended that these efforts “be maintained and continually evaluated for efficacy.”

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Texas Legislature Updates

AUSTIN—We've made it through the last full week of the Texas legislature. The Texas Catholic Conference has lots of good news. Most importantly is our Immigration Update. Despite being declared an emergency item by the Governor, the Sanctuary cities legislation was not passed. We are monitoring legislation to ensure that pieces of anti-immigration legislation were not added as amendments to other legislation, and will continue to oppose them. The only bill we've identified that has anti-immigration language is currently in conference committee, and the bill sponsor intends to strip that negative language.

- The ceremonial bill signings for the Sonogram bill (HB 15) and two Human trafficking bills we support (SB 24, HB 3000) were also this week. TCC Executive Director Andrew Rivas and Associate Director Jennifer Allmon were pleased to participate in these signings.

- Budget: The base budget bill (HB 1) passed both the House and Senate and was voted out of conference committee on Thursday, May 26. It must be accepted by a simple majority in each chamber. However, as of the writing of this update, another necessary component to passing the budget, the approval of a school finance plan, has not happened. Without a school finance mechanism, the budget will not balance will not be able to be certified. This will force a special session of the legislature, likely to take place in July. A state budget must be adopted by August 31, which is the end of the current fiscal year.

- Payday Lending Update: The two

payday lending bills by Rep. Truitt were passed out of the Senate, concurred on in the House, and have been sent to the governor. Overall, we remained neutral on the final legislation because it is only a very small step forward that may cause further problems depending on how it is implemented. There is going to be an interim study on the issue and we are hopeful that this study will provide a better opportunity for reform efforts next session.

- Advance Directives Update: Rep. Truitt offered an amendment that we helped to craft that replaced the Hughes amendment with an interim study. The vote was 96 to 47 in favor of our position to add the amendment. It is our hope that an interim study will provide an opportunity to draft consensus language for a bill next session.

- Amendments to Bills: Several good amendments have been added to other bills. These bills are now in conference committees, which is a group of 5 Senators and 5 Representatives who decide which amendments to keep and which to strike. After they make a decision, they provide a conference committee report that must be passed by a simple majority of both chambers. If this happens, the conference committee report version goes to the Governor. We are currently monitoring several amendments, please act on the following action alerts (if you haven't already!) and feel free to forward them on: SB 1811 (Judicial Bypass Study, Homeless Housing and Services Program Funding, and Smoking Ban), HB 1286 (Access to UIL), and SB 1717 (Strengthen Judicial Bypass).

USCCB and CRS Chairmen Applaud Extension and Re-Designation of TPS to Haiti

WASHINGTON—Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, and Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, chairman of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), hailed the extension and re-designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haiti.

On May 17, the Obama Administration announced that it would extend TPS for another 18 months beginning July 23, 2011. The Administration also re-designated eligibility for TPS to those who arrived by January 12, 2011, a year after the January 12, 2010, earthquake.

TPS permits nationals of a designated nation to remain in the United States with legal status and work authorization for a specific time, until that nation recovers from conflict or natural disaster.

"I commend the action to re-designate TPS to Haiti," said Archbishop Gomez. "This action will permit those who entered the United States in the aftermath of a devastating natural disaster to remain and work to support their families."

"It is simply the right thing to do," he added. "It directly alleviates the suffering of Haitians and their families both in the United States and in Haiti. I congratulate

President Obama and Secretary Napolitano on this decision."

Bishop Kicanas stressed the importance of the TPS decision to the recovery in Haiti. "The re-designation of TPS to Haiti will preserve the flow of much-needed remittances to that stricken country," he said. "The remittances are vital to bolstering the fragile Haitian economy and supporting the national recovery," he added.

At the same time both chairmen lauded the TPS decision, they expressed concern about the recent resumption of deportations to Haiti on April 15, 2011. The deportations were suspended for three months following the death of one deportee from cholera contracted in a Haitian jail where he was held by the Haitian Government following deportation.

"We remain troubled by the resumption of deportations to Haiti at a time when the nation is ill-equipped to handle them," Bishop Kicanas said.

Haiti remains in crisis, with more than one million homeless and an ongoing cholera epidemic.

According to USCCB officials, Haitians who pose no threat to the community could be placed in alternatives to detention programs until Haiti is sufficiently recovered to receive and reintegrate them.

Texas Catholic Conference supports Strengthening Amendment to Religious Freedom Resolution

AUSTIN—The Catholic Bishops of Texas are supporting a May 11 amendment by Representative Scott Hochberg (D-Houston) to strengthen a House Joint Resolution regarding religious freedom (HJR 135). The amendment clarifies what action would constitute a breach of religious freedom and also broadens its applicability to all organizations, not solely religious organizations. If passed, the resolution will go to the Senate, and if passed through the Senate, it will be placed on the ballot for the next general election.

"It is vital that the legislature supports the right to the exercise of freedom, especially in moral and religious matters, because it is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person," stated the Texas Catholic Conference, the Bishops' policy arm, in a floor memo to the House members, referring to paragraph 1738 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "This right must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and public order."

