

# The Catholic Lighthouse

The Cradle of Texas Immigration



VOL. 25, NO. 6

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS

October 2011

## Texas Wildfires destroy lives and homes

By Cynthia Brewer

The wildfire that started on Labor Day Weekend and swept through Bastrop, a city in the Diocese of Austin, claimed the lives of four people, destroyed 1,600 homes and blackened about 45-square miles, making it Texas' most destructive fire.

Catholic Charities of Central Texas is accepting donations of gift cards and monetary donations to assist victims of the wildfire. Donations can be made online at <http://www.austindiocese.org> or mailed to Catholic Charities, 1817 E. Sixth Street, Austin, TX, 78702-2703. Both Catholic Charities and the Red Cross are assisting the victims of all of the other areas affected by fires as well.

During the same time period, another wildfire blazed in Mentz, Texas, destroying 11 homes and coming very close to St. Roch Catholic Church. St. Roch's was being used as the fire command station until the fire got too close.

Of the 11 homes that burnt, three were owned or rented by St. Roch parishioners.

"We've been in touch with them (the residents)," said Father Wayne Flagg, pastor of St. Roch in Mentz and Sts. Peter & Paul in Frelsburg, "none of them need anything; they all say they're doing well. All of them have faith and say 'It's just

See Texas Wildfires, p. 7



An aerial view of Angel Lake, near the community of Mentz, Texas, shows wildfire damage, which destroyed 11 homes in the community, three of which were homes of parishioners of St. Roch Parish in Mentz. Father Wayne Flagg, pastor of parishes in Mentz and Frelsburg; Deacon Doug Tromblee and Deacon Chuck Glynn assisted the volunteer fire department on this wildfire. In this photo smoke from many fires can be seen. (Photo by Deacon Chuck Glynn)

## In This Issue ...

- Obituaries of Religious, p. 3
- Seminarian News, pp. 4-5
- Engaged Encounter presenters lose house to Bastrop fire, p. 6
- Protect children's health in fire aftermath, p. 6
- Shoes for IWBS Mission, p. 9
- October is Respect Life Month, p. 12
- Column by Bossert on Roman Missal, p. 14
- Religious Liberty Concerns, p. 17
- Books to provide comfort and healing, p. 20

## Life issues, disdain for religion linked in Respect Life Month message

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — "Increasing attempts to expunge God and religious discourse from public life" are contributing to a growing disrespect for the unique status of human beings, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo said in a message for Respect Life Month in October.

In a statement made public Sept. 26, the archbishop of Galveston-Houston and chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities linked respect for life to recent moves to silence the voice of people motivated by faith.

Cardinal DiNardo noted that the theme for the 2011-2012 Respect Life program, now in its 40th year, was taken from Jesus' promise in the 10th chapter of John: "I came so that all might have life and have it to the full."

"Jesus' promise of 'life to the full' is especially poignant today, when our culture and sometimes our government promote values inimical to the happiness and true good of individuals and society," he said.

"Viewing life as a 'zero-sum' game, in which advancing one's interests requires putting aside the needs of others, can lead

See Life issues, p. 18

## The Catholic Lighthouse Wins National Award

The Catholic Lighthouse received a national award at the 2011 Catholic Media Convention, which was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., this year.

The newspaper won *The Propagation of the Faith 2011 Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Award* - Honorable Mention, under Diocesan Newspaper category - Interviews with Missionaries - for the story, "Sister Rebecca: Kenyan Daktari Ya Watu, Wanyama Na Mtu Ya Duka" (Sister Rebecca: Kenyan Doctor, Veterinarian and Shopkeeper).

Sister Rebecca Janacek, IWBS, of Victoria, has been a missionary in Kenya, Africa, since 1987.

Cynthia Brewer, editor, wrote the story; Regina Matus-Janak created the layout of the story; and Sister Laura Toman, IWBS, and Sister Rebecca provided the photos.

The story was published in the August 2010 paper and can be seen on the diocesan Web site at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org), on *The Catholic Lighthouse* page under *The Catholic Lighthouse On-line* title.

World Mission Sunday, which will be held this year on Oct. 23, is organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith was founded in Lyons, France, in 1822 by a young French laywoman, Pauline Jaricot. Inspired by stories she heard about missionary work in China, she felt

called by the Lord to help the Catholic Church's worldwide missionary work. Pauline herself never traveled to the Missions, which, during her lifetime, consisted of the Missions in China — and young dioceses in the United States. Pauline gathered friends and workers in a family silk mill into "circles of ten," asking each person to pray daily for the Missions and sacrifice a penny-a-week (at that time, quite a large sacrifice!). From this idea emerged the Propagation of the Faith.

Today the General Fund of the Propagation of the Faith, which gathers gifts from Catholics all over the world — a concept that originated with Pauline Jaricot and her desire to help all the world's missions — is the basic means of support for the Catholic Church's worldwide Missions.

The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Sunday is available on the Vatican Web site.

Resources for celebrating World Mission Sunday in your parish or school are now available. Go to *The Catholic Lighthouse* page at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) and click on October issue, go to p. 1 and then click on URL to download these resources; or go to <http://www.one-familyinmission.org/society-propfaith/world-mission-sunday.html>

Please be generous on World Mission Sunday, October 23.



## Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

### October

- 4** 10:27 a.m., Mass, St. Joseph High School, Victoria  
Diocesan Clergy Day
- 8** 10:30 a.m., Mass, Deacons' retreat, Spiritual Renewal Center
- 10-13** Canon Law Society of America Convention, Jacksonville, Florida
- 15** 12 Noon, Vietnamese Dominican Sisters, Lunch with the Bishop, Victoria
- 18** 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Tribunal Study Day, Holy Family Education Building, Victoria  
6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus 1329 Awards Banquet, Knights of Columbus Hall, Victoria
- 22-23** Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Meeting and Investiture, San Antonio, Texas
- 27** 6:00 p.m., Mass, Serra Club Deacons' Dinner, Holy Family Church, Victoria
- 28** 2:00 p.m., Sacrament of Penance, ACTS retreat, Stevenson Detention Unit, Cuero
- 29** 8:00 a.m., Mass, Stevenson Detention Unit, Cuero

### November

- 1** 8:15 a.m., Mass, Nazareth Academy, Victoria
- 6** 9:30 a.m., Mass, Veterans Day, St. Mary Church, Praha
- 7** 5:00 p.m., Liturgical Commission meeting, Chancery Office
- 9** 10:00 a.m., Diocesan Presbyteral Council, Chancery Office

*Official Appointments By  
Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer*

Effective September 13, 2011, the **Rev. Dan Morales** is appointed Associate Chaplain to the Serra Club of Victoria.

Effective September 21, 2011, the **Rev. Peter Dery** is appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Port Lavaca, and its mission churches.

Effective September 21, 2011, **Deacon Linard Harper** is released from his diaconal assignment at St. Joseph Church, Yoakum, and assigned to Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville, and its mission churches.



### ~New E-mail Address~

To send local stories, photos or festival announcements, please use *The Catholic Lighthouse's* new e-mail address: [Lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:Lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org). Thank you!

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE® (All Periodicals Publications Except Requester Publications)		
1. Publication Title The Catholic Lighthouse	2. Publication Number 0 0 1 1 0 1 5	3. Filing Date Sept. 27, 2011
4. Issue Frequency Monthly	5. Number of Issues Published Annually 12	6. Annual Subscription Price \$7 within diocese \$10 outside diocese
7. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Not printer) (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®) 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX 77901		
8. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer) Same as above		
9. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank) Publisher (Name and complete mailing address) Bishop David E. Fellhauer, 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX 77901 Editor (Name and complete mailing address) Cynthia Brewer, 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX 77901 Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address) Cynthia Brewer, same as above		
10. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by the names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.) Full Name Diocese of Victoria Complete Mailing Address 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX 77901		
11. Known Bondholders, Mortgagees, and Other Security Holders Owning or Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Bonds, Mortgages, or Other Securities. If none, check box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Full Name Complete Mailing Address		
12. Tax Status (For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates) (Check one) The purpose, function, and nonprofit status of this organization and the exempt status for federal income tax purposes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months <input type="checkbox"/> Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (Publisher must submit explanation of change with this statement) PS Form 3526, September 2007 (Page 1 of 3) (Instructions Page 3) PSN 7530-01-000-9031 PRIVACY NOTICE: See our privacy policy on www.usps.com		

13. Publication Title The Catholic Lighthouse		14. Issue Date for Circulation Data Below September 2011	
15. Extent and Nature of Circulation		Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to Filing Date
a. Total Number of Copies (Net press run)		19,600	19,600
(1)	Mailed Outside-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	18,894	18,907
(2)	Mailed In-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)		
(3)	Paid Distribution Outside the Mails Including Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales, and Other Paid Distribution Outside USPS®		
(4)	Paid Distribution by Other Classes of Mail Through the USPS (e.g. First-Class Mail®)		
c. Total Paid Distribution (Sum of 15b (1), (2), (3), and (4))		18,894	18,966
(1)	Free or Nominal Rate Outside-County Copies Included on PS Form 3541		
(2)	Free or Nominal Rate In-County Copies Included on PS Form 3541		
(3)	Free or Nominal Rate Copies Mailed at Other Classes Through the USPS (e.g. First-Class Mail)		
(4)	Free or Nominal Rate Distribution Outside the Mail (Carriers or other means)	208	225
e. Total Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (Sum of 15d (1), (2), (3) and (4))		208	225
f. Total Distribution (Sum of 15c and 15e)		19,102	19,191
g. Copies not Distributed (See Instructions to Publishers #4 (page #3))		498	468
h. Total (Sum of 15f and g)		19,600	19,600
i. Percent Paid (15c divided by 15f times 100)		.992	.995
16. Publication of Statement of Ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the publication is a general publication, publication of this statement is required. Will be printed in the <u>Oct. 2011</u> issue of this publication. <input type="checkbox"/> Publication not required.			
17. Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner Cynthia E Brewer 9-27-11			

## Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

I have to commend you for running the series of articles – “Poisoned by the Pill: Truths about Chemical Contraception”. It is so ironic that it's illegal for a boy to take a steroid but they give the girls the steroid birth control pills.

The series is very educational and gives people the information necessary to understand and discuss the issues. I hope everyone will take time to read and understand why this is such a disastrous experiment on the American society and world.

Sincerely,  
Wm. Paul Tasin  
Victoria

See series on p.13 of this issue.



A shelf displays canned goods at St. Vincent De Paul house in Victoria.

## Large food collection for SVdP, just the beginning of donations to come

By Cynthia Brewer

Because the Victoria Food Bank is so low on food at this time, Our Lady of Victory St. Vincent De Paul Society (SVdP) requested a nonperishable food collection from parishioners this past month.

Since Our Lady of Victory SVdP Society assists those who live in the parishes of both Our Lady of Victory and Holy Family in Victoria, the society asked the respective pastors, Msgr. Michael Harrold and Father Bob Knippenberg, if they would make an appeal at their Sunday, Sept. 4, Mass. Without even a chance to put a notice in the church bulletins, the response from the two parishes was so positive that the collection went on for an additional three weekends. So much food was collected that Our Lady of Victory SVdP is now well equipped to help hungry families for some time.

“Needless to say, we at St. Vincent de Paul were totally impressed with the response we received,” said SVdP volunteer Robert Easterling.

As a holiday project, the staff at the chancery office of the Diocese of Victoria will also hold a food drive and a garage sale November 19 for the benefit of all the SVdP societies in Victoria (St. Mary's, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Our Lady of Victory). All food/toiletry items and proceeds from the garage sale will be donated to the SVdP societies.

Non perishable foods (including manual can openers) and toiletries may be dropped off at the chancery building from Nov. 7 – 19, and items for the garage sale may be brought to the chancery building from Nov. 16 to 18. Large items (sofas, beds, etc.) will be accepted only on Friday, Nov. 18, due to lack of storage space. This garage sale will not be selling clothing, so please do not drop off clothing. Monetary donations will be accepted.

Please consider donating items to help make this one of the largest holiday garage sales of its kind. Please call Mrs. Janie Carrales in the Office of Catholic Schools if you have questions (361 573-0828 ext. 2213).

More information to follow in the November issue of *The Catholic Lighthouse*.

## DSA & Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign Updates

### 2011 DSA

Diocesan Goal:	\$ 1,471,384.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$ 639,204.23
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$ 593,598.73
Number of Parish Families Participating:	3,471

### Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign

Diocesan Goal:	\$ 9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$ 12,947,561.82
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$ 9,583,937.15
Number of Parish Families Participating:	6,767

**Please Support Those Who Advertise in  
“The Catholic Lighthouse”!**

**The Catholic Lighthouse**  
The Cradle of Texas Immigration

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS

Published monthly at 1505 E. Mesquite Lane — Victoria, TX 77901  
(361) 573-0828 — FAX (361) 573-5725 — [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)

**Publisher**  
The Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer

**Editor**  
Cynthia Brewer — e-mail: [cbrewer@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:cbrewer@victoriadiocese.org)

**Production/Advertising**  
Regina Matus-Janak — e-mail: [janakr@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:janakr@victoriadiocese.org)

E-mail local stories, photos or festival announcements to [Lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:Lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org)

Subscription Price Per Year Is \$7/\$10 outside the diocese  
**Periodical postage paid at Victoria, Texas, USPS-001015 (ISSN 0894-7740)**  
**POSTMASTER: Send address changes to**  
**The Catholic Lighthouse - P.O. Box 4070 - Victoria, Texas 77903**

**Advertising:** *The Catholic Lighthouse* cannot be held liable, or in any way responsible for the content of any advertisement appearing within these pages. All claims, offers, guarantees, statements, etc., made by *The Catholic Lighthouse* advertisers are solely the responsibility of the advertiser. Deceptive or misleading advertising is never knowingly accepted. Complaints regarding advertising should be made directly to the advertiser or the Better Business Bureau.  
**DEADLINE IS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE PRECEDING MONTH.**



## In Memory of ...

### Deacon Arthur R. "Dick" Wearden

Deacon Arthur R. "Dick" Wearden, 84, of Victoria, passed away on Sept. 12, 2011. He was born Oct. 2, 1926, in Victoria to the late Arthur and Clara Fisson Wearden.



First and foremost, Dick will be remembered as a loving and caring husband and father. He was a lifelong resident of his beloved Victoria. His life was principled upon his love of church and a spirit of community. His actions and personality endeared him to many. He will be greatly missed.

After graduating from St. Joseph High School, Dick completed his education at the University of Dayton with a Bachelor of Education degree and was Master's Prepared in Social Work at the Worden School of Social Work, San Antonio. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was a 4th Degree in the Knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and an Associate of the Incarnate Word Convent.

Dick was ordained to the diaconate on Aug. 15, 1987. He served as the Spiritual Advisor to Catholic Daughters Court of St. Ann, to St. Mary's Altar Society, and to St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was Trustee Emeritus of the St. Joseph High School Board and a member of the Serra Club.

He worked for the State of Texas as a supervisor for Child Protective Services and as the business manager for the Diocese of Victoria.

In April 2005, he was honored with the Papal Blessing from Pope John Paul II awarding him the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice." When he retired in 2005 from the Diocese of Victoria, he received a Proclamation from the County of Victoria thanking him for his dedicated service.

In his "retirement," he was the owner

and manager of The Inn on Main. He was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and served as a deacon for many years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Theresa Wearden of Victoria; daughter, Mary E. Wearden, M.D. of San Antonio and husband, Mark G. Welborn, M.D.; son, James A. Wearden of Victoria; grandchildren, Matthew and Macartney Welborn; son-in-law, Jeff Hampton of Dallas; and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Debra Wearden Hampton.

The rosary was recited by Sister Emiliana and Sister Evelyn of Incarnate Word Convent Sept. 15 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 16 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer officiating, assisted by Deacon Jim Koenig and Father Joseph Hybner, homilist. Music for the Mass was provided by the Sisters of Incarnate Word Convent with Sister Mary Virginia, organist. Entombment followed at Resurrection Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Kutchka, Charles Bluntzer, Matthew Welborn, Jeff Hampton, Romeo Salinas and Jeffrey Osterhout.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Associates of Incarnate Word Convent and Catholic Daughters; the Deacons of the Diocese of Victoria; and St. Mary's Altar Society members.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Building Fund, Diocese of Victoria, St. Joseph Endowment Scholarship Fund for Debra Wearden Hampton, Incarnate Word Convent or Nazareth Academy.

Special thanks to the doctors and nurses at DeTar Navarro hospital for their outstanding and compassionate care.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family online at [www.colonialfuneralhomevictoria.com](http://www.colonialfuneralhomevictoria.com).

Published in *The Victoria Advocate* from September 14 to September 15, 2011

### Deacon William R. (Bill) Long

SHREVEPORT, LA - A Memorial Service for Deacon William R. (Bill) Long, 79, was held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Thursday, March 31, 2011. Services were conducted by Rev. Pike Thomas. Deacon Long died in Ocala, Fl., on March 10, 2011.



He was born in New Jersey and was ordained one of the first Permanent Deacons of the Catholic Church in 1971, and served in Las Vegas, Nev., and at Our Lady of Lourdes in Victoria, Texas, before being called to North Louisiana in 1989. He served the Shreveport Diocese as Pastoral Associate for the Catholic Communities of the Holy Spirit, Catholic Chaplain at Wade Correctional Center, Director of Community & Family Ministry, Chaplain at LSUHSC, and Deacon & Director of Social Ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. He was an active member of Interfaith of North Louisiana and the Kairos Prison Ministry.

He and his wife, Mitzi, retired to Dunnellon, Fl., in 2004, where she still resides. Two sons, several grandchildren and a legion of friends survive him.

(Obituary originally published March 29, 2011, in the *Shreveport Times*.)

*Personal words about Deacon Bill from Father Pike:*

As you may know, I worked with Bill for the better part of my priesthood: c1989-1993 and again 1995-2004. I loved him dearly. He was a true believer and doer of the Word.

He had a rich sense of humor, which also was often "fractured" and some of those stories he loved I used in my homily in his Memorial Service, to the smiles (and groans) of the 150 or so assembled "mourners."

When I interviewed him in Victoria in 1989 for our Pastoral Associate position in my five-community cluster in Northwest Louisiana (he was just back from the hospital after an operation), he gave me a quote, not original with him, but in perfect sync with my own deep convictions.

It was this remark, which sold me on the prospect of the wonderful service he provided this region for many years, "We make a big mistake in our church: we teach the children and play with the adults. It should be the other way around."

This principle remains one of those which guides my own vision of church. Thanks always, Deacon Bill.

Rev. Pike Thomas



**May the souls  
of the faithful  
departed rest in  
Peace!**

Father Augustine Asante signs official papers installing him as pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Columbus on Aug. 28.



Celebrating the installation Mass with Father Asante, is Deacon Charlie Novosad, Bishop Fellhauer, and Deacon Bennie Holesovsky.

### Father Asante installed as pastor in Columbus

COLUMBUS—Bishop David E. Fellhauer installed Father Augustine Asante as pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Columbus on August 28, 2011. Deacons Bennie Holesovsky and Charlie Novosad assisted at the Mass.

Following the Sunday morning installation Mass, the Altar Society held a reception at the church's pastoral center honoring

Father Augustine.

Father Augustine was ordained in Ghana on Sept. 18, 1998, and came to the Diocese of Victoria in 2006. He was incardinated into the diocese September 16, 2008. Father Augustine is the brother of Father Dominic Antwi-Boasiako, pastor at Holy Family in Wharton and its missions.

### All Souls Day – Wednesday, November 2

An All Souls Day Mass will be held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, at Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum on the corner of Laurent St. and Mockingbird Lane in Victoria. Bishop David Fellhauer will celebrate the Mass; a fellowship with light refreshments will follow. Outside of Victoria, please check with local parishes for locations and times of other All Souls Day Masses.

### Diocesan Position Available

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is in search of a permanent, full-time administrative assistant. Salary is based on experience. Benefits are included.

The Safe Environment Administrative Assistant is responsible for supplementary oversight, operation and maintenance of the Diocesan Safe Environment Program, which includes assistance in program operations, background check operations, education training, compliance monitoring, and reporting procedures.

Applications may be found at: [www.victoriadiocese.org/businessoffice/business/Employment%20Application\[1\].pdf](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/businessoffice/business/Employment%20Application[1].pdf)

For a detailed job summary, please e-mail Melissa A. Perales at: [mperales@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:mperales@victoriadiocese.org)

**The month  
of October is  
dedicated to the  
Holy Rosary**  
*Feast of Our Lady of the  
Rosary (October 7)*  
~  
**Pray for Peace!**

**What's  
Happening in  
Your Parish?**

↓

**Church windows  
being repaired**

SHINER—Work is in progress on making necessary repairs on the windows of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. Work involves replacing the caulking around the windows and the plexiglass on the exterior as well as other repairs needed on the windows and frames. Two pairs of windows have been completed on the south side of the church with the remainder to be done as funds are available in the Parish Maintenance Fund. The average cost to repair each window is between \$500 and \$600. Donors who wish to donate the cost of one window will be acknowledged in the church bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity in the second collection taken up for the Maintenance Fund each week. If you would like to donate, please send money to Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Maintenance Fund, 306 S. Avenue F, Shiner, TX 77984.

*Taken from the church bulletin of July 31, 2011*

**Stocks | Bonds | CDs  
Mutual Funds | IRAs**

 Kenneth J. French, Sr.  
1501 E Mockingbird,  
Ste 102  
Victoria, TX 77901  
PH 361/576-0178

[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)  
Member SIPC

**Edward Jones**  
Serving Individual Investors Since 1871



## Pontifical College Josephinum increases enrollment

COLUMBUS, Ohio – When the doors of the Pontifical College Josephinum opened this fall for its 124th year of forming men for the Catholic priesthood, more than 40 new seminarians joined the community. With their arrival, the total number of men in discernment at the Josephinum reached 186 – the seminary’s highest enrollment since the 1970s.

As a national seminary not governed by any one diocese or religious community, the Josephinum educates seminarians from an average of 25 dioceses throughout the United States. In 2011, six new dioceses were added to the growing list: Victoria, Ogdensburg, Kansas City-Saint Joseph, Birmingham, Lexington, and Great Falls-Billings.

From the Diocese of Victoria, both Kristopher Fuchs and Matthew Soto attend Theology I at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Very Reverend James Wehner, STD, rector/president, attributes the rise in enrollment – 53 percent in two years – and addition of new dioceses to the excellence of the seminary’s programs, its highly-qualified and dedicated faculty, and to its pontifical status. “Bishops are looking for seminaries that clearly define the character, purpose and intent of priestly formation as it relates to the realities of the Church in America, while also con-

sidering the universality of the Church,” he said. “The Josephinum achieves these expectations in every aspect of its formation program.”



Matthew Soto

the New Evangelization. The thought of Blessed Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI is integrated throughout the formation program, emphasizing a dialogue between faith and culture.

The record enrollment at the Josephinum is paralleled by a record number of priests who serve on the faculty. The priest-faculty consists of 17 full-time resident priests and 5 adjunct priests, the largest priest-faculty in nearly two decades. In addition to the priest-faculty, 14 full-time lay professors and five adjunct professors serve the operations of the formation program.

The Josephinum’s formation program is centered on the concept of forming Renaissance Priests: Spiritual Fathers for



Kristopher Fuchs

## At WYD Mass with seminarians, pope says he’ll proclaim new doctor of church

MADRID (CNS)—Telling seminarians they must prepare seriously for the priesthood by devoting themselves to becoming saints, Pope Benedict XVI gave them a role model: St. John of Avila, who will become the Catholic Church’s 34th doctor of the church. At the end of a Mass Aug. 20 at the 2011 World Youth Day, with some 6,000 seminarians from around the world, the pope announced he soon would add the 16th-century Spanish saint to the short list of saints formally recognized for making a big mark on Catholic theology through

their teaching and writing. His remarks were greeted with sustained applause in Madrid’s Almudena Cathedral. Pope Benedict entrusted all the seminarians, as well as priests and bishops, to the intercession of St. John, a master of spirituality and a renowned preacher. He is known as the Apostle of Andalusia and the spiritual advisor of St. Teresa, St. Francis Borgia, St. John of the Cross, St. Peter of Alcantara, and others, according to Catholic.org. “As they persevere in the same faith which he taught, may they model their hearts on that of Jesus Christ the good shepherd,” the pope prayed. Pope Benedict did not say when he would make the formal proclamation, and while the announcement was a bit of a surprise, it was almost a replay of how the news came out the last time a pope declared a doctor of the church. The 33rd saint honored with the title was St. Therese of Lisieux. It was during World Youth Day in Paris in 1997 that Blessed John Paul II made the announcement; the formal ceremony was held at the Vatican two months later. The doctors of the Church are all saints and come from both the Eastern and Western church traditions.

“Enjoy Yesterday’s Charm Today’s Convenience”

Daily  
•  
Weekly  
•  
Monthly

**The Inn on Main**

315 N. Main  
•  
Victoria

(361) 580-2794  
[www.the-inn-on-main.com](http://www.the-inn-on-main.com)

**Immaculate Conception Fall Festival**  
Goliad

**October 16**  
Church Grounds  
238 N. Commercial

Mass • 10 a.m.  
Cakewalk • 11:30 a.m.  
Ballet Folklórico • 12 p.m.  
Grocery Bingo • 1 p.m.

**11:00 a.m. Barbecue Beef (Buffet Style) Dinner at \$7 per plate**

**1 p.m.: Auction**

**Entertainment For All To Enjoy!**

**Lots of kids games, clowns and moonwalks**

## Seminary Burses

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is \$15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received.

As of September 30, 2011

	TOTALS
<b>— Diocese Of Victoria General Burse</b>	
Previously Reported	\$100,434.00
In Memory of Dr. Rudolph Pena by Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Robert H. Johnston	25.00
In Memory of Deacon A.R. Wearden by Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Robert H. Johnston	25.00
In Honor of Rev. Wayne Flagg’s 23rd anniversary of Ordination by M/M D. Dvorak	<u>100.00</u>
	<b>Total \$100,584.00</b>

<b>— CDA #369 St. Ann #2, Victoria</b>	
Previously Reported	\$8,623.99
In Memory of Deacon A.R. Wearden by CDA Court #369	25.00
In Memory of Lillian Guettner by CDA Court #369	<u>25.00</u>
	<b>Total \$8,673.99</b>

<b>— Rev. John C. Bily</b>	
Previously Reported	\$9,529.00
In Memory of Frieda Berger by M/M Franklin Addicks	10.00
	<b>Total \$9,539.00</b>

<b>— Louis and Edith Hickl Family</b>	
Previously Reported	\$8,520.00
In Honor of deceased family members by Mrs. Edith Hickl	<u>1,500.00</u>
	<b>Total \$10,020.00</b>

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Edward Bartsch</b>	
Previously Reported	\$5,715.00
In Memory of Olga Janek by Stazy Hajek	<u>10.00</u>
	<b>Total \$5,725.00</b>

<b>— Msgr. Hubert J. Janak</b>	
Previously Reported	780.00
In Memory of Sophie Loise Pantel by Joe and Carol Janak	<u>25.00</u>
	<b>Total \$805.00</b>

<b>— Rev. Jerome Caponi</b>	
Previously Reported	\$6,700.00
In Memory of Lillian Marek by John J. Marek	1,000.00
In Memory of John P. and Rosie Marek by John J. Marek	1,000.00
In Memory of Peter P. and Rosie Kubecka by John J. Marek	1,000.00
In Memory of Marie (Marek) Luchak by John J. Marek	<u>300.00</u>
	<b>Total \$10,000.00</b>

<b>— Knights Of Columbus #1329, Victoria</b>	
Previously Reported	\$10,832.50
In Memory of Clinton Klare by Imogene Klare	50.00
In Memory of Willie Wagner by K of C Council #1329	<u>100.00</u>
	<b>Total \$10,982.50</b>

<b>— KJZT, Catholic Family Fraternal of Tx</b>	
Previously Reported	\$9,398.98
In Memory of Marilyn Marikle by KJZT Society #2 of Hallettsville	<u>5.00</u>
	<b>Total \$9,403.98</b>

<b>— Our Lady Of Victory, Altar Society</b>	
Previously Reported	\$325.00
In Memory of Ann Gerdes by OLV Altar Society	<u>25.00</u>
	<b>Total \$350.00</b>

Continued on p. 8

Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation to:

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

### Belated Happy Birthday!

**Scott Hill** is a Theology II student at St. Mary Seminary in Houston. His home parish is St. Roch, Mentz, and his birthday is September 29. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: Scott Hill, St. Mary Seminary, 9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024-3407.



### Happy Birthday!

**John Dougharty** is a College II student at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. His home parish is Holy Cross, Bay City, and his birthday is November 6. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: John Dougharty, Holy Trinity Seminary, P.O. Box 140309, Irving, Texas 75014-0309.



## The Importance of “Community” in the Seminary Life

By Diocese of Victoria Seminarian  
**John Dougharty**

Many young, Catholic men in the world feel called to serve Mother Church in a more direct way than simply following the life of a lay member. For those young men who feel called to a greater life of service in the Church, the priesthood is a good place to start looking. This call is an extraordinary one in many aspects. For one, the vow to celibacy is definitely a countercultural commitment; one which most of society does not understand or desire. The priesthood is also a life of constant service. A priest serves God’s people in so many different ways in just one day. The seminary is a life-changing experience where one formally discerns the call to the priesthood.

As the leader of the parish, the priest is a very public figure. And since the priesthood is that calling which the seminarian is aspiring to, it is important for him to undergo certain changes in behavior and

mindset, which will make him a better public figure. One important aspect in the growth of a seminarian is to cultivate a strong social life among a variety of different people in different walks of life. The seminary is a great place where a prospective priest can encounter various different characters all having individual personalities, which the seminarian must learn to grow accustomed to.

Sometimes it is easy for a seminarian to get along with the others around him, while at other times it can be very difficult. The seminary is a place where one can learn first-hand how to deal with people of different temperaments. This experience of familiarizing oneself with different personas is an opportunity, which will ultimately help to shape the seminarian into a better pastor and amplify his relationship with the Father.

Now, the seminary is not just a place to  
*See The Importance, p. 5*



Thirty-one pilgrims from the Diocese of Victoria go to Spain to attend World Youth Day.

## The Holy Father tells young people “Do Not Keep Christ to Yourself!”

By Wendy Eggert, associate director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

“It is not possible to find Christ and not tell others about Him. So, do not keep Christ for yourselves. Communicate the joy of your faith to others. The world needs the testimony of your faith.” With these words the Holy Father invited young people present at the World Youth Day (WYD) concluding Mass to share the faith they profess with their peers.

Twenty-two young adults and six adults, along with Fathers Bryan Heyer, David Berger and Michael Rother, represented the Diocese of Victoria at WYD 2011 in Spain. After a 14-hour plane ride, with some of the young adults never having flown before, we arrived in Valencia, Spain, for “Days in the Diocese” from August 11-15. The young people would join about three thousand other youth from several other nations to experience the cultures and surroundings of Valencia from dancing, singing, chanting, and just fellowshiping in the public squares. Many times the young people did not know what the other was saying, but thankfully smiles are universal. No one seemed scared to approach one another to swap flags, key chains, t-shirts, or whatever they had brought to represent their hometown or village. Witnessing this I truly felt I was given a glimpse of heaven where we will finally truly be one Universal Body of Christ.

Other experiences we had while in Valencia included visiting the “El Mercado” (the market) where the local Valencians regularly go to buy their fresh food. Some of the treats we experienced while visiting there were Churros and the national dish of Paella, which is a popular rice dish traditionally made with chicken; however, we were also able to order it with vegetables or seafood.

As we traveled from Valencia’s “Days in the Diocese” to Madrid for World Youth

Day August 15-21, we prepared ourselves to be among 1.5 million other pilgrims. We attended catechesis sessions and Mass, which were offered in the morning, where we met and were catechized by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, Ireland, and Cardinal Keith Michael Patrick O’Brien of Edinburg, Scotland. Our afternoons were spent attending the Life Center where we had the opportunity to hear talks on issues of life, attended concerts, and took in the sites of Madrid, which included beautiful churches and a museum of religious art.

A wonderful unique experience for all involved was attending a Coptic Rite Mass, at which we were graciously welcomed by the Bishop of the Coptic Catholic Church and celebrated with Catholics from Egypt, Iraq, and Syria.

The climax of the experience was seeing Pope Benedict XVI and having Stations, evening prayer, Adoration, and Mass with him throughout our final week there.

Thank you for all your prayers and support for this life-changing event.



## 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 this 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.

## The Importance of “Community” in the Seminary Life

Continued from p. 4

learn how to act as a public figure and cope with others. It is an excellent opportunity to spend time with all the other young men there trying to figure out God’s call for their lives at the same time and all taking the same path. The seminary community is also a place where the seminarian can experience all the good that others are doing. When we look at the world we live in today, we often find it despairing to witness all the hate and crime that is rampant throughout the world. The seminary, though not an escape from society, is an experience where one can witness all that’s right with the world. Here one can

**“The seminary, though not an escape from society, is an experience where one can witness all that’s right with the world.”**

Seminarian John Dougharty

witness the love and support of one’s fellow seminarian brothers, who are all aiming for the same goal, namely, to find their specific calling from God.

Community is everything. When a seminarian is asked what’s so great about the seminary, it is not uncommon for him to answer that it is the community of God-seeking young men that makes the seminary so enjoyable. Being around such a great group of guys who are all seeking a higher sense of holiness is not exactly a bad gig and is one of the great things about being in the seminary.



A group of seminarians and lay people from the Diocese of Victoria journeyed with Father Dan Morales to Antigua, Guatemala, this summer to assist Father José Contran and Las Obras Orphanage. Back row: seminarians Jasper Liggio, John Dougharty, James Dvorak, Kristopher Fuchs, Father Jose Contran, director of Las Obras, Billy Mikosh of Port Lavaca, Father Dan Morales, pastor of St. Mary, Victoria, and diocesan director of vocations and seminarians; Mary Julia and Tony Flores of Austwell, and Mike Nichols of Port Lavaca; front row: seminarian Jacob Mendoza, John Paul Barton of Needville, Teddy Hawes of Port O’Connor, Cheryl Marwitz of Port Lavaca, Silvano Silva of Victoria, Clara Marie Paulk of Port O’Connor, Rachel Nichols of Port Lavaca and Steve Marwitz of Port Lavaca.

## 2011 Mission Trip to Guatemala

Father Dan Morales, along with a group of diocesan seminarians and lay faithful, journeyed once again to Las Obras Sociales del Santo Hermano Pedro (Las Obras) in Antigua, Guatemala, for their annual mission trip, July 31, - August 7, 2011. Las Obras covers an entire city block and houses almost 300 handicapped residents. Their doors are open to very young and to the elderly. Nearly all of the residents are in wheelchairs and many are mentally challenged. So many of them have come to Las Obras after having been abandoned by family that could not care for their special needs. Some were left in churches or found abandoned on the street. Some of the children are named after the parish churches in which they were found or named after the saint on whose feast day they arrived at Las Obras.

Las Obras ([www.obrashermanoepedro.org](http://www.obrashermanoepedro.org)) was founded by the Franciscan Friars, inspired by the charism of Santo Hermano Pedro. Santo Hermano Pedro (1626-1667) was a layman who was canonized by Pope John Paul II in the early 1980’s. He is referred to as “the Mother Theresa of Central America.” In addition to caring for the poor and abandoned, Las Obras also operates a hospital. The hospital serves the needs of over 250,000 patients a year. The Franciscan priests, brothers and sisters rely on the charity of others in order to provide for the poor. Faith In Practice ([www.faithinpractice.org](http://www.faithinpractice.org)) provides medical personnel, equipment and expertise at

no charge to Las Obras. They provide 35 medical teams to spend a week at Las Obras to care for God’s poor.