In late March of this year, Cardinal



Father Justin Monaghan, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Joplin, Mo., hugs children May 24 outside what's left of the church, which was destroyed by the massive F-5 tornado that hit Joplin the evening of May 22. Father Monaghan found shelter in the bathtub of the rectory only seconds before the tornado brought the entire building down around him. (CNS photo/Emily Molinaro, *The Mirror*)

A statue of Mary stands outside the remains of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Joplin, Mo., May 24 after the church and school were destroyed by a monster tornado that struck the city May 22. As of early May 26, the number of those killed by the tornado totaled 125. (CNS photo/Emily Molinaro, *The Mirror*)

Tornado survivors in Joplin begin recovery, scene described as war zone

By Mason T. Beecroft
Catholic News Service

JOPLIN, Mo. (CNS)— The devastating scene left by the massive F-5 tornado that hit Joplin the evening of May 22 can best be described as apocalyptic.

The tornado cut a swath of destruction three-fourths of a mile wide and six miles long, claiming at least 125 lives with hundreds still missing. Nearly every building in its path was left in total ruin.

The powerful winds uprooted trees and tossed cars. They toppled bricks, bent steel, snapped power lines, sheared limbs and stripped bark off trees.

In a May 25 news conference for area faith leaders, Missouri Gov. Jeremiah Nixon, upon witnessing the catastrophic destruction at St. John's Regional Medical Center, described it as a war zone.

St. Mary's Catholic Church was in the storm's direct path. The sanctuary, elementary school, rectory, parish hall and the St. Vincent de Paul building -- the original church from 1938 -- were all leveled by the storm.

"Most people's emotions are still too raw for them to begin processing this catastrophic event," said Father Justin Monaghan, St. Mary's pastor. "I just want to tell them, 'Our prayers are with you and we will rejoin you in rebuilding, healing, and renewal in the midst of the pain you are all suffering.'"

Father Monaghan found shelter in the bathtub of the rectory only seconds before the tornado brought the entire building

down around him. He was trapped for hours, but parishioners eventually found him safe and dug him out of the ruins.

Parishioners retrieved the Blessed Sacrament from the church's shattered tabernacle. Only the large steel cross at what was the church's entrance remains, towering over the wreckage.

The priest said he has been overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from his parishioners. "I hope that I am reaching out to others as much as they have been reaching out to me."

"My faith has been strengthened by the amazing response of people in our parish and in the community. And to see the cross still standing reminds us what our mission is all about," he told the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic, the publication of the Diocese of Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa is about 100 miles southwest of Joplin, in the western Missouri Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. The city sits close to the state line bordering Kansas and Oklahoma.

As she brought lunch to fellow parishioners sifting through the rubble, Cassie Patrick was overcome by the extent of the destruction.

Surveying the wreckage in tears, she said, "It is really hard to see. I can't even wrap my head around it. I would have rather lost my house than this church. I know it is just a building, and we will rebuild, but all my kids have gone to school here and this church has kept my family together. I am just thankful that Father Monaghan is safe. I prayed for Father all night and was so worried."

For Patrick and other parishioners, however, the emotional toll of the physical destruction pales in comparison to the pain of the human suffering. Tragically, one woman in the parish lost her husband, 5-year-old daughter, and 2-year-old son in the storm. They were at Home Depot when the tornado razed the building. Steve Jones, St. Mary's principal, confirmed the deaths, but names will not be released until official notifications have been made.

Karen Drake, the first-grade teacher at St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School, standing next to all the parish's toppled buildings, said: "Our cross is still standing. I think that says a lot."



Boys hold a family photo showing their father, Fernando Quisar, one of 27 farmers brutally killed May 14 in Guatemala's northern Peten department. Three alleged members of the Mexican-based drug gang, Los Zetas, were arrested May 21 in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, in connection with the killings. The gang has a reputation for extreme brutality and has been blamed for several massacres in Mexico. (CNS photo/Rodrigo Arias, Reuters)

Guatemalan bishops call for prayer, action after massacre on farm

By Catholic News Service

FLORES, Guatemala (CNS) — Two Guatemalan bishops called for prayer and government action in the wake of the brutal slaying of 27 workers on a farm owned by an alleged drug kingpin in the country's northern Peten department.

"The Catholic Church cannot remain indifferent or silent in the face of the constant acts of violence that afflict our dear Peten, causing death and pain," Bishop Mario Fiandri of Peten wrote in a pastoral letter.

Most of the victims — men, women and several minors — were beheaded with machetes.

Bishop Fiandri's letter, dated May 18, called the massacre the "ultimate barbaric expression of a generalized situation of violence and insecurity." He said the Church shared "the suffering and tears of the victims' relatives."

Guatemalan media reports suggested that the May 14 mass killing was part of a battle between rival drug gangs.

Many of the victims were from the area around Los Amates in the neighboring Izabal department. They had traveled to Peten in search of work, said Izabal Bishop Gabriel Penate Rodriguez.

"The victims are poor farmers who went to Peten to try to earn a living on the large farms there. They went seeking life and found death -- a cruel death, committed with a brutality and barbarity that has no name," Bishop Penate wrote in a statement issued May 20.

"It is impossible to think that a human being would be capable of committing such an act," he wrote. "They are monsters who have degenerated their mentality so they can sow terror and achieve their macabre ends."