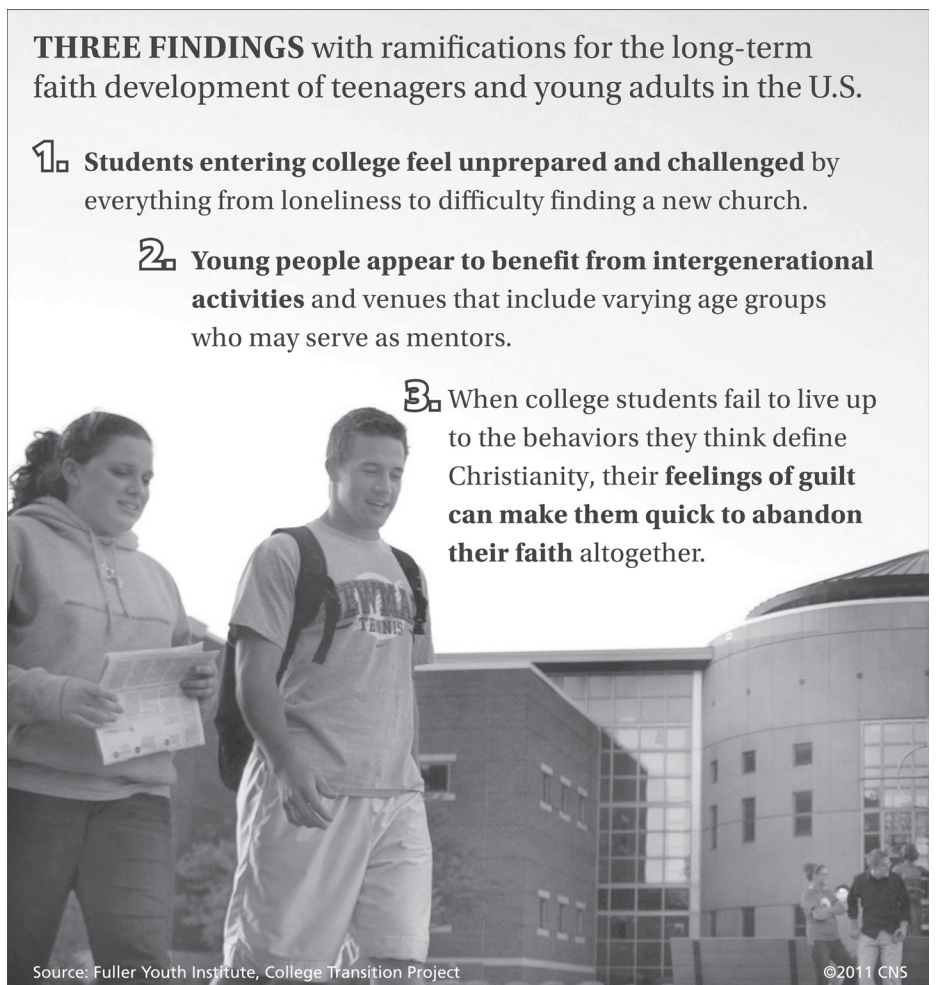
Our small group is not a medical team. Our group spends the time painting, washing clothes, scrubbing floors, cleaning the church, feeding children, changing diapers and helping out wherever we might be of help. The generosity of the people of the diocese has provided Father José Giuseppe Contran, director of Las Obras, with the means to secure medicine, educational materials, food and a great many improvements for Las Obras. Christ’s mandate to care for the least of our brothers and sisters and the Church’s reminder of caring for the poorest of the poor motivates this group of people to travel each year to Guatemala. We have been going since 2007. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the mission team pictured above.

## Come and See at IWBS

Single Catholic women (high school graduates through 50 years of age, who are discerning God’s call) are invited to attend an “Amor Meus” (My Love) day retreat on November 12 and then stay for an overnight visit at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas. If you are interested, Please check us out at [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org) or call (361) 575-7111 or e-mail [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com) or [iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com) for more details or to make a reservation.

## THREE FINDINGS with ramifications for the long-term faith development of teenagers and young adults in the U.S.

1. Students entering college feel unprepared and challenged by everything from loneliness to difficulty finding a new church.
2. Young people appear to benefit from intergenerational activities and venues that include varying age groups who may serve as mentors.
3. When college students fail to live up to the behaviors they think define Christianity, their feelings of guilt can make them quick to abandon their faith altogether.



Source: Fuller Youth Institute, College Transition Project

©2011 CNS



After the Bastrop fire, all that remained of the Saddler's home were a few brick walls. Above is the front of the house and below is the backyard which includes a swimming pool.



## What Was Gained

By Heather Spears Kallus

Imagine that you were asked to come up with a list of the most important and sentimental items you have in your home. Now, envision trying to gather that list in twenty, short minutes. This is the exact scenario that Bobby and Stacey Saddler faced on Sunday, September 4, 2011, when they were forced to evacuate their home in order to escape the largest and most violent wildfire in Texas history.

The Sadders were one of many families who lost their home to the relentless, raging blaze in Bastrop County. But, there is something that makes Bobby and Stacey unique. They are involved in the Victoria Diocese Engaged Encounter (EE) ministry and they kept their commitment as a presenting team on an EE weekend just four days after receiving word that their home was a total loss.

Bobby and Stacey have been involved in EE since 2008 and are big on giving back in areas they feel they'll be most useful. For them, it's more about following God's will and being aware of their own strengths and limitations. They chose to "give back" and be involved with the Victoria EE because they loved their weekend experience as an engaged couple, along with the fact that Bobby grew up in the Victoria area.

I recently had the opportunity to communicate with Stacey through several late night e-mails. I asked Stacey what they were able to pack that eerie Sunday afternoon as the wind wildly danced outside their front door... "The only things we got out were one packed bag per family member (as though we were going on a short vacation), some important documents, our EE notebooks, and a box of photos." Despite the devastation, Stacey still feels that they were "lucky," because many of their friends were away that Labor Day weekend and weren't able to salvage anything.

"By the time we drove out of our driveway, there were fire trucks driving down our street with lights flashing, smoke plumes billowing over our home, and the line to get out was backed up to our house (a mile into the neighborhood). It was like a scene out of an end-of-the-world-type movie. It was freaky, especially when you have a seven-year-old asking you tons of questions and looking to you for comfort. I was very afraid, but had to keep a strong face for her. I took some back roads to get around the

traffic and as a mommy, I was determined to drive 'over' houses if I had to, just to get my babies out of there."

The Sadders say there isn't a day (or hour for that matter) that goes by that they don't think of something that burned in their home. Stacey said that Bobby is probably most saddened about losing a growth chart they had started for their oldest daughter on a piece of trim in their sunroom in Houston. They had brought it along with them when they moved to Bastrop to mount and continue charting both of their daughters' growth throughout the years. If only tears could have extinguished that fire...

For Stacey, it's really not about the stuff so much, but more about the house itself. "I am kind of a homebody. I just love being in the comfort of my own home. I truly loved my home, so to lose that comfort has been difficult." She has really had to learn to find her comfort in God because of this tragedy.

I asked them what exactly it was that made them decide to keep their commitment to the EE weekend. Stacey said, "By 1:00 pm on Monday, September 5, I had received confirmation that our home was a total loss. As I started thinking about plans for that week and what all needed to be done, canceled, etc., I remembered we had EE that weekend. My first immediate thought was that there was no way we would go."

Bobby and Stacey were able to take some time to talk on Tuesday. They were in absolute shock about the loss of their home and were overwhelmed. In the midst of their discussion, Bobby said, "I think we should go ahead and do EE this weekend."

Stacey was stunned, but agreed after some thought. She said, "You're right. There is nothing we can do in Bastrop right now and the best thing to do when you are so filled with sorrow that you don't know what to do with yourself, is to go help someone else."

Once the decision was made, Stacey said she experienced a sense of relief because she felt she had a purpose for that week beyond just sitting around feeling sorry for herself, her family and her friends (who also lost their homes). "It gets you out of yourself and puts you in God's hands

See *What Was Gained*, p. 16



Before the fire.



## PEHSU Information on Health Risks of Wildfires for Children

### — Aftermath Guidance for Health Professionals

The Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU) Network encourage families, pediatricians, and communities to work together to ensure that children are protected from exposure to environmental hazards.

Wildfires expose children to a number of environmental hazards, e.g., fire, smoke, psychological conditions, and the byproducts of combustion of wood, plastics, and other chemicals released from burning structures and furnishings. While wildfires are burning (acute phase), the major hazards to children are fire and smoke (described in the fact sheet "Health risks of wildfires for children – acute phase").

In the aftermath of wildfires – the recovery phase – children may be exposed to a different set of environmental hazards involving not only their homes, but also nearby structures, land, and recovery activities. Some of these are easy to see, such as broken glass and exposed electrical wires, and others are not, such as soil contaminated with hazardous materials like lead or persisting hot spots which can flare without warning.

Children are especially vulnerable to environmental hazards. They eat more food, drink more liquids, and breathe more air than adults on a pound for pound basis. Children are in a critical period of development when toxic exposures can have profound negative effects, and their exploratory behavior often places them in direct contact with materials that adults would avoid.

Key requirements for children to return to an area impacted by wildfires include restored drinking water and sewage removal, safe road conditions, removal of ash and debris, and structurally sound homes. Schools and outdoor play areas should be cleaned, cleared of hazards and made ready for use. Persisting hazards should be isolated and made inaccessible to children. Children, and whenever possible, teens, should only be permitted to return after affected areas have been cleaned up. Children should be the last group to return. These recommendations also apply to pregnant women.

Key facts and recommendations for children and their families in the aftermath of wildfires are highlighted below.

### BEFORE RETURNING HOME

- Know the location and status of the nearest medical treatment facility and verify the route to reach it is passable.
- Be sure a clean water supply, electricity, and communication system (including 911 access) is restored, reliable, and readily accessible.
- Be certain areas not yet cleaned or not safe are not accessible to children.
- Homes and outdoor areas where children play (e.g., parks, playgrounds, yards) should be clean and free of environmental hazards.
- Thoroughly remove ash at sites where CCA (pressure treated) wood was present, such as wooden decks,

See *PEHSU information*, p. 16



St. Joseph High School student council members helped organize a collection for Bastrop fire victims.

## STJ collects significant donations for Bastrop fire victims

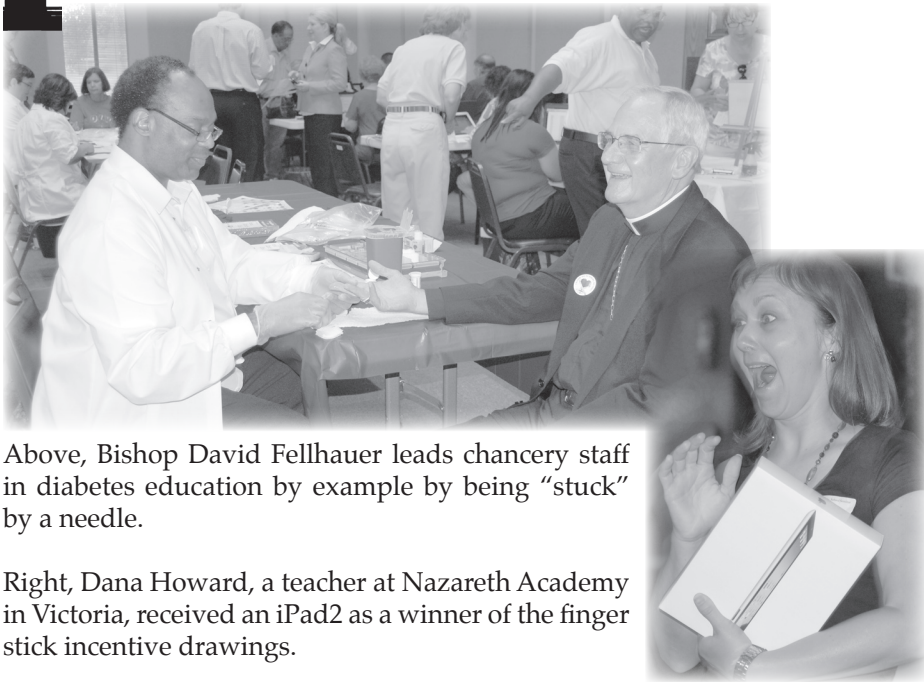
On September 6, 2011, Hayden Greer, TASC State president, contacted STJ Student Council sponsor, Debbie Horton, in an effort to join together in a state-wide initiative in light of the Bastrop Wildfire.

Bastrop High School had been hit hard by the wild fires with their principal, at least 10 teachers and many students losing their homes and all of their possessions. Over 1,600 homes and 34,000 acres burned in the Bastrop area and over 5,000 people were displaced.

When asked how STJ could help, the

Bastrop principal said that \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards would be greatly appreciated.

Within three days, the students, faculty and staff of St. Joseph High School raised a significant amount of money to help their fellow students and educators in the Bastrop area. However, the students said that they were giving to people in need and asked that their gift total not be disclosed. As the gifts poured in toward this effort, STJ teachers and administration were awed by the generosity of the Flyer family. Thank you to all who helped.



Above, Bishop David Fellhauer leads chancery staff in diabetes education by example by being “stuck” by a needle.

Right, Dana Howard, a teacher at Nazareth Academy in Victoria, received an iPad2 as a winner of the finger stick incentive drawings.

## Diocese of Victoria chosen as pilot for diabetes education

By Cynthia Brewer

Have you had your finger stuck lately ... that's stuck by a needle – for a diabetes test?

One of the most preventable, yet costly to treat, diseases is Type II Diabetes (Adult Onset Diabetes). Type II Diabetes can lead to loss of vision, amputation, heart problems and kidney disease.

“Type II Diabetes is caused from our diet and lack of exercise; therefore, if we can change those lifestyle characteristics,” said Mike Brown, diocesan finance officer, “we should be able to prevent or delay the onset of the disease.”

On average the first year that a person is diagnosed with Type II Diabetes, his or her claims will increase by \$4,500 for that year. The claims for that person will continue to increase geometrically year after year.

Because of this, Reta — the health care program of the Diocese of Victoria — chose the Diocese of Victoria as one of its pilot sites to implement a diabetic education and prevention program.

The first step of this educational program was the “finger stick.” Two locations were made available to employees of the Diocese of Victoria to have their fingers stuck for a diabetes test.

As an incentive to participate in the program, every eligible (not already diagnosed with diabetes) insured employee and insured dependent was offered \$50 for getting a finger stick test. If their glucose

level was over 100, they were asked to submit to a full-blood draw for which they would receive an additional \$100. If from this blood draw they were deemed to be at high risk of developing Type II Diabetes, they were incentivized to enter into a diabetic education program conducted through Web Md.

As another incentive, the Diocese of Victoria offered the opportunity to win one of three Apple iPad 2s to those who participated in the finger stick.

Additionally, all participants were offered the opportunity to complete a Health Quotient (HQ) questionnaire online through the Web MD site. Those completing their HQ also received a \$100 incentive.

Nearly half of the employees took advantage of this opportunity, with 235 people participating at one of two different locations – August 11 at the chancery building and August 12 at the Catholic Schools Seminar held in the KC hall in Hallettsville.

More than 50 percent of the employees of the diocese are school employees; therefore, the majority of participants in the pilot program were school employees. This helps to explain why all three winners of the Apple iPad2s were school employees.

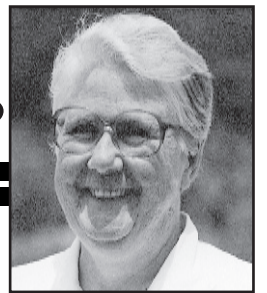
The winners were: Dana Howard of Nazareth Academy (Victoria), Laura Janis of Our Lady of Victory School (Victoria) and Nancy Krenek of St. Philip School (El Campo).

Congratulations to everyone who participated. You are all winners!

Our next diabetes-screening test is scheduled for October 14 at the gym at Our Lady of Victory from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This will be the last opportunity to participate in this program this year. Schedule your appointment by clicking, or going to: [www.retatruster.org](http://www.retatruster.org) and click on the WebMD logo; log in or register and click the “Diabetes Prevention Program” tab in the center of the home page.

## SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



### Keeping up with the Weeds ...

I was amazed at how the weeds had sprouted in the flower bed during the few days that I had neglected to check on them. Normally, while it was relatively cool, I would spend a few minutes each morning weeding flower beds. There would always be a few persistent weeds that would dare to poke their heads out of the ground, in spite of my best efforts to make them disappear. One would think that after a while all the weed seed in the ground would have sprouted and been deleted. I had no such luck; it was only with frequent weeding, that I was able to keep them under control.



Then it happened! Since I was unable to check on them for a few days, they seemed to take advantage of my absence and sprouted prolifically. It was then, while I was trying to catch up with them, that I began to think of ways this experience was a reflection of more serious applications in life.

I had been taught that if we did not continually advance in our spiritual life, we would slide backward. Therefore, our spiritual striving to become one with our God is a constant struggle; if we are negligent, small hindrances, which interfere with our relationship with God, have a tendency to crop up. We may get careless in our prayer life; we may allow destructive thoughts and habits to slide into our daily life. When we realize what has been happening to us, it takes a greater effort to regain our footing on the path of spiritual advancement.

Also, if we are careless about recognizing God in those about us at the interpersonal level, we may fall into patterns that erode our relationship with one another. It may be our spouse; it may be our families; or it may be others with whom we work or socialize. If we do not try to remedy these disruptive patterns before they destroy our relationships, much harm can be done. As we look about us, we can see how society bears witness to the misery such behavior causes.

And speaking of society, we are all aware of the serious consequences that our national lack of vigilance regarding the sanctity of marriage and life, the financial security of citizens, and the respect for God's creation is permitting. We see how marriage is being degraded, how unwanted human life can be destroyed legally, how economic systems can be corrupted by the dishonesty and greed of a few, and how our land, water, air, and natural resources are being polluted and destroyed through unscrupulous use of these precious resources – resources that are so vital to humanity's well-being.

Therefore let us be vigilant - in our care with our God, with our fellow human beings, with society, and with our earth. Let us use this beautiful season of autumn to open our eyes to what is happening about us; let us be careful so that we are not sliding backward, but that our thoughts and actions promote the glory of God, the creator of all goodness.

### Texas Wildfires destroy lives and homes

Continued from p. 1

stuff; God is good.”

The two parishes got together Sept. 24, and 30 members showed up to help clean the parishioners' properties. The local KCs, CDAs and parishes will pay for the cost to remove the trash.

“I can assure you, they're being well cared for by our parish,” said Father Wayne. Both parishes held impromptu collections and raised nearly \$3,000 to assist the families.

Just recently, Father Wayne was named the Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Dept. chaplain. He said it wasn't something he sought out because with two parishes he didn't need another hat to wear. But now, after seeing how hard the volunteers work and care for their community, he said he's glad to be their chaplain.

Father Wayne handed out water to the firefighters and tried to encourage them. Also, Deacons Doug Tromblee and Chuck Glynn are both members of the Bernardo Volunteer Fire Dept. Both deacons were on the fire trucks fighting the fire along with about two-dozen other St. Roch, Sts. Peter & Paul, and St. Anthony, Columbus, parishioners. Go to The Catholic Lighthouse Web page at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) and click on Local Stories for Health Risks of Wildfires for Children – Acute Phase and Environmental Hazards for Children in the Aftermath of Wildfires. Or go to: [http://aoec.org/PEHSU/documents/wildfires\\_acute\\_final.pdf](http://aoec.org/PEHSU/documents/wildfires_acute_final.pdf) and [http://aoec.org/PEHSU/documents/wildfires\\_recovery\\_final.pdf](http://aoec.org/PEHSU/documents/wildfires_recovery_final.pdf)




**Barbara A. McCain**  
REALTOR  
361-649-1612

2715 Houston Hwy. • Victoria, TX 77901  
Office: 361-578-3623 • Fax: 361-578-0879  
Email: [barbara@woolson.com](mailto:barbara@woolson.com)  
[www.Woolson.com](http://www.Woolson.com)

### Reporting Abuse

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

- Call the Chancery at (361) 573-0828 and ask to speak with the bishop or the chancellor;
- or
- Call Rev. Gary Janak (979) 543-3770 or Sr. Emilie Eilers (361) 575-7111, Coordinators of Pastoral Care and Outreach;
- or
- Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer  
Diocese of Victoria  
P.O. Box 4070  
Victoria, TX 77903  
Mark your letter “Personal and Confidential”

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

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



**St. Peter's Church - Blessing**  
**Barbeque Turkey & Dressing Dinner**  
with green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce,  
dessert & tea - all for \$8 per plate

**Sunday, October 30**  
**Dine-in or Drive-thru 11:00 a.m.**  
**Auction Begins at 12:30 p.m.**

--- Drawing and Country Store ---



Mr. Bill McArdle, principal, and Mrs. Debbie Michalski, vice principal present student Braden Peer with a Bible during the St. Joseph High Freshman Bible Mass.