Bishop Penate called for "immediate intervention to protect us from these bands of criminal assassins who walk around with complete impunity and want to instill fear, so they can easily commit kidnappings and extortions."

Bishop Fiandri called for unity in the face of the violence and urged Catholics in Peten to wear white ribbons or display them on cars or in windows "as a sign of repudiation of evil and of hope in the triumph of good." He also announced a

"campaign of prayer for peace in Peten" in May.

The bishop called for an "exhaustive investigation" to identify the killers and bring them to justice and asked officials to ensure that the state of emergency declared in the region after the killings "be implemented in accordance with the law."

In his statement, Bishop Fiandri warned that "such a complex problem, with so many actors and causes" could not be addressed with "short-sighted or populist solutions" such as militarization or the death penalty.

"Illegality and impunity, corruption and political maneuvering, organized crime and drug trafficking, the violence rooted in the history of our people are real problems that must be addressed with deep and lasting solutions, through constructive dialogue and civic participation," he wrote. "We would like to see these solutions reflected in the proposals and programs of the various political parties as we approach the next elections," scheduled for September.

Three alleged members of the Mexican-based drug gang, Los Zetas, were arrested May 21 in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, in connection with the killing of the farm laborers. Officials have speculated that the workers were killed because the assailants could not find the farm owner, Otto Salguero, who is allegedly linked to the rival Gulf Cartel.

The three gang members, all Guatemalan, were arrested while trying to hang a banner with a message explaining the massacre.

"The war is not with the civilian population or the government, much less the press," the message said. "The war is against those who work with the Gulf (cartel). Otto Salguero is one of the most important suppliers of cocaine to the Gulf, and those who paid with their lives are employees of his who maintain his organization."

Catholic high school turned into shelter for tornado victims

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volunteering to help others. They just want to care for people when they need it. At times like this, it is easy to see the face of Jesus in both his suffering and compassion."

Father Friedel told the congregation at Mass: "Sometimes only tears, laughter and love can get us through our disasters. ... We are going to be OK. For us, losing our lives is not the end. This does not make light of the pain and suffering, but reminds us that God in Christ is in the middle of our lives. This disaster cannot win. Easter reminds us that Jesus will make all things right in the end."

If you suspect a child 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 of the time you suspect the child had been or may be abused or neglected.

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Pope Benedict XVI and astronauts at the International Space Station are seen on separate monitors at the Johnson Space Center in Houston May 21. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and others from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston were on hand at the space center to watch as the pope at the Vatican spoke with the astronauts via a video link. (CNS photo/courtesy of NASA)

Pope asks space explorers about science, peace, state of the earth

By Sarah Delaney
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI reached out to outer space to ask astronauts how their unique perspective from the frontier of the universe makes them think about difficult questions back on earth.

In a video hookup May 21 between the Vatican and the International Space Station (ISS) in orbit around the earth, Pope Benedict asked the astronauts how science can help in the pursuit of peace and the need to protect a fragile planet.

Seated at a desk in front of a video screen, the pope could see the 12 astronauts huddled before the camera and trying not to float away from lack of gravity inside the super technological space station. The group included space station crew and members of the final mission of the U.S. shuttle Endeavour.

The pope praised the space travelers for their courage and commitment, and reminded them that after their extraordinary experience, they "must eventually come back down to earth like all the rest of us."

His first question dealt with violence and war, and was addressed to the Endeavour mission commander, U.S. astronaut Mark Kelly, whose wife, Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, was still recovering after being critically injured in a shooting in January.

Acknowledging the attack and wishing her a full recovery, the pope said, "When you are contemplating earth from up there, do you ever wonder about the way nations and people live together down here, about how science can contribute to the cause of peace?"

Kelly said that because the space sta-

tion itself was up and running only as a result of the efforts of many countries, it was itself a good model for international cooperation. And because it is operated entirely on limitless solar power, he said, better development of that technology on earth could reduce the struggle over energy resources, which is the cause of much of the violence and war in the world now.

Pope Benedict noted that he often spoke of humanity's responsibility to protect the earth in an ethical manner, and to guarantee the survival of future generations. He asked Endeavour crew member Ron Garan what he could see on earth from his perch in space that needed attention.

Garan said that what was most evident is the fragility of earth and the atmosphere. "To think that this paper-thin layer is all that separates every living thing from the vacuum of space and is all that protects us, is a really sobering thought," he said.

Pope Benedict reminded Roberto Vittori, an Italian member of the Endeavour team, of the medallion decorated with the image of the creation of man, as painted by Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel, which the pope had given him before this mission. He asked Vittori if he remembered to pray while out in space.

Vittori let the weightless medallion float in front of the screen and said, "I do pray: for me, for our families, for our future." He added that the beauty of the earth from his extraordinary vantage point "is capturing my heart."

In Texas, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and a group of 40 others from the archdiocese were invited to Mission Control at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston to witness the historic conversation.

St. Mary's Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 12

St. Mary's Parish Hall
Hallettsville, Texas

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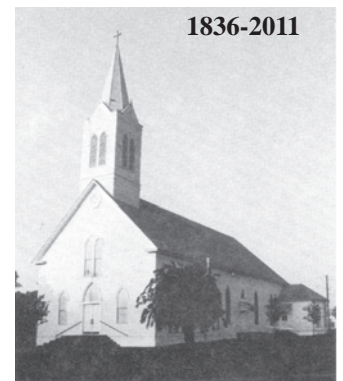


Games

Bingo • Ball Throw • Ring
Toss • Cake & Plant Walk
• Train Ride • Fish Pond
• Country Store w/Arts
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Music 10:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Texas Sound Czech (10:30-2)
Tony Janak (2-5:30)
Red Ravens (5:30-9)

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Mass 9:15 a.m.
Meal Begins at 10:30 a.m.
Featuring Special St. Mary's Stew &
Sausage & all the Trimmings
PLATES: Adult: \$7
Children: \$4 (dine-in only)
Dine-in or Drive-thru

Auction @ 1:00 p.m.



House passes No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3)

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The House has approved a bill that would make the Hyde Amendment permanent, limit tax deductions for the cost of an abortion and block other potential use of federal funds for any clinic or doctor who offers abortions.

The legislation is unlikely to reach a Senate vote and would likely be vetoed by President Barack Obama if it should pass. But supporters of the bill called for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., to bring the bill to the floor.

Co-sponsored by Reps. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL), the pro-life bill, H.R. 3, passed with bipartisan support by a vote of 251-175 on May 4. H. R. 3, titled the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, would make permanent the restrictions of the Hyde Amendment, prohibiting the use of federal funds for any abortion. The amendment currently must be renewed each year.

“By passing the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, the House has taken a decisive step toward protecting human life, reflecting the will of the American people,” said Deirdre McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, had written to Congress on January 21 urging support for H.R. 3, saying that it will “write into permanent law a policy on which there has been strong popular and congressional agreement for over 35 years: The federal government should not use taxpayers’ money to support and promote elective abortion. ... While Congress’s policy has been remarkably consistent for decades, implementation of that policy in practice has been piecemeal, confusing and sometimes sadly inadequate.”

“H.R. 3 also protects the civil rights of

health care providers who conscientiously object to involvement in abortion,” McQuade said. The bill updates and codifies the Weldon conscience protection amendment to Labor/HHS appropriations bills approved by Congress every year since 2004, ensuring that federal agencies and state and local governments receiving federal funds do not discriminate against health care providers that do not perform or provide abortions.

“Robust protection of conscience rights is essential for Americans’ access to life-saving health care,” McQuade said. “The great majority of doctors, nurses and hospitals do not perform elective abortions; Catholic health care, the largest and highest quality nonprofit health care network in the country, rejects all direct abortions. To penalize these providers or push them out of the system would cause great harm to patients most in need.”

H.R. 3 also would prohibit federal funds from being used to pay for any health insurance plan that includes abortion, as well as bar abortion from being offered at any federal or District of Columbia health care facility or by any individual employed by the federal government or the District of Columbia. The only exceptions in the legislation would be if the pregnancy results from rape or incest or if the woman suffers from a life-threatening condition related to the pregnancy.

In testimony to a House subcommittee about the bill in February, Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director of the secretariat, called H.R. 3 “a well-crafted and reasonable measure to maintain long-standing and widely supported policies against active government promotion of abortion.”

Cardinal DiNardo’s letter may be found at www.usccb.org/prolife/DiNardo-HR3.pdf, and USCCB testimony supporting H.R. 3 on February 8 is available at: www.usccb.org/prolife/HR3-testimony-2011-02-08.pdf.



Roman prelate prays in front of largest abortion facility in U.S.

HOUSTON—His Eminence, Cardinal Raymond Burke, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, was in Houston on May 8 - 9 to speak out against Planned Parenthood in Houston and to kneel in prayer outside of their new, late-term abortion Gulf Coast facility.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston and head of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the USCCB, joined Cardinal Burke on May 8 for a “Night for Life” gala, benefiting the Pro-life Apostolate of the Catholic Charismatic Center.

The presence of the two most prominent voices for the unborn in this country lent special significance to the gala and the message that was spoken regarding Planned Parenthood’s huge expansion in Houston, making it the abortion capital of the United States and the largest abortion facility in the Western Hemisphere. They commit an average of 28 abortions daily, six days a week, more than one-third of Houston’s daily average of 80 abortions —

this excludes all chemical abortions from abortifacient contraceptives, a number impossible to track.

On Monday, May 9, Cardinal Burke led a procession from the Catholic Charismatic Center to right outside the gates of Planned Parenthood at 4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, for a Prayer Vigil and the blessing of a mobile crisis pregnancy center (bus), which is operated by Houston Coalition for Life. In this center, which is parked several days a week next to Planned Parenthood, they offer free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds and Christian counseling to the women entering Houston’s Planned Parenthood.

Cardinal Burke is a man of great passion for the pro-life cause and is one of the highest-ranking U.S. bishops in the Church. His particular presence at this abortion facility was the most significant moment of official opposition of the abortion industry in America. The fact is, Planned Parenthood has made this expansion a unique, new effort to change the face of abortion facilities in this country.