## With start of new year, STJ gets busy

St. Joseph High School Freshman Bible Mass was held on September 8, 2011. Freshman Bible Mass is a longstanding tradition at St. Joseph High School. At this Mass each freshman student was presented a personalized Bible, blessed by Father David Berger, to be used in theology classes throughout their four years at St. Joseph. This is only the beginning of many wonderful memories students will experience at St. Joseph High School.

On Sept. 13, the St. Joseph High School student body held a special reception and Mass honoring their grandparents. We were honored to have over 160 grandparents and honorary grandparents attend to celebrate this special day with their grandchild or loved one. Father Dan Morales was the celebrant for this special Mass.

Students were encouraged to bring a small, unframed photograph of grandparents who were unable to attend so that they might be recognized too. Each grandparent in attendance received a special bookmark from his or her grandchild. The bookmarks included a prayer honoring them for their love and for giving life to their parent, thus also giving them life. The day ended with campus tours.

Also at St. Joseph High School, the school band has selected its 2011-2012 Band Officers. They are Mark Chavez, drum major and librarian; Clara Allen, quartermaster; Katie Gray, woodwind vice president; Christian Culak, president; Tim Hubbell, percussion vice president; Kyle Winkler, crew chief; Seth Hawes, chaplain; and Wyatt Fraga, brass vice president.

**SACRED HEART SENIOR RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL SEMIFINALIST**—Emily Kossa, a senior at Sacred Heart Catholic High School, has been named a semifinalist in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. She is the daughter of Michael and Linda Kossa of LaGrange. Recently officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. About 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2012 NMS Program by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT / NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. From the approximately 16,000 semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. Emily Kossa is active in various school and community activities and has received numerous honors. In addition to participating in volleyball, basketball, swimming, tennis, and softball, she is also serving as drum major for the 2nd year in a row, is active with Leo Club, and is in the National Honor Society. She qualified for the TAAPS state competition in literary criticism, math, and ready writing and also qualified for regional symphonic band. Kossa was invited to attend the Texas A&M University Summer Honors Invitational Program and has served as a Junior Staff member for the past three years at Camp Lone Star, a Christian youth camp.



**VBS AND FAMILY NIGHT HELD BY ST. AGNES PARISH**—Vacation Bible School was held recently at St. Agnes Parish Hall in Edna for students in Grades Pre-K through Grade 5. Bible class, games, a Saint's Walk, and a Saint's Dress-up were some of the activities enjoyed by the students with the two-day theme being "Saints Alive". Some 40 students attended with a meal served each evening. Shortly thereafter, St. Agnes parishioners held a Family Games Night in the Parish Hall, which included a covered-dish dinner. Those attending enjoyed playing games, and the children had fun with the stick horse races. Approximately 50 parishioners attended.



**CDA #369 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST WINNER**—Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369 of Victoria honored Alexandra Corpuz, Division 1, first place National art winner in the 2011 Education Contest. Alexandra attends Our Lady of Victory School where the presentation was made. She is the daughter of Maria Corpuz and John Corpuz. In the photo above are Sister Laura Toman, principal; Geraldine Jurica, education contest chairperson; Alexandra, Regent Jo Ann Bleier and Mary Wenske, art teacher.



**TEXAS STATE JCDA BOARD**—Pictured is the State JCDA Board for 2011 - 2013; they were installed on June 26, 2011 at the 24th Biennial JCDA Convention in Austin, TX. Pictured, left to right, is State Reporter - Holly Whitworth, Court Ancillae Mariae #1886, Crosby; State Secretary - Holly Soukup, Court Sacred Heart #829, West; 2nd Vice President - Jamie Ornelas, Court Mary St. John #2197, Baytown; 1st Vice President - Kaitlyn Martinez, Court Mary Queen of Peace #2497, Floresville; President - Mary Adamek, Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner; State Youth/JCDA Chairman Terri Beltran, Court San Roberto Bellarmine #2275, El Campo; State Chaplain, Father John Peters, Court Sacred Heart #797, Hallettsville; State CDA Regent - Carolyn Malik, Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner; and CDA 1st Vice Regent - Peggy Rosalez, Austin. For information on starting a Junior Catholic Daughter Court, please contact Terri Beltran at 361-554-7506, tabeltran@ecisd.org or you may go on the [www.texascda.org](http://www.texascda.org) Web site and send your request through the Web site. Mrs. Beltran will contact you.

## Seminary Burses

Continued from p. 4

— **Rev. Charles Kolek O.S.B. And John & Mary Kolek**  
Previously Reported \$3,350.00  
In Memory of Joe C. Kozel by:  
Henry and Frances Vesely 15.00  
Andrew and Delores Kaspar 10.00  
I.J. and Loretta Janda 20.00  
Agnes and Dan Schoppe 25.00  
**Total \$3,420.00**

— **Msr. Julius Petru, New Taiton Burse #2**  
Previously Reported \$855.00  
In Memory of Cleburne Wendel by  
Mary Ann Kucera 25.00  
In Memory of Louis and Pauline Kucera by  
Mary Ann Kucera 25.00  
In Memory of Tony and Minnie Kucera by  
Mary Ann Kucera 25.00  
**Total \$930.00**

— **Rev. Celestino Say**  
Previously Reported \$4,210.00  
In Honor of Father Say by  
Catholic Life Insurance 145.00  
Donation by M/M Winfred Kainer 10.00  
Donation by Catholic Life Insurance  
Branch #51 400.00  
**Total \$4,765.00**

— **St. John Church For Rev. Brian Crookes Burse #2**  
Previously Reported \$4,921.00  
In Memory of Donald J. Berger by  
Arnold and Dorothy Berger 50.00  
**Total \$4,971.00**

— **Rev. Jerome J. Stryk**  
Previously Reported \$13,859.50  
In Memory of Ann Hollas by  
Richard and Jeanette Allums 20.00  
**Total \$13,879.50**

~ **Preparing the children of God  
for the Kingdom of God** ~

From Shiner Catholic School Web site





**ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL SELECTED ALL-AMERICAN CHEERLEADERS**—St. Joseph High School varsity cheerleaders Kelly Carmona (l.) and Ashley Kolar, were selected as 2011 All American Cheerleaders while competing at cheer camp hosted on the Texas A&M campus in College Station, August 2-5. Being selected as All American Cheerleaders at Texas A&M cheer camp qualifies Kelly and Ashley the opportunity to represent STJ at the All American Cheer Conference in London, England, in late December. Kelly is the daughter of John Carmona of Cuero, and the late Melissa Carmona. Ashley is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Ann Kolar of Victoria.

## Youth Calendar of Events

- October 6 — No Apologies, Just Apologetics at Holy Family in Victoria (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) sponsored by Youth Adult Ministry
- October 9 — Youth Leadership Training at the Chancery in Victoria
- October 13 — Retreat Formation/Policy and Procedure Session
- October 15 — Foundations Youth Ministry Class - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Chancery in Victoria
- October 16 — Family Retreat for Nazareth Academy at Incarnate Word
- October 20 — No Apologies, Just Apologetics at Holy Family in Victoria (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) sponsored by Youth Adult Ministry
- October 23 — Family Retreat for Nazareth Academy at Incarnate Word
- October 28-30 — Archdiocesan Conference for Catholic Youth Ministers in Houston
- November 3 — No Apologies, Just Apologetics at Holy Family in Victoria (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) sponsored by Youth Adult Ministry
- November 5 — Youth Leadership Training at the Chancery in Victoria
- November 12 — Foundations Youth Ministry Class - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Chancery in Victoria
- November 15 — Retreat Formation/Policy and Procedure Session
- November 17 — No Apologies, Just Apologetics at Holy Family in Victoria (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) sponsored by Youth Adult Ministry
- November 17-20 — National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis Indiana
- December 4 — Youth Leadership Training at the Chancery in Victoria
- December 6 — Retreat Formation/Policy and Procedure Session



Find us now on Facebook! At Diocese of Victoria – Youth Ministry

For more information contact:

Debbie Vanelli or Wendy Eggert at the Office of Youth Ministry at (361) 573-0828 ext. 2232/ ext. 2250 or e-mail at [dvanelli@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:dvanelli@victoriadiocese.org) or [weggert@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:weggert@victoriadiocese.org) new youth office e-mail [ym@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:ym@victoriadiocese.org) or visit our Web site at [www.victoriadiocese.org/youthoffice](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/youthoffice)



Above, at the request of Sister Rebecca, the children from St. Joseph's School in Yoakum sent a picture of themselves to the children in Pokot; the oldest holds it. Below, Superintendent John Quarry, presents Sister Laura Toman, IWBS, a check for nearly \$5,000 for shoes, for children served by the sisters African ministry.



**FIVE SACRED HEART STUDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC AWARD**—Five Sacred Heart Catholic High School students received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on The PLAN (the Pre-ACT) Assessment. These Students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading and science to have a successful college freshman experience. The students receiving this recognition from the Texas ACT Council are Adrienne Klimitchek, Mary Kossa, Ariane Kubena, Christopher Kunz and Amber Labay.

## "Fill the Shoes" has filled lives with joy and health

By Cynthia Brewer

The Diocese of Victoria's Office of Catholic Schools and its 15 Catholic schools held a fundraising project during Lent of this year titled, "Fill the Shoes" in an effort to raise money for shoes for the Pokot children in Northwest Kenya who are ministered to by Sister Rebecca Janacek, IWBS.

The project raised \$4,993.00

and has been sent to Sister Rebecca. She has ordered 300-pairs of shoes for the children thus far and delivered them to the children the first week of August. Now those who had no shoes, or shoes made from old tires, are wearing their first pair of new shoes thanks to the school children

in the Diocese of Victoria. Thank you to all who contributed.

"Thank you so much for the care you have shown the children of Pokot who have no shoes to wear. Your generous gift, with which shoes have been purchased for these children, allowed many to have their first pair of shoes," said Sister Rebecca in a thank you note.

"This is a big help, as many toes and feet are damaged by the stones and thorns of this harsh environment. ... More distributions will take place over the next months as I purchase them from town and bring them up the long distance to Pokot."

**"As you can see, you have made their parents very happy because you have bought them shoes. Some of them have walked 20 miles in the very hot sun to receive these shoes," ~**

**Sister Rebecca**



**STJ HOSTS JUNIOR HIGH TAILGATE PARTY**—St. Joseph High School Student Ambassadors welcomed Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Victory, and Trinity Episcopal Middle School students to a tailgate party with complimentary pizza, soft drinks and DJ music by STJ alumnus Ryan Leos, aka "DJ Caliente". Each of the middle school football teams were recognized and the dance teams performed with the STJ Starlighters. The cheer teams also cheered with the STJ cheerleaders. Partner school students and faculty are encouraged to use their "Sports Passes" for free admission to all STJ home games.

~ Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. Philippians 2:4 ~



Joseph Puska, right, presents Father Gabriel Bentil a check for St. Joseph Church building fund. Other KJT members present were Wendy Hrnair, Barbara and Lawrence Yanta and Rose Puska (back row).

## St. Joseph KJT Society Meeting

St. Joseph KJT Society #115 of Victoria met at Holy Family Catholic Church meeting room after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 11, beginning with a light breakfast for members and guests.

St. Joseph members were thanked in advance for the help they would provide at the Czech Fest held at the Victoria Community Center. They were to run a cake wheel to raise money for retired religious. Members donated either a cake or made a monetary donation toward this worthwhile cause.

Because of a conflict in December meeting dates, the next meeting will be

held on November 13, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in the AV Room. A Continental Breakfast will be served. Members were asked to contact Lawrence Yanta at (361) 575-7280 with current addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and designated beneficiaries for their policies.

Preliminary plans were discussed for the district meeting, which will be hosted by Victoria in January.

Later that day, members attended the St. Joseph Catholic Church picnic in Inez, where they presented a donation to Father Gabriel Bentil for their building fund.



**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR SEADRIFT HALL**—St. Patrick Catholic Church in Seadrift held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new parish hall in August. The parishioners have been planning and raising money for several years to achieve this goal. The hall will be used for gatherings, functions, youth activities, and religious training. Pictured is Father Ty Bazar, pastor; Scott Sternadl, contractor; and many members of the St. Patrick Parish Club and parishioners.



**IWBS ASSOCIATES ACCEPT NEW MEMBERS**—Associates of the Incarnate Word assembled at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria to celebrate their annual Renewal and Consecration of new members. The ceremony was held during the Mass celebrated by Bishop David Fellhauer on Sunday, September 11. Father Michael Petering, an Associate of the Incarnate Word concelebrated. Pictured above are the newly consecrated, seated l. to r.: Sister M. Emiliana Grafe, director of the associates; Joan Hairell, GayLynne Carson, and Theresa Anderson; standing, l. to r.: Sister Evelyn Korenek, superior; Bishop David E. Fellhauer, Robin Reinhold and Gilda Miller.



Bishop David E. Fellhauer celebrated KC Council #1582 100-year anniversary this summer. He is flanked by the KC 4th Degree in full regalia on the steps of St. Joseph Parish in Yoakum.

## Yoakum KCs celebrate 100-Year anniversary

YOAKUM—The Knights of Columbus, Council #1582 of Yoakum, celebrated their 100-year anniversary on June 25, 2011. The Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer, bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, celebrated Mass, with the 4th Degree in full regalia. After the Mass, everyone registered at the parish center and all were able to look at some of the old history books, literature, and records from years past that were on display.

A meal was served, followed by a short program with Deacon Dennis Kutach as the Master of Ceremonies. Special guests in attendance were state officers Mr. Tony Herreth - state deputy, Mr. Jim Collins - state secretary and Mr. Mark Evens - state warden, along with guests from other councils in the area.

The Knights of Columbus stands for Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. "We have a passion to serve."

## Record Attendance at CDA Workshop

By Terrie Vacek  
State Public Relations Chair

HOUSTON—Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) State Regent Carolyn Malik, Shiner, held the Texas State Organizational Workshop for district deputies, state chairmen, and past state regents at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, Houston. Three more districts were organized bringing Texas to 61 districts with 228 courts.

The Order's Motto, "Unity & Charity", identify the foundation for the service work done by CDA. First Vice State Regent Peggy Rosales of Austin served as chairman of the workshop. Other state officers participating were Second Vice State Regent Eve Trevino of Corpus Christi, State Secretary Rosie Stockwell of Edinburg, State Treasurer Melodie Brunt of Texarkana and State Clergy Consultant Rev. Donald Ruppert of East Bernard.

The workshop was designed to ensure



Seventeen years of service are represented in the Past State Regent Hands of Service photo.

that district deputies and state chairmen are well prepared to undertake the duties and responsibilities of their respective offices. Father Ruppert prayed, "Under the mantle of Mary your mother, we gathered to plan our Order's program for the next two years.

Guide our decisions. Let us be an example for all Christian women. May the positive results of our prayer and good deeds bring Church leaders to welcome us and recognize the benefit we are, and can be, to the universal Church and every local parish."

The weekend included various presentations and training sessions, and the distribution of the state organizational notebooks. Past state regents met to review job descriptions for district deputies and state chairmen.

Past State Regents (PSR) in attendance were Cecina Koeijmans, Dallas; Amy Rueda, El Paso; Immediate Past National Regent Libby Ramirez, Victoria; Past

National Director Duchess Collins, Sugar Land; Dee Scheetz, Austin; National Director Olga Samaniego, El Paso; Carolyn Bachmann, Scotland; and Immediate Past State Regent Sheila Martinka, Houston.

State Regent Malik presented the national awards she accepted at the National Workshop in Bellville, Illinois. She introduced the first Kick-off Celebration for the 95th Anniversary of the Texas State Court

being organized for January 2012 for the Brownsville and Corpus Christi dioceses. State Regent Malik encouraged each district to organize multi-district celebrations and fill her calendar! The newly trained leaders left enthused and ready to meet the challenges that lie ahead. To learn more about the Catholic Daughters visit the national or state Web site.



District deputies and state chairs from the Victoria Diocese are, front row from l. to r., Teri Beltran, Libby Ramirez, Rev. Donald Ruppert, Carolyn Malik, and Christine Moore; back row: Carmen Longoria, Marcella Henke, Gussie Machalec, Mary Rose Barta, Carolyn Janak, Anne Martin, Georgia Mikosh, and Veronica Webernick.



## KJZT #101 Presents 75 Year Pins



**KJZT #43 HONORS FIRST 75-YEAR MEMBERS**—Annie Macha, left, and Lexia Muschalek, right, members of Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas-KJZT Society No. 43 of Ganado, were recently honored with a reception at Southbrooke Nursing Center in which they were given pins to mark their 75-year membership in the fraternal. The state office of Catholic Family Fraternal-KJZT provided the pins. Cecilia French, president of Society No. 43, presented the pins and each recipient also received a red rose to mark the significant occasion. These are the first 75-year members to be so honored by the Ganado Society. Mrs. Muschalek's sister, Georgia Farris, of El Campo also was awarded this honor but was unable to attend. Several family members of each honoree and society officers were also present for the ceremony.



(above) Wendy Hrcncir presents Sister Callista Mares, IWBS, her pin.



Sister Pauline Marie Ermis, IWBS



Sister Mary Grace Korenik, IWBS



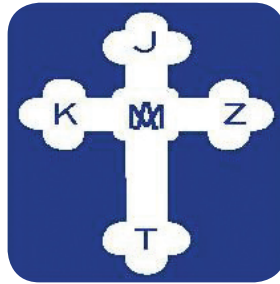
Annie Pesek



Lucy Blazek



Joan Scramek presents her mother, Bes-sie Janca, with her 75 year pin.



**ST. AUGUSTINE DONATION TO ST. ROSE CCD**—Vice-President Matthew Prihoda presented a \$100.00 check to St. Rose CCD Coordinator Nichole Michalke to use in purchasing needed teaching material for the coming year. The St. Augustine KJT Society #129 also provided 50-percent funding for St. Rose Parish First Communion Kits, which are presented to its First Communicants. There were 18 boys and 17 girls in this year's class.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL GRANT**—St. Augustine KJT Society #129 presented two checks to St. Michael's Catholic School in Weimar for its educational fund. President Joanna Rogers represented the Catholic Union of Texas (KJT) home office in presenting \$150 Educational Grant check towards St. Michael's educational programs, as well as a matching \$150 Educational Grant check from Society #129 officers and members. Pictured from l. to r., front row, is President Joanna Rogers, Paul Lee Rogers, Principal Kim Patek, Rev. John Bily, pastor of St. Michael's; back row: Vice President Matthew Prihoda and Secretary/Treasurer James Prihoda.