Letter to the Editor

97.6 percent of Planned Parenthood’s pregnant clients receive abortions

This letter was written in response to The Victoria Advocate’s reprinting of a Houston Chronicle editorial (April 11) titled “State lawmakers shouldn’t cut Planned Parenthood.” The Victoria Advocate has refused to print this “Letter to the Editor” even when the Viewpoints Page Editor was shown that the facts come from Planned Parenthood’s own Web site.

Planned Parenthood (PP) is in the business of aborting children. PP’s founder, Margaret Sanger, had the goal of exterminating the “weeds” of society: the poor, the illiterate and colored populations. Her prime target, and that of her supporting cast of white elites, was the Negro. That enterprise has morphed into a two phased operation — using abortion to keep the targeted population in check and simultaneously sexualizing our young, resulting in unplanned pregnancies, exploited by PP to provide an unending source of abortion candidates.

Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King Jr. calls the racial policy of PP “black genocide” and “womb lynching.” PP’s illegal activity has been video taped by Hanna Giles, James O’Keefe and Lila Rose, young pro-lifers who secretly taped PP personnel agreeing to confidentially provide abortions for victims of statutory rape, and advising how the abuse could continue without detection. Sex traffickers of minors also received advice on how to access their services confidentially.

Your (The Victoria Advocate’s) guest

editorial of April 18, 2011, touting the wonderful services PP provides, says that abortions are only 3 percent of their activity. Really?

Look at a hospital stay billing statement. Note how services rendered, however minor, are individually listed. It’s called unbundling. Likewise, abortion is given the same numerical weight as numerous minor activities, like offering a package of condoms. One abortion plus one package equals two activities.

Here are facts your guest overlooked. PP’s 2009 facts sheet lists pregnant clients seen as 340,276. Of these pregnancies, 332,278 were aborted; the rest got prenatal care and adoption referrals. That’s a 97.6 percent abortion rate (for services to pregnant women).

PP gets 360 million federal dollars annually, generates approximately \$300 million from sales (contraceptions, etc.) and another \$300 million from individuals and corporations. Your editorial quotes the Guttmacher Institute, PP’s research arm, that “without public funded family planning services, abortion rates would be nearly two thirds higher.” How does not publicly funding an activity increase it? By that logic, removing PP’s tax-exempt status would also increase abortions.

President Barack Obama has vowed to veto any bill de-funding Planned Parenthood. “Womb Lynching” has as its champion a black president. Margaret Sanger would be proud.

Sam Valdivia, Victoria

Bishops to Congress: At a Time of Painful Budget Cuts, Defunding Planned Parenthood ‘Not One of Those Hard Choices’

WASHINGTON—In an April 13 letter to the U.S. House of Representatives, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston urged Congress to vote for a resolution to ban federal funding of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. In the midst of a budget debate involving shared sacrifice and hard choices, Cardinal DiNardo wrote, “Whether to fund the largest abortion network in the country is not one of those hard choices.”

Cardinal DiNardo is chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Cardinal DiNardo cited a March 4 letter to Congress from Bishop Stephen E. Blaize of Stockton, California, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, which expressed the hope that “funds now provided to organizations that perform abortions... will be redirected to meeting the basic needs of the poor.”

Cardinal DiNardo offered additional reasons for supporting H. Con. Res. 36:

“First, it is indisputable that Planned Parenthood Federation of America is by far the largest provider and promoter of abortions nationwide, performing about a third of all abortions (332,278 abortions in Fiscal Year 2008-9). Abortions also account for over a third of Planned Parenthood’s income. The organization has aborted over 5 million unborn children since 1970.”

“Second, the organization’s involvement in abortion (now including chemical abortions using RU-486) has substantially increased in recent years, and its provision of other services such as prenatal care and adoption referrals has declined markedly.

Now the national organization insists that all affiliates provide abortions by 2013, a mandatory policy that has led at least one affiliate to leave the organization.”

“Third, the organization has led numerous legislative campaigns and litigation strategies to oppose any meaningful limits on abortion, including modest measures such as public funding bans, informed consent provisions, and parental notice requirements for abortions on unemancipated minors. One of Planned Parenthood’s legislative priorities is to oppose conscience clauses (which it calls “refusal clauses”), so that hospitals, physicians and nurses will not be allowed to serve the health care needs of women without taking part in abortion.”

Cardinal DiNardo wrote that some, in an effort to divert the discussion away from abortion, have tried to make the debate about women’s access to basic health care. He noted that Catholic and other religiously affiliated health care providers generally do provide mammograms, prenatal and maternity care for women, while Planned Parenthood does not.

“To the extent that Planned Parenthood does provide any legitimate health services for women, however, those services can be provided by others, since H. Con. Res. 36 does not reduce funding for services by one cent,” Cardinal DiNardo wrote. “Therefore the question at issue here is: When low-income women need these legitimate health care services, should the federal government insist that they receive them from the local abortion provider?”

The full text of Cardinal DiNardo’s letter is available online: www.usccb.org/prolife/DiNardo-HR1473.pdf



Special Collection Peter's Pence (Collection for the Holy Father) — June 26 Ongoing Events

Grief Group — Have you experienced the death of a loved one? Join us in this on-going grief group on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at Holy Family Church in Victoria. Please call Sharon at (361) 578-7572 before attending.

Gabriel Project—a ministry providing help to pregnant women in a crisis pregnancy — an alternative to abortion — holds monthly meetings open to everyone interested. Meetings, including a light supper, are held in Victoria the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 101 W. Convent, behind St. Mary's Catholic Church, at 6:30 p.m. An Angel Workshop is held at the same location the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or Linda at 655-3008 for more information. Meetings are held in Wharton the 4th Tuesday of each month at Holy Family Church in Wharton (2011 Briar Lane) at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call (979) 532-3593 M-F, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Catholic Family Services—For a listing of e-mail addresses and Web sites of Catholic organizations that focus on the family from marriage preparation to marriage enrichment, fatherhood, parenting, healing, bereavement, separated or divorced, and widowed, please go to the Catholic Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers at <http://www.nacflm.org/>

St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity/Secular Franciscans—For more information, please go to their Web site at www.lostrescompaneros-sfo.org. For meeting dates, please call Mary Ann LeBlanc at (361) 575-1858.

Marriage Encounter—The Marriage Encounter Weekend is open to married couples, Catholic and non-Catholic. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to make good marriages even better. For more information, see www.wvme.org; or for upcoming weekends, please contact Milton and Diane Rejcek at (979) 245-0323 or at: register@mevictoria.org.

Retrouvaille — The word Retrouvaille means 'rediscovery.' Retrouvaille is a program that offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Go to <http://www.retrouvaille.org> for more information, or to register for the Aug. 19 weekend Victoria Retrouvaille, please go to: <http://www.retrouvaille.org/dates.php> or contact Gerd and Linda Conner at lbconner@sbcglobal.net, (979) 543-3493. Other contacts are at (800) 470-2230 and www.helpourmarriage.org

The Beginning Experience—The Beginning Experience is an international ministry that helps divorced, separated and widowed individuals resolve their grief surrounding the loss of a marriage partner. It is a ministry of the San Antonio Archdiocese Family Life Office. For more information, go to their Web site: www.beginningexperience.org; e-mail: sanantoniobe@yahoo.com; phone: (210) 734-2146.

Natural Family Planning—For information about the Symptothermal Method in the Victoria area, contact David and Annie Coffey at victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com. Summer classes begin July 10; see page 8 for information.

Goliad—Presidio La Bahia Museum and Visitor Center — a National Historic Landmark — is the only Spanish fort in the possession of the Catholic Church in North America. A tour program is available to groups. The Presidio is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is closed on major holidays. Admission is \$4 (ages 12-59); \$3.50 for 60 and older and military personnel and \$1 (ages 6-11), with children five and younger admitted free. Group rates are available with advance reservations. A re-enactment will be available for school groups with advance reservations. The fort is handicapped accessible. For more information call (361) 645-3752 or see the Web site at www.presidiolabahia.org.

Engaged Encounter—Register as soon as you have contacted your pastor due to limited space. *It is strongly recommended that you attend an encounter weekend four to six months prior to your wedding date.* For a registration form, contact your pastor, visit the Web site at www.victoriadiocese.org/family/ee.htm, or write to: Engaged Encounter, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, Texas 77903. The weekend is held at the Spiritual Renewal Center. The dates for 2011 are: Sept. 9-11 and Nov. 11-13. For more info., call (361) 573-0828 ext. 2230. All registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form.

Picnics, Activities, etc. June

Flatonja—Sacred Heart Spring Picnic June 5 serving fried-chicken and stew dinner starting at 11:30 a.m. There will be games, music, auction and much more throughout the day. For more information contact the parish office at (361) 865-3568.

Port Lavaca—Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2267 from Our Lady of the Gulf is hosting their annual games party from 1:30-5:30 p.m. on June 5 at St. Jude's Hall (415 W. Austin St.) across from the church. For table reservations, call (361) 552-6844, (361) 552-3233 or (361) 987-2387.

East Bernard—Annual Czech Kolache-Klobase Festival June 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Riverside Hall sponsored by KJT Society No. 40. Admission is \$7 p/p and children 12 and under free. Entertainment indoors and under pavilion with water fan cooled comfort. Sausage and barbecue-chicken plate lunches available starting at 11:00 a.m. Hamburgers and sausage sandwiches available in the afternoon. Arts/crafts, kiddie games, cakewalk and more family fun. For more information go to www.kkfest.com or call (979) 335-7907.

Bay City—Our Lady of Guadalupe Annual Jamaica/Bazaar June 12 held on church grounds (Avenue D & 12th Street) from 11:00 a.m. to dark. Fun for all ages: live music, children's games and rides, children's ferris wheel, cakewalk and more; food booths (some open at 9:00 a.m.), Mexican food and more. Bring your chair and enjoy the day!!!!

St. Mary—St. Mary Parish Picnic June 12 at the parish hall (1648 FM 340). Mass will be celebrated at the church at 9:15 a.m. A stew and sausage dinner begins at 10:30 a.m. at \$7 p/p with dine-in or drive-thru available. There will be games, plants, cakewalk, train ride and country store. Hamburgers will be sold in the afternoon. Auction begins at 1:00 p.m. Dance to live music from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Texas Sound Czech, Tony Janak and Red Ravens.