**ST. ROSE RECEIVES GRANT**—St. Augustine KJT Society #129 and Vice-President Matthew Prihoda had the honor of representing the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT home office, in presenting a \$150 Educational Grant check to Rosanne Gallia, principal, towards Schulenburg's St. Rose Catholic School's educational program. St. Augustine KJT Society also presented its own matching \$150 Educational Donation check toward St. Rose School educational needs.

### KJT Holds Benefit Turkey Shoot

St. Augustine KJT Society #129 Vice-president Matthew Prihoda presented Dalton Bubela proceeds of the Benefit Turkey Shoot held on his behalf for medical expenses. The total proceeds from the Turkey Shoot, donations and matching grant from the home office amounted to \$1,242. St. Augustine's KJT Society wishes to thank everyone who participated, worked, supported and contributed to the benefit.

## Tax-Deferred Fixed Annuities • IRAs • Rollovers

### Do Your Long-Term & Retirement Savings Plans Stack Up?

# 4.00%\* APY

\*Includes Current Yield + 1.10% First Year Additional Interest

### Meet the Specialists In Your Area



Case Hollub  
Weimar  
979-725-1111



Karen Kutac, FIC  
Weimar  
979-725-8919



Chris Merta, FIC  
Nada/Garwood  
979-543-1059



Wendy Janak, FIC  
Hallettsville  
361-798-4311



Diane Shimek Cerny  
Nada/El Campo  
979-541-6346



Calvin Pfeil, FIC  
El Campo  
979-543-3868



Bert Kenna, FIC  
Yoakum  
361-293-9657



Clifton Lau, FIC  
Victoria  
361-573-3669



Eugene Rehak, FIC  
Victoria  
361-575-4982



Patrick Klozik, FIC  
Shiner  
361-594-8160



Charles Leopold, FIC  
Hallettsville  
361-798-4311



Royce Shimek, FIC  
Schulenburg  
979-743-4313



Michael Koeth  
Weimar  
979-725-1111



Barbara McCain, FIC  
Victoria  
361-649-1612



Albert Smaistrila, FIC  
East Bernard  
979-335-4473



Robert Melnar, FIC  
Victoria  
361-578-2957



Martin Hoke  
El Campo  
979-541-7179

**CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE**  
*One hundred ten years*  
1901-2011

\*Interest rates are subject to change. Minimum guaranteed rate is 2.00%.  
Home Office: San Antonio, Texas. #ASU7.11



## Your Family

By Bill and Monica Dodds  
Catholic News Service



### If you are a caregiver, you are also ...

As the church marks Respect Life Month 2011, we want to say “thank you” to those of you who are family caregivers. We know that you are keeping busy, and we suspect that you may not have had the time to notice that caregiving is much more than what it seems to be at first glance.

Yes, it’s all those obligations, commitments, details and worries, but if you’re caregiving you’re also:

— Obeying the Fourth and Fifth Commandments: Honor your father and your mother, and you shall not kill.

You’re showing your respect for your parent or other senior family member in a tremendous way by taking care of him or her. And, at a time when euthanasia advocates are becoming more vocal, you’re promoting life by helping your care-receiver.

Caregiving is prolife!

— Honoring your marriage vows. Perhaps most brides and grooms focus on “for richer or for poorer” and don’t realize what “in sickness and in health” can truly mean. Now you know. And you’re there, fulfilling that commitment.

— Living the corporal works of mercy, which include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and those in prison, and burying the dead.

Some of these seem obvious if, for example, your spouse needs assistance with eating or dressing. But what about sheltering the homeless if you and your care-receiver don’t live in the same place?

It could be that you make that assisted-living or long-term care center room “home” by visiting a resident there.

What about prison? As a mind and body deteriorate, a person can feel imprisoned. And you’re there.

And burying the dead? That day may come. But, in the meantime, you may play a role in helping your loved one prepare for death.

— Picking up your cross daily. In Luke 9:23-24, Jesus teaches: “Then he said to all, ‘If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.’”

It may not be on a daily basis, but caregiving involves sacrifice. It includes “dying to yourself” for the sake of your loved one.

— Being as surprised as the “sheep” on Judgment Day. In Matthew 25:37-40, the “righteous” ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?” And, the king answers, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

What you’re doing for the person in your care, you’re doing for Christ.

God bless you!

On the Web: More on Respect Life Month and a free prayer book.

You can find out more about the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Respect Life Program for 2011-2012 at [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program).

For more caregiving information and resources, visit our site: [www.YourAgingParent.com](http://www.YourAgingParent.com). For a free copy of “The Little Book of Caregiver Prayers” call 1-800-392-JOHN (5646) or e-mail us at [MonicaDodds@YourAgingParent.com](mailto:MonicaDodds@YourAgingParent.com).

### Respect Life book is prize for October contest

“Some people (in Great Britain) seem more concerned with the issue of fox hunting than with the 44 million abortions that take place each year worldwide and with the dangers of assisted dying,” states author Daniel Levy.

His book, *The Fox, the Foetus (Fetus) and the Fatal Injection* is an incredible, compact book that explains how Western society treats abortion and euthanasia and why this must be changed. It will be the October Family Puzzle Contest prize.

In under 100 pages, divided into three parts: *The Fox and the Foetus*; *The Fatal Injection*; and *The Doctor and the Patient*, Rabbi Daniel Levy succinctly shows how the erosion of society’s morals has influ-

enced how we humans have twisted our thinking when it comes to life and death issues.

His book is directed to the Jewish community as he uses the Torah (Hebrew Scripture) and Jewish teachings to educate the faithful on what the Jewish faith teaches concerning human life – from the womb to the tomb. However, since Christian teaching comes from the same foundation, it only strengthens the Christian’s argument in defense of the right to life issues.

For a chance to win this easy-to-read, thought provoking book, complete the October Family Puzzle Contest and mail it into *The Catholic Lighthouse* by Oct. 25.

## RESPECT LIFE

www.wordgamesforcatholics.com



ABORTION	HOPE	RACHEL'S VINEYARD
DEATH PENALTY	HUMANAE VITAE	RAPHAEL'S REFUGE
EUTHANASIA	LIFE	RESPECT
FUTURE	PREGNANCY	SILENT NO MORE
HELP	PRIESTS FOR LIFE	VOLUNTEER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age, if 18 or under: \_\_\_\_\_



### September Puzzle Contest Winners Announced

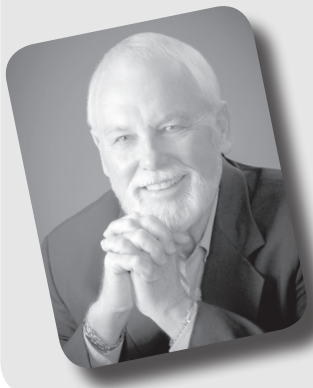
The winner of the September contest and the book *The Essential Guide to Catholic Prayer and the Mass* by Mary DeTurrus Poust and published by ALPHA is Edna Bludau of Sacred Heart Parish in Hallettsville. The winner of the children’s contest is Chance Heimann (8) of St. Philip Parish in El Campo. He will receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop. The winner of the October Puzzle Contest will win *The Fox, the Foetus and the Fatal Injection* by Rabbi Daniel Levy. Please mail all completed October puzzle forms to arrive in *The Catholic Lighthouse* office, P. O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 by Oct. 25.

### Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



### Victoria's Own TOMMY SCHLEIN



**Sings Your Favorites From the 50's and 60's Including Many of Elvis' Hits!**

**Classic Country, Rock, R & B and Gospel**

I can adequately provide you with the music that you need for that special occasion. Are you having a Class Reunion, Business Convention, Dinner Club, Private Party or Birthday Celebration?



Relive those Days of Old with those Golden Oldies

To hear a sampling go to: [www.goodolesongs.com](http://www.goodolesongs.com)

For availability & pricing Call: 361.550.7913



## Moral theologians issue call to abolish death penalty

WASHINGTON (CNS) — More than 200 Catholic theologians, scholars and social justice advocates cite the executions of Troy Davis in Georgia and Lawrence Brewer in Texas in mid-September as the impetus for their call to abolish the death penalty. In "A Catholic Call to Abolish the Death Penalty," posted Sept. 26 on the website Catholic Moral Theology, the signers said they protest the state-sanctioned killings of the two men and call for the abolition of the death penalty in the United States. They said Davis' execution is "particularly troubling for it shines a stark light upon many long-standing concerns about capital punishment." While noting that they mourn the death of Mark McPhail, the Savannah, Ga., police officer Davis was convicted of killing, "we believe that a grave miscarriage of justice took place with Davis' execution." Serious doubt remains about Davis' guilt, they said, and he maintained his innocence to his last breath. The failure of Georgia's Board of Pardons and Paroles and of state and federal courts to grant Davis a new trial "reveals a deeply flawed justice system," they said. They called on lawmakers and President Barack Obama to repeal the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, "which created the legal conditions for executing a man whose guilt was not established beyond reasonable doubt." The letter said that even those "who do not share our faith convictions ought to recognize, as Justice William J. Brennan put it, 'the death penalty is imposed not only in a freakish and discriminatory manner, but also in some cases upon defendants who are innocent.'"

*Continued from last month:*

## Poisoned by the Pill: Truths about Chemical Contraception

By **Mary Anne Moresco**, reprinted with permission from **Catholic Exchange**

Continued story from the, "50 Years of the Pill" conference, held in Washington DC on Dec. 3, 2010.

### Effect on Women and Marriage

The pill has had the following effect on women and marriage:

**Women are Given a False Sense of Freedom:** The impact of the pill on women and marriage is one not just of mortality, but of morality. We women have been brainwashed into believing that the pill has given us freedom. Ignoring the truth that children are a gift from God, we believe we can have just the number of children we want, exactly when we want them. We believe the pill puts us on par with men. But how many men would willingly ingest Group 1 carcinogens for months let alone years for their spouses? How is

## 'Baby Joseph,' focus of end-of-life debate, dies at home in Ontario

WINDSOR, Ontario (CNS) — A 20-month-old Canadian boy who was at the center of an end-of-life debate died at home Sept. 27. Joseph Maraachli died with his parents, Moe and Sana, by his side, six months after receiving a tracheotomy at a Catholic hospital in St. Louis. The procedure allowed him to return home to be cared for by his family. A graveside service for Joseph, who was baptized Catholic, was planned for Sept. 28. Franciscan Brother Paul O'Donnell, a friend and spiritual adviser to the Maraachli family, told Catholic News Service Sept. 28 that death came suddenly for "Baby Joseph," as he became known. "I visited the family about 10 days ago and recent doctor reports said he was doing well, so this came as a surprise to them," Brother O'Donnell said. He posted an announcement of the child's death on the Save Baby Joseph Facebook page late Sept. 27. Words of condolence and prayer offerings immediately flooded the site. Born in January 2010, Joseph had a history of health problems. He was admitted in October 2010 to the London Health Sciences Centre. Hospital officials, who called the boy's condition fatal, wanted to take the child off his feeding tube and ventilator, allowing him to die. The Maraachlis refused. In March, Joseph and Moe were flown to SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in St. Louis, where the tracheotomy was performed. Doctors also diagnosed Joseph with Leigh's disease, a progressive neurological disease that usually strikes children between the age of 3 months and 2 years. It causes the degradation of motor skills and eventually death.

## Adult stem cells making news in courts, Congress and on football field

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Stem-cell research is once again making news in Congress and the courts. But this time, it's on the sports pages too. And instead of the embryonic stem-cell research that was once all the rage, the news is in the field of adult stem-cell research, which does not involve the destruction of human embryos. Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, sidelined with a neck injury, reportedly went to an unidentified European country in recent weeks to obtain a treatment involving adult stem cells that is not yet approved by the Food and Drug Administration in the United States. Free-agent wide receiver Terrell Owens, whose football career was put on hold because of knee surgery, went to South Korea for the collection and storage of his own stem cells in an effort to speed his return to the NFL. It remains to be seen how successful those treatments will be, but adult stem-cell researcher Theresa Deisher knows that the two football players chose "the clinically superior solution" over research involving stem cells derived from human embryos. Deisher is working to develop better delivery techniques for adult stem-cell therapies. Researchers in Europe and elsewhere "are doing very well treating patients" with their own stem cells, but "they have some delivery issues," she told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview from Seattle, where she runs AVM Biotechnology. "If we could improve delivery, we could have even better outcomes."

*"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."*

*1 Chronicles 16:11*

## Sunday Readings from Oct. 9 to Nov. 20

October 9 — Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14
October 16 — Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21
October 23 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 22:20-26 Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40
October 30 — Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 Psalms 131:1, 2, 3 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 Matthew 23:1-12
November 6 — Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
November 13 — Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30
November 20 — Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

All daily and Sunday readings, as well as a daily reflection video, are available in text or video at:

[www.usccb.org/nab/](http://www.usccb.org/nab/)

*Brought to you by the Catholic Communications Campaign — please be generous.*

## The Seventeen Evidences of a Lack of Humility

1. To think that what one says or does is better than what others say or do
2. To always want to get your own way
3. To argue with stubbornness and bad manners whether you are right or wrong
4. To give your opinion when it has not been requested or when charity does not demand it
5. To look down on another's point of view
6. To not look on your gifts and abilities as lent from God
7. To not recognize that you are unworthy of all honors and esteem, even of the earth you walk on and things you possess
8. To use yourself as an example in conversations
9. To speak badly of yourself so that others will think well of you or contradict you
10. To make excuses for yourself when you are corrected
11. To hide humiliating faults from your spiritual director, so that he will not change the impression he has of you
12. To take pleasure in praise and compliments
13. To be saddened because others are held in higher esteem
14. To refuse to perform inferior tasks
15. To seek to stand out
16. To refer in conversation to your honesty, genius, dexterity, or professional prestige
17. To be ashamed because you lack certain goods

St. Joseph Church, Yoakum  
Bulletin - Sept. 18, 2011

**Women Objectified, Marriages Dissolved:** The pill teaches men to disregard and disrespect women, to treat and use women as objects. How do marriages survive when the wife is used as a mere pleasure object? Often they don't. According to the U.S. census bureau, only one in three couples will reach their 25th anniversary, and only one in five will reach their 35th.[18] The divorce rate for couples who use Natural Family Planning is less than 1 percent.[19]

### What Can We Do?

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), doctors, and the culture must work to solve these problems. The finale of "Poisoned by the Pill" and suggestions for the FDA, Doctors and Culture will appear in the Nov. issue of *The Catholic Lighthouse*. To read the full article or to see the footnotes, please go to <http://catholicexchange.com/2011/01/17/146008/>

**LEWING BUILDINGS** CUSTOM STEEL BUILDINGS

Farm & Ranch Buildings • Residential Buildings  
Lean-tos • Carports & Patio Covers  
Building Component Sales

1007 S. Wharton St., El Campo, TX 77437  
979-543-6941

[www.lewingbuildings.com](http://www.lewingbuildings.com)



## PARTNERS IN MISSION SURVEY

### STJ 2011 SURVEY -St. Joseph High School Makes A Difference-

St. Joseph High School would like to share the good news with our community, about the value and quality of receiving an exemplary high school education. We invite you to share your thoughts with us, by filling out our 2011 enrollment survey.

Please fill out our 2011 enrollment survey and return to listed e-mail or direct mail by November 20, 2011. We look forward to hearing from you!

St. Joseph High School invites you to visit our campus and experience first hand why you will love the journey~

- Do you have a personal connection with St. Joseph High School?  
 I am an alumni     Family/Friends attend     No connection
- Will you have a child entering high school in the next five years?  
 Yes     No
- If you answered yes to the question above, what is the likelihood that your child will attend St. Joseph High School?  
 Most likely will attend     Unsure     Will not attend
- If you answered no to the question above, please list reason(s) why:  
 Tuition     Curriculum Intensity  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
- When selecting a high school for your student, how much value is placed on where his/her friends will attend?  
 Very important     Important     Not important
- Would knowing that nearly 50% of current students receive tuition assistance be a determining factor in selecting St. Joseph High School for your child?  
 Yes     No
- Did you know that the current tuition to attend St. Joseph High School is \$8,400?  
 Yes     No
- When determining the selection of a high school for your student, please select three of the top deciding factors for your family:  
 Academic Excellence     Athletic Opportunity     Tuition Cost  
 Christian Environment     Catholic Education     Community Service  
 Challenging Curriculum     College Preparedness     Family Atmosphere  
 College Credit Courses     Extracurricular Activities     Zero Tolerance
- How important are sports programs and other extracurricular activities in your decision making when selecting a high school for your child?  
 Very important     Important     Not important
- Did you know that St. Joseph High School offers free-after school tutoring?  
 Yes     No
- Do you think that St. Joseph High School, as a college preparatory school, is:  
 Very challenging     Moderately challenging     Not challenging
- Is your student planning on attending college?  
 Yes     No
- Did you know that 99% of St. Joseph High School graduating seniors attend college and the graduating class of 2011 received 3.6 million dollars in scholarships?  
 Yes     No
- Have you ever had the opportunity to visit the St. Joseph High School campus?  
 Yes     No
- Would you like to be contacted by the St. Joseph High School Admissions Office to schedule a campus tour?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

We love to share the good news about St. Joseph High School!  
 Please contact the Advancement Office for more information at:  
[www.STJvictoria.com/Advancement](http://www.STJvictoria.com/Advancement)

ATT: Anna Holladay  
 Marketing and Admissions Coordinator  
 110 East Red River  
 Victoria, Texas 77901  
 (361) 573-2446

*You'll love the Journey*®

## Catholic By Grace

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



### Cradle Catholics and Converts to share in humility with new missal

I wish I had a dollar for every time I felt like a newcomer to the Catholic Faith. I remember the prayer I wrote in my RCIA journal in 2005. Lord, I am going to look like I don't know what I am doing as I fumble my way through this. I'm going to look like an idiot sometimes.

Like that first Lent when the Alleluia vanished from the Liturgy, and I didn't realize that would happen. Or the many times the organist has played an unfamiliar tune to the Gloria. Suddenly, I can't remember the words.

Like my First Communion, when I had to remember the order of bowing and saying Amen and crossing myself – when all I could think about was Jesus waiting as I walked the aisle so that He could come to me – and I to him.

Or the year I substituted in the English department at Immaculate Conception Parish and the teachers would meet before the students arrived. They would pray the Memorare. Little Mary Beth who was only in seventh grade took pity on me and printed out a copy of the prayer so that I would not have to stand in the teachers' prayer circle and participate in fits and starts.