Schulenburg—St. Rose of Lima will hold its annual parish picnic on June 12 at KC Hall. Masses will be held Sunday at 7:30 and 10 a.m. and 12:00 noon (Spanish). A meal featuring fried-chicken, sausage and all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the KC Hall. Adult plates \$7.50 p/p, children under 12, \$4.00 p/p. Drive-through adult plates will be available. Hamburgers, iced tea and other food and refreshments will be served all afternoon and evening. The biergarten will open at noon. The Shiner Hobo Band will be featured from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 1:30-3:30 p.m. (outside); Mark Halata and Texavia will play from 4-8 p.m. in the hall. One of the highlights of the picnic will be the big auction starting at 12:30 p.m. featuring cattle, quilts, antiques and much more. Other activities at this year's picnic will include bingo in the hall, as well as amusements and games, including a country store, cakewalk, country walk, rides for children, and pull tab bingo. The sweepstakes drawing will be at 8 p.m.

El Campo—Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Exemplification Saturday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m. honoring S K Most Rev. David Fellhauer, bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, at St. Philip Church. Any 3rd degree KC member interested contact Gerry Mikeska for more information at (979) 541-3502 or e-mail to gmikeska@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

St. John—St. John Annual Parish 4th of July Picnic on the parish grounds (7026 FM 957 - 6 miles SW of Schulenburg). Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by flag-raising ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. A stew and fried-chicken dinner begins at 10:30 a.m. More information to come.

Dubina—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Picnic July 3 beginning with a fried-chicken and sausage dinner at 11:00 a.m. at \$8 p/p adult and \$4 child's plate. There will be music day and night with Shiner Hobos from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. followed by Mark Halata and Texavia and Ennis Czech Boys with free dance under the pavilion. There will be games, auction at 1:30 p.m., tractor show and much more.

Moravia—Ascension of Our Lord Parish Picnic July 17 (located at FM 957 and FM 532) with Mass at 10:00 a.m. A stew and fried-chicken dinner begins at 11:00 a.m. at \$7 p/p for adults and plates-to-go and \$4 for children. There will be a country store, toy walk, dunking booth and cakewalk along with much more. Auction starts at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments and food available throughout the day. Music by the Ennis Czech Boys and Texas Sound Check.

Frelsburg—Sts. Peter and Paul Annual Festival Aug. 7

Yoakum—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Aug. 7

Palacios—St. Anthony Shrimporee Aug. 7

Weimar—St. Michael Harvest Feast Aug. 14

Praha—St. Mary Parish Picnic Aug. 15

High Hill—St. Mary Picnic Sept. 4

Cuero—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 4

Shiner—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Picnic Sept. 4

Hallettsville—Sacred Heart Festival Sept. 4

Nada—St. Mary Picnic Sept. 4

Vanderbilt—St. John Bosco Parish Picnic Sept. 4

Masses • Retreats • Conferences

Port Lavaca—The Pan de Vida prayer group from Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church invites you to a charismatic conference and Mass with Father Jacinto Olguin and Father Michael de Leon Saturday, June 18. Praise and Worship service will be held Friday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. Conference and Mass will be in the Spanish language only. For more information please see Spanish notice or contact Mr. Joe Carreon (361) 649-5328.

Indiana—Summer Camps will be offered by the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana - Camp is for girls who will have completed 5-8th grade. 5-6th grade Camp is June 13-15 and 7-8th grade Camp is June 16-18. These camps take place outdoors, including campfires, games, crafts and sleeping in tents. Registration opened March 15. Camp size limited. Register online at www.thedome.org/vocations or e-mail Sister Michelle at vocation@thedome.org. A valid e-mail address is required.

Dallas—The 14th annual multi-denominational Dallas Benedictine Monastic Experience will take place at The Catholic Conference and Formation Center in Dallas from Wednesday, June 22, to Sunday, June 26, 2011. This monastic retreat is presented by The Friends of St. Benedict, Washington, D.C. and is open to both men and women, laity and clergy of all denominations. To register, please contact: dallasbenedictine@yahoo.com or call 214-339-8483 (10 a.m. -10 p.m.)

Noticias en Español

Port Lavaca—El Grupo de Oración Pan de Vida de la Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Golfo les invita a una conferencia y misa carismática con el Padre Jacinto Olguin y el Padre Michael de León. Adoración y Alabanzas a viernes, 17 de junio, a las 6:30 p.m., Parroquia Nuestra Señora del Golfo, 301 S. San Antonio; Conferencia Carismática, sábado, 18 de junio, en el Salón VFW (Hwy 238); registraciones a las 7 a.m.; conferencia principia a las 9 a.m. (no se permite menores de 10 años); Misa carismática de sanación a 7:00 p.m. a Parroquia Nuestra Señora del Golfo. Para más información, favor de llamar al Sr. Joe Carreon (361) 649-5328

for more information.

Victoria—KJZT #101 Living & Deceased Members Mass Aug. 14 at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral. Breakfast at cafeteria following Mass.

Victoria—Holy Family Church is sponsoring a Women's ACTS Retreat on Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 at the diocesan retreat center. For more information, call Peggy Smith at (361) 578-6440 or Greta Sievers at (361) 574-1166 or Laura Morgan at (361) 578-9074.