Like the time I attended Mass at EWTN and there was a lot of Latin. It seemed like I was the only one who was lost. I remember the embarrassment I felt. I was scheduled to be a guest on one of their programs later in the day, and I didn't even know how to pray the Mass with them.

Like the time I visited St. Ignatius of Loyola School and bowed my head to pray with teachers and students in the gathering space – only to feel a tap on my shoulder from one of the teachers who pointed to the Crucifix on the wall. That's when I realized everyone in the room was looking

upon the Lord as they prayed, and I hadn't noticed because my head had been bowed and my eyes closed (like I had done in my Protestant years).

Or the times I have written an article for the column and received a kind letter from an editor who wanted to help me edit the article so that it was more in line with official Church teaching.

Over and over, I have felt like a newcomer to the Faith. I still have moments when I can't remember whether we stand now or kneel. And those momentary lapses in memory almost always come when I am the guest speaker or the teacher or the Catholic writer – the one who is supposed to know it all.

Lord, I'm going to fumble and stumble around sometimes as I try to figure this out. I'm going to look like a fool as I travel down unfamiliar paths.

Recently, I was talking to a priest. When he realized that I am a Catholic writer, he suggested that I write something about the changes in the Liturgy. "It will be hard for the musicians and some of the people. And it will be hard for priests. We'll probably stumble awhile, as we try to learn the new wording."

"Oh, Father! You'll feel just like a convert!" I said and then I told him about my year in RCIA and the way I still feel at times.

The church secretary who was sitting near us smiled then. "Maybe that's not such a bad thing. We all need to feel like a convert now and then."

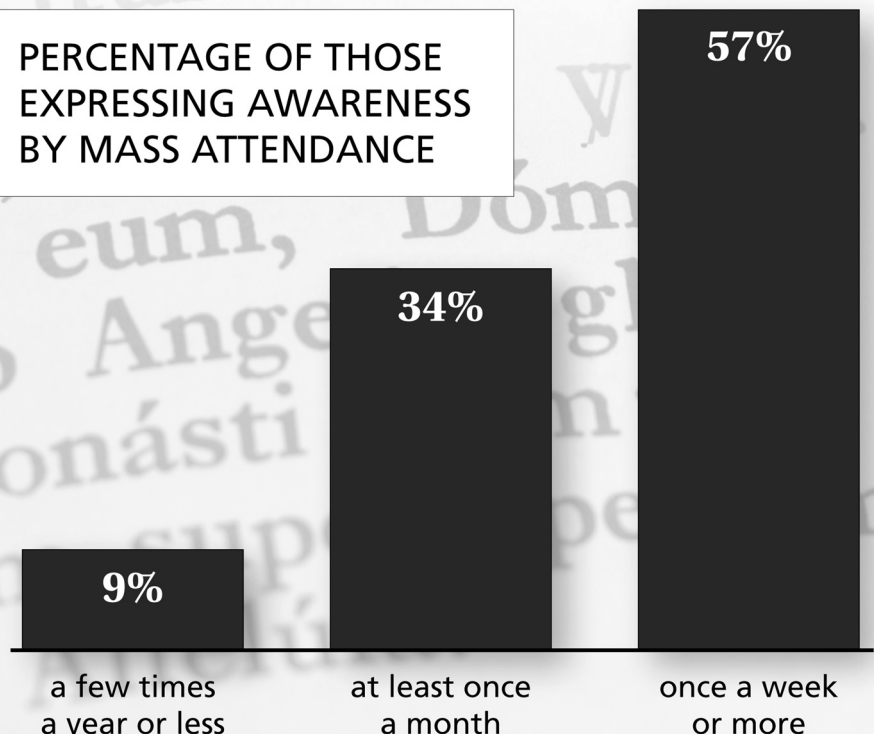
She's right. But it's not the end of the world. Every convert knows that you get through it somehow. Eventually, you learn. Almost immediately, you love. And the

*See Cradle Catholics, p. 15*

## Awareness of Missal Changes

Attendance at Mass makes a difference in whether respondents are aware of the missal changes coming in November.

PERCENTAGE OF THOSE EXPRESSING AWARENESS BY MASS ATTENDANCE



Source: Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

©2011 CNS



## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



### Faith troubled by doubts

*Q. I am 79 years of age, have been a Catholic all my life and have tried my best to follow the Ten Commandments. But I find myself now bothered by religious doubts and fear that I may really be an agnostic. Can a person remain in the state of grace with this state of mind? (I have read that Mother Teresa had similar feelings before her death.) (Gahanna, Ohio)*

**A.** Please let me assure you, first of all, that you are not alone. It is characteristic of the lives of many people, including some outstanding Christians, to suffer deeply from the feeling that they are not as certain as they should be about matters of faith. (Cardinal Avery Dulles, the learned Jesuit theologian, once wrote that “faith is suspended over the abyss of unbelief and hence is liable to be questioned at any time.”)

You do well to reference Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, for she serves as an encouraging model of those who have weathered this crisis well.

A book released in 2007, revealing letters she had written over half a century, told graphically of her spiritual struggles; for decades, she was tortured by the fear

that God had abandoned her. (In one letter to a priest-confidant the now-beatified Mother Teresa writes: “Jesus has a very special love for you. As for me, the silence and emptiness is so great, that I look and do not see.”)

What Mother Teresa endured, I believe, was not so much a crisis of faith. Only two or three times during more than 50 years does she say that she was tempted to conclude that God did not exist, and those times would pass. Instead it was more akin to what St. John of the Cross first referred to in the 16th century as the “dark night of the soul,” that sense that God was absent from her life and far away when she needed him most.

You wonder, in your question, whether your doubts leave you in the state of grace. Certainly they do, for you continue to practice your faith and keep the commandments much as Mother Teresa continued to pray and to reverence God in those who were dying in the streets of Kolkata.

Experiencing uncertainty is a part of being human. The prayer of the father of the boy possessed by the demon (Gospel of Mark, Chapter 9) is the prayer of each one of us: “Lord, I do believe. Help my unbelief.” You would do well to share your doubts in honest conversations — both with God and with a trusted priest or spiritual guide.

## THE POPE SPEAKS

Pope Benedict XVI



CNS photo from Reuters

### Pope reviews trip to Germany, says it was ‘festival of faith’

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said he was happy to see that “the faith in my German homeland has a young face, is alive and has a future.”

At his weekly general audience Sept. 28 in St. Peter’s Square, the pope told an estimated 10,000 pilgrims and visitors about his trip Sept. 22-25 to Germany.

In his audience talk, the pope said his trip was a true “festival of faith,” and his liturgies and Masses, meetings with public officials, other Christians and Jewish and Muslim representatives “helped us see once again how it’s God who gives the deepest meaning and true fullness to our lives; in fact, he alone gives us, gives everyone, a future.”

Pope Benedict said it was “particularly moving” to meet briefly in Erfurt with the 98-year-old Msgr. Hermann Scheipers, “the last surviving priest from the Dachau concentration camp.” The Nazi camp had a special section for imprisoned priests and ministers who had spoken out against the Nazis. Msgr. Scheipers was arrested for ministering to forced laborers from

Poland. More than 2,500 Catholic priests were imprisoned in Dachau, and more than 1,000 of them died there.

The pope also spoke briefly about his meeting in Erfurt with five victims of clerical sexual abuse. He said, “I wanted to assure them of my sadness and my closeness to them in their suffering.”

Pope Benedict said he was honored to be the first pope to address the German parliament and he wanted to lead the legislators and all citizens in a reflection about the relationship between faith and freedom, and about the importance of moral values having an impact on the way people live together in society.

The 84-year-old pope said that since he was a young man “I had heard people talk about the region of Eichsfeld — a strip of land that always has remained Catholic despite various historical events — and about its inhabitants who courageously opposed the dictatorships of Nazism and communism.”

Visiting the Marian shrine at Etzelsbach and celebrating vespers, the pope joined generations of people who “entrusted to Mary their requests, concerns and sufferings, receiving comfort, grace and blessings,” he said.

The final leg of the pope’s trip took him to Freiburg, a deeply Catholic region of Germany.

The trip, he said, “offered me the occasion to meet the faithful of my German homeland and to confirm them in faith, hope and love, and share with them the joy of being Catholic. But my message was addressed to the entire German people to invite them to look with hope toward the future.”

### Pope Benedict XVI’s Intentions October 2011

**General Intention:** For the terminally ill, that in their sufferings they may be sustained by faith in God and by the love of others.

**Missionary Intention:** That the celebration of World Mission Sunday may increase in the People of God the passion for evangelization and the support of missionary activity through prayer and economic aid for the poorest churches.

### Prayer means crying out to God with trust, pope says at audience

Continued from p. 20

“This is a cry that opens the heavens because it proclaims a faith, a certainty that goes beyond all doubt, all darkness and all desolation,” the pope said. “And the lament is transformed, giving way to praise.”

Pope Benedict told those gathered in the audience hall that, even when God seems absent or silent, they, too, must learn to remember God’s fidelity and to trust that Christ has ensured that suffering and death will not have the last word.

“In this way, placing all our trust and hope in God the father, even in anguish we, too, can pray with faith, and our cry for help will be transformed into a song of praise,” he said.

### Holy Name Society pledges to use social media to attract membership

BALTIMORE (CNS) — At its height, the Holy Name Society boasted more than 40,000 members in 135 parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. More than a half-century later, there are about 500 members in 18 parishes. Baltimore’s declining numbers aren’t an aberration. Across the country, membership has fallen as one of the world’s oldest Christian organizations has faced an increasingly secularized society, aging members and other challenges that have made it more difficult to attract newcomers. Today, there are more than 10,000 Holy Name members in the United States, hailing from 21 active diocesan Holy Name Unions. During the 41st annual convention of the National

Association of the Holy Name Society and the 100th annual convention of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Holy Name Union, both held simultaneously in Baltimore Sept. 21-24, leaders of the venerable organization pledged to embrace social media and new forms of evangelization to attract new members. The organization’s spiritual mission of promoting respect for the names of God and Jesus is needed now more than ever, leaders said, as the wider culture shows increasing disregard for using God’s name in vain. “We are not trying to reinvent the core values of the Holy Name Society — evangelization, promoting the spiritual and corporal works of mercy,” said Joseph Lapoint, outgoing president of the National Association of the Holy Name Society and president of the Archdiocese of Boston’s Holy Name Union.

“Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9-11).

### Cradle Catholics and Converts to share in humility with new missal

Continued from p. 14

learning and the loving move in tandem.

Take it from one who has fumbled along many times. All will be well. Change is never easy. And this change will be particularly difficult for many. If you are a priest or a musician, offer it up for a convert who finds the entire Liturgy something of a foreign language. Offer it up for the one who longs to be part of the Church family, but feels like he will never fit in as easily as the cradle Catholic sitting beside him. Offer it up for the one who is trying to learn everything in just a few months of RCIA.

And I will let you in on a secret that every convert knows. You will look back on that part of the journey and miss it a little. You will realize that God was there. You knew it. You felt it. You relied on it.

I’ll meet you in the Mass; and we’ll learn together.

**The Chancery Office will be closed November 1 for All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) Will re-open November 2 at 8:30 a.m.**

~ **Christmas Tour** ~  
**Dec. 2-4, 2011**  
Grapevine, Texas at the Gaylord Texan Hotel  
\$698 p/p for double

~ **Mystery Tour** ~  
**April 9-16, 2012**

**Rushmore & Badlands**  
**June 11-20, 2012**

**2012 Brochures Available**

Pathways with Patti  
334 Jurek Road  
Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
361.552.2695 or 361.920.3216

**Hope You Can Come & Join Us!**

**St. Theresa Annual Parish Picnic**  
in La Salle at the Parish Hall  
County Road 325 & Hwy 616  
**Sunday, October 16**  
**Turkey Dressing Dinner**  
(Catered by Robert Werner of Shiner, Texas)  
Serving: 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. • \$8 • Dine-in or Plates-to-go

**Auction at 12:30 p.m.**

Drawing  
Games  
Plant Sale  
Cakewalk  
Craft/Country Store



The Saddler family from Bastrop, Texas, lost their home and property to the Labor Day Weekend wildfire that killed four people and destroyed over 1,600 homes in the area, making it the most destructive fire in Texas. From left are Stacey, Maddison, 7 ½ years; Ivy Rose, 15 months; and Bobby Saddler. Bobby is from Victoria and he and Stacey are presenters for the Diocese of Victoria Engaged Encounter Program. Although they lost much, they feel they gained more in blessings from God.

## What Was Gained

*Continued from p. 6*

doing His work.” The Saddlers felt like the EE weekend was exactly where God needed and wanted them to be.

Bobby and Stacey were very surprised to find out that the engaged couples had actually received an e-mail before the EE weekend informing them of the Saddler’s situation. They came bearing donations of clothes for them and their daughters (as well as for their friends affected by the fire), toys, and gift cards. The Saddlers’ hearts swelled with thanks and gratitude at this unexpected gesture of thoughtfulness and generosity, especially since they had never met these couples until that weekend.

For the Saddlers, one of the most memorable and heart-tugging moments during the EE weekend was when several of the couples approached them and shared that the Saddlers’ simply being there after such a tragedy completely changed the future of their marriage and the commitment they would make to each other. Can you imagine the joy? Someone’s mere “presence” changing another’s life... forever!

When asking the Saddlers how they felt about the first trip back to their home after the fires, this is what they said... “We were allowed back in our neighborhood on Thursday, September 15, nine days after it was declared a total loss. It was surreal and we were numb. The area looks as though it was air bombed and we have dubbed it ‘the war zone.’”

Where Bobby and Stacey’s home once stood, there is now only rubble, ashes and soot. Nothing to rummage through. Nothing.

So much was lost because of the vicious, destructive, roaring wildfire, but, ironically, much was gained.

A Texas Parks and Wildlife spokesman said of the Bastrop State Park, “Once it starts raining again, the pine trees will come back and it will probably be more verdant than ever before.” This makes me think of the Saddlers and the impact of that decision they made on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

What was gained from that unselfish decision to attend the EE weekend, despite their recent loss? **FAITH** - An increased faith in God for the Saddlers and all those around them. **COMMITMENT** - An increased commitment to marriage in all of the lives touched by their presence during the EE weekend. **LOVE** - An increased love for all God’s people who step up to the plate in times of crisis to help, support, love and pray for those who need them.

There is no doubt in my mind that as love continues to rain down on the Saddlers from family, friends, the engaged couples and the EE family, they too will come back, like the pines, and be stronger than ever before! Thank you for your example of self-sacrifice, faith, commitment and couple love, Bobby and Stacey. Thank you.

## PEHSU Information on Health Risks of Wildfires for Children

*Continued from p. 6*

play structures, and wood chips. Clean the area, as the ash may contain high levels of arsenic if these were pre-2002 structures.

- Carbon monoxide: NEVER use generators, space heaters, or any gas or kerosene appliances in enclosed spaces as this may result in carbon monoxide poisoning.

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS FROM FIRE DAMAGE

- Ash: Recent fires may have deposited large amounts of ash on indoor and outdoor surfaces in areas near the fires. This ash may cause irritation of the skin, nose, and throat, and may cause coughing. Ash and dust (particularly from burned buildings) may contain toxic and cancer causing chemicals including asbestos, arsenic, and lead. For these reasons children should not be in the vicinity while cleanup is in progress. Even if careful it is easy to stir up dust that may contain hazardous substances.

- Debris: Broken glass, exposed electrical wires (whether or not they are “live”), nails, wood, metal, plastics, and other solid objects commonly found in areas of fire damage can cause puncture wounds, cuts, electrical injuries, and burns from smoldering materials.

- Watch for ash pits and mark them for safety. Ash pits are holes full of hot ashes, created by burned trees and stumps. Falling into ash pits or landing in them with hands or feet can cause serious burns. This underscores the need for children to only enter areas that have been cleaned and examined for safety.

- Children should not be permitted in the residence or permitted to play on nearby fire-damaged buildings or structures until these have been cleared by their local authorities. Unstable building structures include: flooring, stairways, railings, balconies, roofing, and fire escapes.

- Materials in storage areas may have moved into unstable positions and could fall. Doors and entryways to storage areas should be opened carefully.

### PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- Personal hygiene: If a child has had contact with any potentially hazardous substance in a fire-damaged area, wash their hands and any other exposed body part thoroughly with soap and water or bathe them. Remove any exposed clothing and wash separately as soon as possible.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL HAZARDS:

During the recovery phase, children may experience significant emotional distress, resulting from excess anxiety and grief associated with loss and trauma related to having lived through a natural disaster. Children may suffer from fears connected to the smell of smoke, feelings of anxiety when weather conditions indicate a heightened potential for fires, or overwhelming guilt at having survived the wildfires with little or no damage to their property. If children experience the loss of a loved one or their home, their sense of personal safety and security is often destroyed as well.

Parents and caregivers may observe children displaying one or several of the following reactions during the recovery stage:

- Irritability, fatigue, indifference
- Physical complaints; i.e., stomach aches, headaches, general complaints

of feeling unwell

- Clinging; difficulty separating, returning to “babyish” behaviors
- Eating or sleeping too much or too little, nightmares
- Difficulty concentrating or focusing at home and/or on school work
- Aggression or outbursts of anger, fears

Parents and caring adults are well-positioned to provide significant support to children during times of emotional distress. Even if circumstances require a family to relocate to temporary housing, the sooner routines previously in place are re-established, the more quickly children will begin to experience the return of feelings of security and safety. Parents should reassure children that their feelings and fears are normal and should encourage them to express their emotions with words, play and writing.

The following recommendations will assist parents in their efforts to support children experiencing significant emotional challenges as a result of the recent wildfires. Tell parents:

- Maintain continuity and familiar routines in the child’s life, both at home and school.
- Listen, listen, listen with an open heart and mind, without judging or attempting to fix the problem.
- Imagine how the child feels; let children know their feelings are normal.
- Encourage expression of feelings through conversation, role-playing, music, visual art, and writing (letters, diaries, journals).
- Provide honest and accurate answers to the questions children ask, keeping in mind the child’s age and ability to make sense of your response.
- Reassure them with words, for children gain confidence and comfort from your strength.
- Provide hugs and comforting touches, remembering children thrive on loving human contact.
- Practice patience. Children may need a bit more time and encouragement, as well as overall understanding at this time.
- Emphasize a child’s personal strengths and help the child recognize his/her coping skills already in place.
- Help children to see there were heroes and helpers who tried to make things better for the community during a time of need.

To contact your local Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit with any questions about this fact sheet please visit [www.pehsu.net](http://www.pehsu.net). Also go to the Web site for information on “Hazards from Water Damage and Utilities” and for the list of resources used for this fact sheet.