Bay City—Weekly Men's Group, "That Man is You! ~ A Light to the Nations," meets at Holy Cross School cafeteria each Friday morning beginning with breakfast at 5:45 a.m. and ending by 7:10 a.m. All men are welcome. That Man is You! is transforming men, families and society as it presents the vision of man fully alive! Combining the teachings of the Church and wisdom of the saints with the best research from modern science in an interactive, multimedia format, That Man is You! puts this vision within the grasp of every man (www.thatmanisyou.org). Questions? Call Mike Allison at (979) 479-1370 or Allen Green at (979) 245-2598.

Victoria—Missing something in your life? Do you need an uplifting experience? Why not try some PRAISE and WORSHIP. Come join Incarnate Word Prayer Group on Monday nights from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Incarnate Word Auditorium. For more information call Paula at (361) 575-7120 or Sr. Louise Marie at (361) 575-7111.

Victoria—Healing Mass and Prayer at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 105 N. William St., on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. with Father Phi Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS Convent. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, please contact Sister Louise Marie Jones at ivb-svoc2@yahoo.com.

Tivoli—Our Lady of Guadalupe Church invites you to a Healing Mass and Prayer Service every First Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now for next month. Mass is followed by praise and worship/adoration, healing prayers, praying over, etc. Counseling available. Please come; bring your family and friends; and experience the healing touch of the Lord! For more information, please contact Rev. Gabriel P. Coelho at (361) 286-3349.

ACTS Retreats—For information on ACTS retreats, please go to ACTS Web site at www.actsmiissions.org. For more information about the ACTS community movement in the El Campo Deanery, to download an upcoming ACTS retreat application, or to submit/view the prayer requests across the El Campo Deanery, please visit their site at <http://ecdeaneryacts.org/>.

Pilgrimages, Tours, etc.

USA Heritage 10-day Pilgrimage—Aug. 2011 visit Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Ground Zero, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Amish Country and more. For more information call Betty Urbanovsky at (979) 543-2333 or burbanovsky@sbcglobal.net.

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Alyssa Adames, Braelyn Bianchi, Allie Blain, Ryan Burrows, Brandy Chamrad, Michaela Dentler, Sarah Dodson, Brice Driver, Travis Drost, Bruce Eaves, MaryBeth Ellis, Angelita Estraca, Erika Ganauer, Austin Greene, Rahul Hingoranee, Samuel Howard, Carson Kabela, Kensey Marshall, Megan Marthiljohni, Braxton Mayfield, Richard McLeon, Nahil Motiwala, Evan Murphy, Gabriella Perez, Dylan Pollard, Shana Sauer, Madeline Schaar, Alex Sigtenhorst, Clara Smejkal, Amanda Sohrt, Samuel Stein, Richard Streeter, Nicholas Vallejo, Shelbie Van Beveren, Kelley Wood and Valeska Aguirre (foreign exchange student honorary graduate)

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St. Michael School, Weimar

8th Graders:

Drew Adamcik, Bailey Cernosek, Clay Harmon, Lane Hasse, Todd Heger, Jacob Horton, Michael Mason, Macey Moeckel, Diego Ortiz, Hayden Sestak and Shelby Vacek

Diocese of Victoria Catholic High School's 2011 Top Graduates

St. Joseph High Victoria



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Valedictorian
Parents:
Jay & Mary Kasper



Aimee Fries
Salutatorian
Parents:
Gary & Susan Fries



Ansel Hoang
Historian
Parents:
Paul Hoang & Lucy Nguyen



St. Joseph School, Yoakum

8th Graders:

Becca Bittick, Taylor Davis, Lindsey Dekowski, Trey Elizondo, Destiny Garza, Faith Hagan, McKenzie Heller, Morgan Hull, Claire Spaeth, Brendan Villa and Clayton Wenske

Sacred Heart High Hallettsville



Hannah Smith
Valedictorian
Parents:
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Parents:
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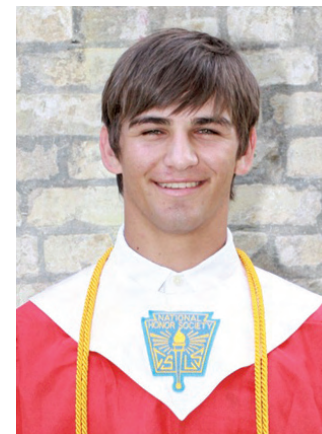


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Co-Historian
Parents:
James & Monica Vanek

St. Paul High Shiner



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Valedictorian
Parents:
Drs. Tim & Donna Wagner



Devin Pesek
Salutatorian
Parents:
Darryl & Lynette Pesek



Kyle Wallace
Historian
Parents:
John & Brenda Wallace

Graduation Blessing:

Dear Lord,
The life that you have given us has many stages. Please bless these young people today, as they leave one stage of life and begin another. Guide them as they finish this chapter in the story you have written for them, and begin a new one, written on a fresh page. Help them to make the right choices, Lord. May they always remember that past choices need not sully a bright future, nor good choices in the past ensure that tomorrow will be care-free and easy. Most of all, remind them, Lord, that no one's story is fully lived unless you are allowed to be its one, true author by those who live it. Amen.

God Bless All 2011 Graduates