Acknowledgement: James M. Seltzer, M.D., Mark Miller, M.D., M.P.H., and Diane L. Seltzer, M.A. Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU) Region IX

This document was developed by the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC) and funded under the cooperative agreement award number 1U61TS000118-02 from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). Acknowledgement: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supports the PEHSU by providing funds to ATSDR under Inter-Agency Agreement number DW-75-92301301-0. Neither EPA nor ATSDR endorse the purchase of any commercial products or services mentioned in PEHSU publications.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
HOLY FAMILY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
BAZAAR**

**WHARTON**

**Sun., Oct. 16, 2011**

Join in the fun at the  
**Holy Family Life Center**  
2009 Briar Lane

**DINNER MENU**

**BAR-B-QUE 1/2 CHICKEN & SAUSAGE**

- \*Potatoes
- \*Green Beans \$8.00
- \*Sauer Kraut PER PLATE
- \*Ice Tea

Serving starts 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Seating available or plates to go  
Drive thru for plates to go (11:00 to 1:00 p.m.)

**MASSES:**  
SATURDAY: 5:30 P.M.  
SUNDAY: 10:00 A.M.

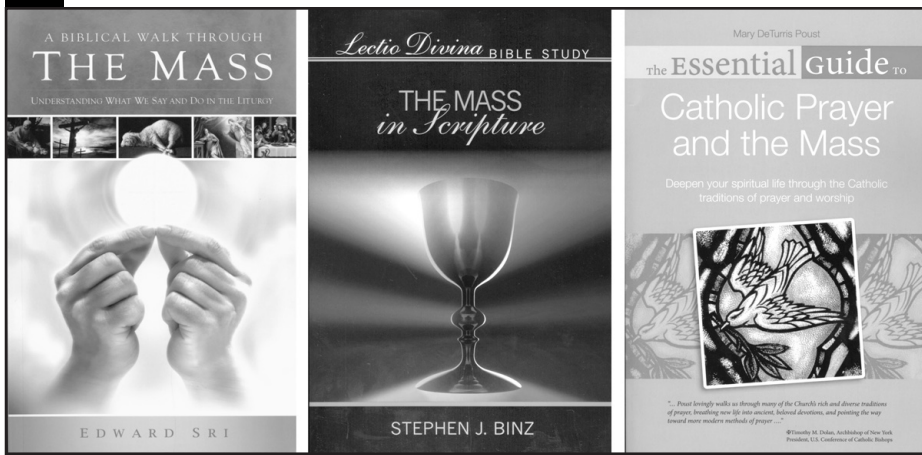
**Auction Begins 12:00 noon**

Handmade Quilts  
Other Valuable Items

Various Children's Games

**COUNTRY STORE**  
HOMEMADE BREAD, NOODLES, COOKIES  
CRAFT ITEMS, CAKE WALK





**COVERS OF BOOKS ON PRAYER AND THE MASS**—These are the covers of “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy” by Edward Sri, “The Mass in Scripture” by Stephen J. Binz and “The Essential Guide to Catholic Prayer and the Mass” by Mary DeTurris Poust. The books are reviewed by Brian T. Olszewski. (CNS)

### Bishops’ new ad hoc committee will tackle religious liberty concerns

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Saying they are increasingly distressed over government policies that promote contraception, abortion and same-sex marriage and amount to an assault on religious freedom, the U.S. bishops have established a committee to shape public policy and coordinate the church’s response on the issue. The Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty was announced Sept. 30 by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., was named chairman of the new committee. “There is a common and factually grounded perception that religious liberty is increasingly under assault at the state and federal level in the United States, whether through unfriendly legislation or through rules and regulations that impede or tend to impede the work of the church,” Bishop Lori told Catholic News Service Sept. 30, explaining the motivation for forming the committee. “Hopefully, we will raise up the issue for the entire Catholic community in the United States,” he said. “We will help educate about the issue and hopefully there will be good and effective action.” Bishop Lori has been a public defender of religious liberty over the last year. In October 2010 he issued “Let Freedom Ring: A Pastoral Letter on Religious Freedom,” which carefully laid out an argument that some legislative efforts in the government seemed to be aimed solely at the Catholic Church.

### 18 Catholic colleges appeal parts of federal health care law mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Eighteen Catholic colleges have asked the Obama administration to exempt all religious individuals and institutions from being forced to participate in the federal mandate that health insurance plans cover contraceptives and sterilization. The 13-page appeal was sent to the White House Sept. 29 and called the Department of Health and Human Services’ exemptions for religious employers as “potentially so narrow as to be not only nearly inconsequential but insulting to religious entities, in particular to Catholic colleges and universities.” Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Curry, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Catholic Education, also signed the letter. The Catholic institutions join the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Health Association in support of stronger religious exemptions under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. HHS was accepting comments on the proposed religious exemption until Sept. 30. Msgr. Stuart Swetland, vice president of mission at Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Md., told Catholic News Service the proposed mandates under the health care law threaten the operation of Catholic colleges and universities. “It’s

unprecedented in federal law. Religious exemptions were always written to accommodate sincere religious beliefs. This is written so narrowly,” said Msgr. Swetland, who also is executive director of the Center for the Advancement of Catholic Higher Education, a division of the Cardinal Newman Society, which helped organize the colleges’ appeal.

### Judge denies Catholic Charities’ request to continue adoption contracts

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS) — An Illinois county circuit judge has denied an emergency request by Catholic Charities to stay his earlier ruling that the agencies have no right to state contracts to provide adoption and foster care services. In his Sept. 26 ruling, Judge John Schmidt of the Sangamon County Circuit Court in Springfield said the state can begin canceling the contracts for foster care and adoption it has with Catholic Charities agencies in the dioceses of Belleville, Joliet, Peoria and Springfield. The state’s Department of Children and Family Services ended \$30 million in contracts with these agencies in July stating that Catholic Charities’ practice of referring unmarried couples to other agencies was discriminatory and a violation of the state’s civil union law. The Thomas More Society, which is representing Catholic Charities in this case, said it planned to immediately seek a stay from the Illinois Appellate Court to allow the agencies to continue their operations during the appeal. In court documents, the Catholic Charities lawyers argued that canceling these contracts would be disruptive to their 2,000 children clients. They also said it would have a significant impact on Catholic Charities employees who could lose their jobs and could impair the charitable programs Catholic Charities provides. The legal proceedings on this issue began after passage of the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act, which took effect June 1.

### Archbishop of Military Services issues statement on death of Archbishop Hannan

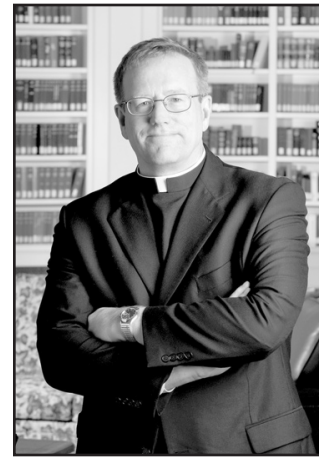
WASHINGTON, D.C. — His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services (AMS), USA, today issued the following statement on the death of retired Archbishop Philip Hannan. Archbishop Hannan, who died Thursday in New Orleans at the age of 98, was the nation’s oldest living military chaplain. Archbishop Broglio said, “Saddened by the death of Archbishop Hannan, with all believers, I recognize that death opens the door to eternal life, the object of the earthly pilgrimage. From his days as a chaplain for the 505th Parachute Regiment of the Army’s 82nd Airborne Division in World War II, when he was known affectionately as ‘the jumping padre,’ to his years of active retirement in New Orleans, Archbishop Hannan was

## PBS to broadcast ‘Catholicism’ series by Chicago priest

CHICAGO (CNS) — Television viewers across the country will get a glimpse into the rich history, culture and tenets of the Catholic faith this fall when 90 public television stations across the country air episodes of a series called “Catholicism” that was developed by a Chicago priest. The series is hosted by Father Robert Barron, who runs the Chicago-based Word on Fire ministry. It includes 10, hour-long DVDs, leader and group study guides and a 300-page stand-alone book of the same title. Episodes also will be broadcast on the Eternal Word Television Network. The priest’s goal was to show the history and treasures of the Catholic Church. The series was filmed in high-definition and spans more than 50 locations in 15 countries. The global media ministry Word on Fire — which aims to “educate and engage the culture” — pitched all 10 episodes of “Catholicism” to PBS, but the network opted to run four shows: the revelation, God becomes

man; the mystery of God; Mary, the mother of God; and Peter and Paul as missionaries. (Check local listings.) No money was exchanged under the agreement, Father Barron said, and Word on Fire will promote the full DVD set and program at the end of each episode. Father Barron, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and a professor of faith and culture at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, said he was surprised PBS agreed to air “Catholicism.” “I thought that maybe they would think it was too Catholic. They loved it right away,” he told the Catholic New World, Chicago’s archdiocesan newspaper. The goal of “Catholicism” has always been to evangelize the culture, and media seemed the best vehicle to accomplish that, he added.

More information about the series is available at [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org) and [www.catholicismseries.com](http://www.catholicismseries.com).



Father Robert Barron, who runs the Chicago-based Word on Fire ministry, is pictured in a 2009 photo. Father Barron is the host of the TV series “Catholicism” that will air on PBS this fall. (CNS photo/Word on Fire)

a widely influential role model, not only to those he served directly, but also to the Church itself. He will be remembered for demonstrating the courage of his convictions and for his strong influence in the writing of ‘The Challenge of Peace’, the U.S. bishops’ 1983 pastoral letter on war and peace. Like his predecessors, he never forgot the poor whose lives he set out to improve with aggressive social action programs aimed at providing food, housing and other necessities for those in need. Archbishop Hannan’s long, fruitful life is an example to us all, and today we pray for the repose of his immortal soul.” The Diocese of Victoria library has a copy of Archbishop Hannan’s autobiography, The Archbishop Wore Combat Boots.

### Why does Catholic Latin America need missionaries?

COCHABAMBA, Bolivia (CNS) — Half a millennium has passed since missionaries arrived in what is now Latin America, and the region — which was then inhabited entirely by native peoples, some with complex civilizations — is now considered the most Catholic in the world. So why does it need missionaries? Meeting in Aparecida, Brazil, in 2007, the region’s bishops called for the Latin American church to be in a “permanent state of mission.” At a symposium held in Cochabamba — a modern city with an indigenous Quechua face — in late August to mark the centennial of the U.S.-based Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, participants described challenges and new arenas for mission in Latin America.

## PARISH OF THE NATIVITY

545 S. Austin Rd - Eagle Lake, TX  
Pavilion Across from the Hospital

## Annual Fall Festival

Sunday, October 16, 2011

### Eucharist

310 N Stevenson St.

Spanish 8:00 am

English 10:00 am

\* Barbecue Beef & Sausage

with all the trimmings \*

\$8 per plate

Serving from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm

**CURB SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**Live Auction 1:00 pm**

**Booths & Games**

Food Booths, Cake & Plant Walk, Country Store, Kids Games  
Soccer Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament

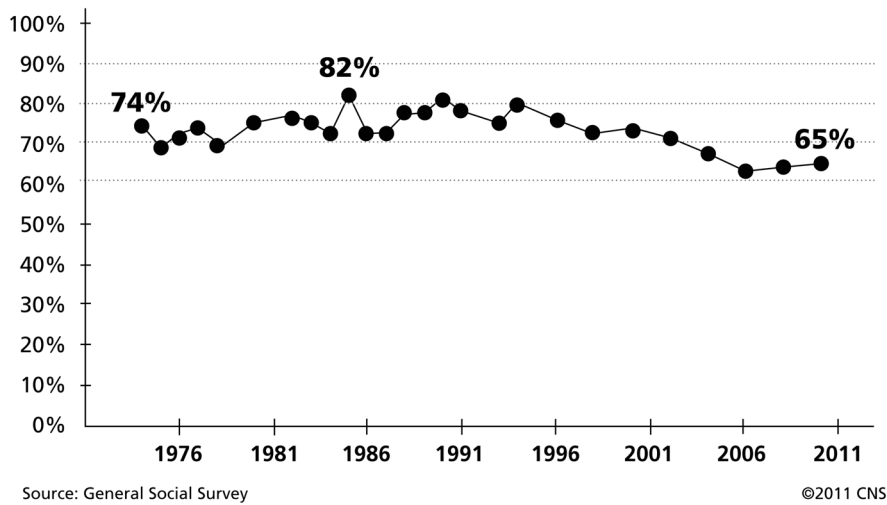
**Come Enjoy the Day!**

**Something for Everyone!**

**LIVE MUSIC WITH DJ**



## PERCENTAGE OF U.S. CATHOLICS who responded in favor of the death penalty for people convicted of murder:



## Dead wrong: Catholics must no longer support capital punishment

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Catholic Church's position on capital punishment has evolved considerably over the centuries. And as a result, "it is not a message that is immediately understood — that there is no room for supporting the death penalty in today's world," said a Vatican's expert on capital punishment and arms control. Because the church has only in the past few decades begun closing the window — if not shutting it completely — on the permissibility of the death penalty, people who give just a partial reading of the church's teachings may still think the death penalty is acceptable today, said Tommaso Di Ruzza, desk officer at the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. St. Thomas Aquinas equated a dangerous criminal to an infected limb thereby mak-

ing it "praiseworthy and healthful" to kill the criminal in order to spare the spread of infection and safeguard the common good. However, over the centuries, justice has evolved from being the smiting arm of revenge toward a striving for reform and restoration, much like today's medical science, where amputation is no longer the only recourse for curing an infection. Modern-day popes have reflected that change in attitude. Pope Paul VI took concrete action in distancing the church from this form of punishment, first by formally banning the use of the death penalty in Vatican City State, although no one had been executed under the authority of the Vatican's temporal governance since 1870.

## October 17th – 24th is Radon Action Awareness Week

October 17-24 is Federal Radon Action Week according to The Surgeon General. Health agencies throughout the United States have joined forces to promote awareness of the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers (estimated at 21,000 deaths each year).

The American Lung Association, Centers for Disease Control, and National Cancer Institute all agree that radon is a National health problem and encourage radon testing during the October awareness drive.

Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible and odorless radioactive gas. One in 15 American homes contains high levels of radon. Millions of Americans are unknowingly exposed to this dangerous gas. In fact, a recent study by Harvard University ranks radon as America's #1 in-home hazard. By taking simple steps to test your

home for radon and fix if necessary, this health hazard can be avoided.

Radon gas is not isolated to certain geographical areas or home types. Radon problems have been detected in homes in every county of the U.S. It caused more American fatalities last year than carbon monoxide, fires, and handguns combined! If a home hasn't been tested for radon in the past two years, EPA and the Surgeon General urge you to take action.

Contact your state radon office for information on locating qualified test kits or qualified radon testers. Texas Department of State Health Services Radon Website: [www.dshs.state.tx.us/radiation/radon.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/radiation/radon.shtm) P.O. Box 149347, Mail Code 1987, Austin, Texas 78714-9347 Toll Free: 1-800-293-0753; Phone: (512) 834-6787.

## Global News from Comboni Press Network

The following GLOBAL NEWS comes from COMBONI PRESS NETWORK, the News Service of the Comboni Missionaries (<http://www.combonimissionaries.org/>)

- The ugly truth about Arab racism and life as the "wrong kind of Muslim." With the liberation, Libyan rebels have slaughtered scores of black Africans: they are Somali or Sudanese refugees who escaped ethnic cleansing in Darfur and the South Kordofan region. In essence, they exchanged one form of Arab racism for another, which goes back to the 7th century. Why do the Arab and Muslim leaders refuse to criticize their own for this? For one thing, Colonel Gaddafi, even after his ousting, has continued paying the personal bills for many A.U. leaders. Read

the posting and related articles at [www.jp-pic-jp.org/46-en.html](http://www.jp-pic-jp.org/46-en.html).

- The role of the Church in supporting peaceful and credible elections in Africa was the theme of the five-day workshop, held in September in Accra, Ghana, and sponsored by SECAM, CRS and USCCB. Clearly aligned with 2009 African Synod propositions, it recognized the important role of the Church in Africa in speaking out against electoral abuses and all forms of malpractices. It recommended that pastoral agents receive more training to help them realize their mandate and contribute more directly to the development of democracy. Many insights and useful discussion from high-level speakers. Read more at [www.jp-pic-jp.org/47-en.html](http://www.jp-pic-jp.org/47-en.html).

## The Elderly Are a Blessing, Not a Burden

By Sister Constance Carolyn Veit, Little Sisters of the Poor

As the 20th century came to a close, the United Nations celebrated the International Year of Older Persons, heralding the vision of "A Society for All Ages." The first years of the new millennium have been anything but that, with the abandonment of frail seniors during natural disasters from New Orleans to Japan, the legalization of assisted suicide in several U.S. states and foreign countries, and political rhetoric that seems to consider the growing population of seniors merely as a drain on our health care system and the federal budget. Is this the society for all ages we envisioned in 1999?

Rather than looking upon the growing numbers of older persons as a burden, Pope Benedict — like his predecessor, Blessed John Paul II — has called them a blessing for society. "Every generation can learn from the experience and wisdom of the generation that preceded it," he affirmed in speaking to the elderly at St. Peter's Residence in London last September. The Pope insisted that "the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much as an act of generosity but as the repayment of a debt of gratitude."

The Pope's words should give us pause. We might also recall a bit of Biblical wisdom: "With your whole heart honor your father; your mother's birth pangs forget not," Sirach tells us. "Remember, of these parents you were born; what can you give them for all they gave you?" (Sir 7:28). Sirach admonishes us, "My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate with him; revile him not in the fullness of your strength. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, it will serve as a sin offering — it will take lasting root." (Sir 3:12-14).

To realize all that we owe the elderly and to honor them as a blessing, perhaps we need to slow down a bit and look at each one as if they were our own parent or grandparent. Maybe we need to see ourselves in them — for we too will be old one day, if we are blessed to enjoy a long life.

## Life issues, disdain for religion linked in Respect Life Month message

*Continued from p. 1*

to callous unconcern for anyone who is especially weak, defenseless and in need of our help," Cardinal DiNardo said.

"The unborn child, the aging parent whom some call a 'burden' on our medical system, the allegedly 'excess' embryo in the fertility clinic, the person with a disability, the cognitively impaired accident victim who needs assistance in receiving food and water to live — each today is at risk of being dismissed as a 'life unworthy of life,'" he added.

The cardinal said the recent decision by the Department of Health and Human Services to require all health plans to cover surgical sterilization and all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs and devices — including the abortifacient drug "Ella," a close analogue to the abortion pill RU-486 — without cost demonstrates both "a distorted view of sexuality and a disdain for the role of religion."

"The decision is wrong on many levels. Preventive services are aimed at preventing diseases (e.g., by vaccinations) or detecting them early to aid prompt treatment (e.g., screening for diabetes or cancer). But pregnancy is not a disease. It is the normal, healthy state by which each of us came into the world," he continued.

Cardinal DiNardo specifically countered claims that contraception is necessary for women's health, and that it reduces the abortion rate. "Far from preventing disease, contraceptives can have serious health consequences of their own, for example,

Perhaps what we really need to do is to look upon the elderly as Pope Benedict does — as persons imbued with inviolable dignity, and thus worthy of our respect and care, simply because they have been made in the image and likeness of God and are sustained by his Providence. "Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary," Benedict said in his first homily as Pope and again to the elderly last September in London. "Life is a gift, at every stage from conception until natural death, and it is God's alone to give and to take."

This October American Catholics will once again observe Respect Life Month. When we think of pro-life activities, we naturally think of the unborn, and rightly so. But this year, we would do well to reflect on the elderly — the contributions they have made to our families and society, their wisdom and experience, the care and assistance they need and the respect they deserve as human persons created in God's image. The U.S. Bishops recently published a statement on assisted suicide entitled *To Live Each Day with Dignity* (<http://www.usccb.org/toliveeachday/>). It is a valuable read for anyone who cares about the dignity of human life.

As Little Sisters of the Poor, we are committed to the accompaniment and care of the needy elderly, following the advice of our foundress, Saint Jeanne, who said, "Never forget that the poor are Our Lord ... Making the elderly happy, that is what counts!" We are caregivers — not politicians or policy makers. But we do know that caring for the elderly poor is growing more difficult all the time because of funding cuts, a chronic shortage of qualified professional and paraprofessional caregivers, and the attitudes of a society becoming increasingly callous with regard to the sacredness of human life. During this Respect Life Month we invite you to pray for the triumph of the Culture of Life, to advocate for better financing of care for low-income seniors and better educational programs and benefits for caregivers, and simply to cherish the elders in your own family or community.

increasing the risk of acquiring a sexually transmitted disease, such as AIDS, increasing the risk of breast cancer from excess estrogen, and of blood clots that can lead to stroke from synthetic progestin. Studies report that most women seeking abortions were using contraception in the month they became pregnant. Again and again, studies show that increasing access to contraception fails to reduce rates of unplanned pregnancies and abortions."

Mandating such coverage shows neither respect for women's health or freedom, nor respect for the consciences of those who do not want to take part in such problematic initiative," he stated.

The HHS's "religious employer exemption" is "so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one," he said. "Jesus himself, or the Good Samaritan of his famous parable, would not qualify as 'religious enough' for the exemption, since they insisted on helping people who did not share their view of God."

Cardinal DiNardo urged Catholics not to "shrink from the obligation to assert the values and principles we hold essential to the common good, beginning with the right to life of every human being and the right of every woman and man to express and live by his or her religious beliefs and well-formed conscience."

For Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo's full Statement for Respect Life Month, please go to the USCCB Web site at: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2011/11-180.cfm>



# EVENTS

## Special Collection Mission Sunday - October 23 Ongoing Events

**That Man is You!** — a men's weekly faith meeting will be held in three cities this year. The men's faith meetings will be held at three parishes in the diocese: Bay City, Holy Cross School cafeteria, Fridays, 5:45 to 7:15 a.m.; Ganado, Assumption parish hall, Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:15 a.m.; and Victoria, Holy Family education building, Wednesdays, 5:45 – 7:00 a.m. All men are welcome; no fees. More information at: [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org).

**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 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](http://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 for encounters outside the Diocese of Victoria, see [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.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 contact Gerd and Linda Conner at lbconner@sbcglobal.net, (979) 543-3493. Other contacts are at (800) 470-2230 and [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://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](http://www.beginningexperience.org); e-mail: [sanantonioobe@yahoo.com](mailto:sanantonioobe@yahoo.com); phone: (210) 734-2146.

**Natural Family Planning**— It is the only Church-approved form of family planning. For information about the Sympto-Thermal Method in the Victoria area, contact David and Annie Coffey at victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com.

**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 advanced reservations. The fort is handicapped accessible. For more information call (361) 645-3752 or see the Web site at [www.presidiolabahia.org](http://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](http://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 date for 2011 is: Nov. 11-13. The 2012 dates are: Feb. 17-19, April 27-29, June 29-July 1, Sept. 7-9 and Nov. 16-18. 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. October

**East Bernard**— Holy Cross Parish Bazaar will be held at Riverside Hall Oct. 9. Dinner will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. The menu will include barbecue beef, chicken and sausage with "homemade dressing" and all the trimmings. Hamburgers will be served starting at 3:00 p.m. The auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. All kinds of games will be available from noon -5:00 p.m. There will be live music starting at noon.

**El Campo**—San Roberto Bellarmine Parish Picnic Oct. 9 at the KC Hall on Armory Rd. The meal will be the CDA carne guisada, rice and beans. There will be a live auction, games, food stands, rides, live music by Grupo Zentenario and D.J. Tigre. Fun for all!

**Victoria**—Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Parish Festival Oct. 9 at the community center; doors open at 11:00 a.m. A buffet-style barbecue beef and sausage dinner will be served at \$8 p/p with dine-in or curbside service available. There will be booths and games for the entire family to enjoy.

**Eagle Lake**—Parish of the Nativity Festival Oct. 16 at the pavil-

ion across from the hospital (545 S. Austin Rd.). A barbecue beef and sausage dinner will be served at \$8 p/p from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with curbside service available. Live auction at 1:00 p.m. There will be booths and games, music and more. See ad on page 17.

**Goliad**—Immaculate Conception Fall Festival Oct. 16 will be held on the church grounds starting with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by a barbecue-beef, buffet-style dinner at \$7 p/p. There will be a cakewalk, games, country store, moonwalk, ballet folklorico, music, auction (1:00 p.m.) and much more.

**LaSalle**—St. Theresa Annual Parish Picnic will be held Oct. 16. A turkey and dressing dinner at 11:00 a.m. at \$8 p/p with dine-in or plates-to-go available. Auction at 12:30 p.m. and there will be a plant sale, cakewalk, games, country store and more. See ad on page 15.

**Wharton**—Holy Family Parish Fall Festival will be held Oct. 16, at Holy Family Life Center (2011 Briar Lane) and will include a meal of barbecue-chicken and sausage with potatoes, beans and sauerkraut at \$8 p/p, dine-in or drive-thru; auction starts at noon. Also included is: country store, pastry booth, cakewalk and children's games.

**Hallettsville**—Sacred Heart High School 60th Annual Apple Strudel Bake will be Oct. 22. The strudels come ready to eat or unbaked for a fresh treat at a later date. Unbaked strudels are \$13 each, and will be available for pick-up at the Sacred Heart Family Center on Oct. 22. To order, call Charlene Bradbury at (361) 798-3224, Annette Henke at (361) 798-5374, Sharon Wagner at (361) 576-2060 or e-mail [charlene\\_bradbury@hotmail.com](mailto:charlene_bradbury@hotmail.com). Advance orders are required to guarantee order fulfillment. Victoria orders will be available for pick-up at the Hobby Lobby parking lot on Navarro on Oct. 23 from 11:00 a.m.-noon.

**Seadrift**—St. Patrick Catholic Church in Seadrift will be holding its annual Turkey Dinner on Oct. 23, at the parish hall (302 W. Cleveland). Serving begins at 11:00 with plates priced at \$7 p/p. Turkey, homemade dressing, green beans, yams and bread will be served. Egg rolls, fried rice and baked goods will be sold also. Drawings for prizes will also be held. Everyone is welcome!

**Blessing**—St. Peter barbecue turkey and dressing dinner Oct. 30 with dine-in or drive thru plates available at \$8 p/p. Auction begins at 12:30. There will be a country store.

### Upcoming Events

**Victoria**—St. Mary's Altar Society's Annual Harvest Bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 6, after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses, in the Activity Center (401 S. Liberty St.). There will be many unique hand crafted items including prayer blankets, quilts, pillow cases, baby items, wood crafts, holiday gifts and decorations, and much, much more. The Country Store will have home-baked goods, canned goods and more. Dine-in or take-out homemade cinnamon rolls, old fashioned potato soup, warm cheese bread and drinks.

**Port Lavaca**—Our Lady of the Gulf Altar Society Annual Turkey and Dressing Dinner (catered by Werner's of Shiner) Nov. 6 at the KC Hall. Serving from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at \$8 p/p with dine-in or carry-out available.

**Praha**—Veterans Memorial Service Nov. 6

**Boling**—St. Joseph Picnic, Saturday, Nov. 12 (NEW DATE)

**Hungerford**—KJT Society #79 and KJZT Society #57 will be hosting their annual turkey and dressing dinner Nov. 13 at the community center. Serving begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Victoria**—Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival Nov. 13 at the community center. A turkey and dressing dinner will be served, with dine-in or plates-to-go available.

**Victoria**—KJZT Society #101 will have a Christmas party on Dec. 4 at Our Lady of Victory Cafeteria at 2:00 p.m. with dinner to be served at 4:00 p.m. Meat will be furnished, members are asked to bring a covered dish. RSVP by calling (361) 573-2669.

**Hallettsville**—A Sacred Heart High School All Alumni Reunion will be held on June 23, 2012, at the KC Hall in Hallettsville from 3:00-11:00 p.m. Please save this date and make your lodging reservations early. Call Irene Knebel at 361-798-4942 if you would like to assist with the planning or preparation of the reunion.

### Masses • Retreats • Conferences

**Victoria**—Days of Personal Reflection & Private Prayer, Oct. 10 – 12. The Spiritual Renewal Center will be open to the general public for private prayer, reflection and spiritual reading. This is not a directed or preached retreat but a silent retreat. Each participant will provide their own spiritual material and structure their own day. All meals will be provided. Space is limited. Reservations required, call (361) 894-1699. The cost for the two-nights/three days is \$100.

**Ferdinand, Indiana** — A Come & See Event will be held with the Sisters of St. Benedict Oct. 14-16 for single, Catholic woman between the age of 18 and 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](http://www.thedome.org/vocations), call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at 800-734-9999, or e-mail [vocation@thedome.org](mailto:vocation@thedome.org).

**Bay City**—Special one-day ACTS Retreat for people with special needs Oct. 15 hosted by the Bay City ACTS community. The retreat will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (1412 12th St.). Lunch and dinner will be provided and nurses will be in attendance. Evening Mass will follow at OLG. The cost will be \$15 for each retreatant, and scholarships will be available if needed. For more information or to register call Norbert or Janice Kuba at (979) 665-6157.

**Victoria**—A Public Square Rosary Crusade will be held outside in front of Our Lady of Victory Cathedral at noon on Oct. 15. Event will last one hour.

**Hallettsville**—40 Days for Life: Any one in the diocese is welcome to join Sacred Heart High School and St. Paul High School on

Monday, Oct. 17, for 40 Days for Life. We will be caravanning from Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville, at 7:30 a.m. to Planned Parenthood in Houston. For more information, please contact Father Tommy Chen, director of Diocesan Pro-Life Concerns, at (361) 798-5888.

**Bay City**—A healing Mass will be celebrated Oct. 23, at Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) Parish at 3:00 p.m. Father Gerry Cernoch, pastor at OLG, and Father Phi Nguyen, chaplain at Incarnate Word Convent, will celebrate the Mass.

**Victoria**—An All Souls Day Mass will be held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, at Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum on the corner of Laurent St. and Mockingbird Lane in Victoria. Bishop David Fellhauer will celebrate the Mass, and a fellowship with light refreshments will follow. Outside of Victoria, please check with local parishes for locations and times of other All Souls Day Masses.

**Victoria**—Spiritual Renewal Center offers days of reflection and retreats for the public. The Gospel of St. Mark, Nov. 7 -9 and Advent Reflections, Dec. 5 – 7.

**Victoria**—Single Catholic women (high school graduates through 50 years of age, who are discerning God's call) are invited to attend an "Amor Meus" (My Love) day retreat on Nov. 12 and then stay for an overnight visit at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria. If you are interested, please check us out at [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org) or call (361) 575-7111 or e-mail [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com) or [iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com) for more details or to make a reservation.

**Victoria**—The Holy Family Catholic Church is sponsoring a Men's ACTS Retreat Nov. 17-20 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. For more information, call Ron Sitka at (361) 550-1314, Gerald Bryant at (361) 212-5938 or Harvey Kocian at (361) 920-0738.

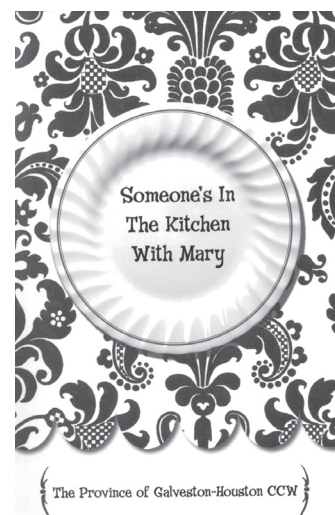
**Victoria**—Latin Masses will be celebrated by Father Bob Knippenberg at St. Mary's Church in Victoria every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

**Victoria**—Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Sisters have released their 2011-2012 Calendar for the Amor Meus Spirituality Center. To learn more about their Retreats, Taize Prayer and Advent and Lenten Vespers, call (361) 575-7111 or e-mail [amormeus@yahoo.com](mailto:amormeus@yahoo.com).

**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 Sister 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 [iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc2@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.



*Someone's In The Kitchen With Mary* — A collection of recipes by The Province of Galveston-Houston Council of Catholic Women is available at the Chancery Office for \$10.

**Fall Back**  
Don't Forget To Change Your Clocks Back One Hour  
November 6 @ 2:00 a.m.

**HEAVENLY HELPERS**  
Christian Store  
(979) 543-2850  
† Bibles † Gifts † Books † Jewelry † Music  
† Religious Articles † Videos † Christian Supplies  
1406-B N. Mechanic  
EL CAMPO, TEXAS 77437  
Jeanie Janak, owner  
M-F: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



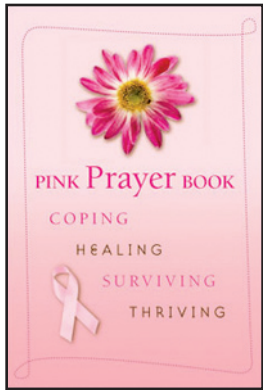
## Guidance for Tough Times, books from Liguori

### +++ILLNESS AND CANCER+++

*Pink Prayer Book: Coping, Healing, Surviving, Thriving*, edited by Diana Losciale

Inspired and written by breast cancer patients and survivors and the mothers, daughters, sisters, brothers, husbands, and friends that surround them, *Pink Prayer Book* offers prayers for the journey into healing. Incorporating Scriptures and prayers, this book offers support within a joyous healing network.

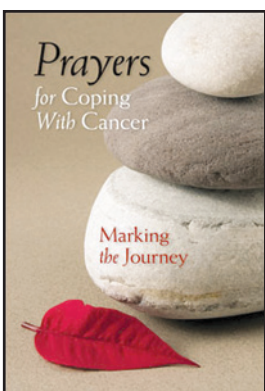
Price: \$9.99; Paperback; Product Code: 817670; ISBN: 9780764817670; Pages: 96; Size: 4" X 6"



*Prayers for Coping with Cancer: Marking the Journey*, edited by Diana Losciale

This collection of meditations, reflections, and prayers written by survivors, and their families and friends, can help those suffering find the comfort in knowing others have experienced the same fear and questions, and can help them talk with God and understand his never-ending love.

Price: \$9.99; Paperback; Product Code: 818295; ISBN: 9780764818295; Pages: 96; Size: 4" X 6"



*Come, Healing God ~ Prayers During Illness* by Joan Guntzelman and Lou Guntzelman

This collection includes Scripture-based prayers, excerpts and prayers from other authors, and supportive sentiments and encouragement. These prayers deal with many kinds of healing, spiritual and emotional, as well as physical. Some ask for deliverance from illness; others ask for acceptance.

Price \$6.95 Product Code: 812149; ISBN: 9780764812149; Pages: 112; Size: 4.25" x 7"

Also available in Spanish: *Ven Dios sanador*; ISBN 9780764810886; in stock \$5.95

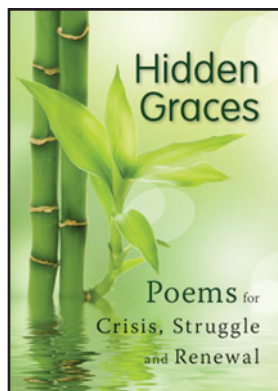


### +++EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL INSTABILITY+++

*Hidden Graces: Poems for Crisis, Struggle, and Renewal* by Gretchen L. Schwenker, PhD, and Mathew J. Kessler, CSsR

This book features poems from United States and British poets. Their work gives voice to the emotions that accompany your journey through the crisis, struggle and renewal cycle.

Price: \$15.99; Hardcover; Product Code: 819650; ISBN: 9780764819650;



Pages: 144; Size: 5" X 7"

### +++ADDICTIONS ++++

*Broken by Addiction, Blessed by God*, by Penny Mary Hauser

Author Penny Mary Hauser brings a lifetime of personal and professional experience with addiction and recovery to every page as she explores why and how treatment of women with substance abuse and addictions (gambling and sexual addiction) requires an approach different from approaches traditionally used with men.

Her STIGMA approach provides a blueprint for treatment:

- S = self image
- T = traditional roles
- I = ineffective communication
- G = grief and loss
- M = medical issues
- A = anger and abuse

This important book will put women on the path to sustained addiction recovery.

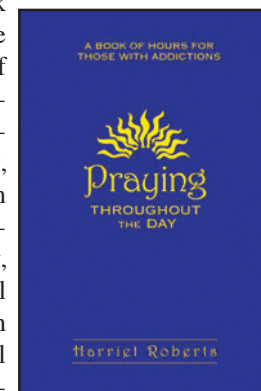
Price: \$16.99; Product Code: 818936; ISBN: 9780764818936; Pages: 192; Size: 5.5" x 8.25"



*Praying Throughout The Day: A Book of Hours for Those With Addictions* by Harriet Roberts

This book combines the best wisdom of spiritual formation, i.e., regularity in prayer, with modern methods of addiction recovery, and will appeal to those with addictions of all kinds. In addition, it will be very useful to counselors, retreat directors, pastoral ministers, chaplains, and all healing professionals.

Price: \$15.95; Paperback; Product Code: 814792; ISBN: 9780764814792; Pages 224; Size: 3.875" X 6.25"



### +++LOSS+++

*Every Tear will be Wiped Away ~ prayers for comfort in times of grief* by Gretchen L. Schwenker

Grief is a long and difficult journey. It is a truly personal recovery, often accompanied by feelings of isolation and loneliness. For these times of grieving, Gretchen L. Schwenker

provides a spiritual compass. *Every Tear Will Be Wiped Away* blends Scripture, prayers, and reflections to help you along your way through feelings of despair and hopelessness. Prayer is an intimate communication with the Lord. It is important to remember that during times of loss, God remains with us. This powerful compilation channels God's comfort to help center your faith and point you on a path toward emotional healing.



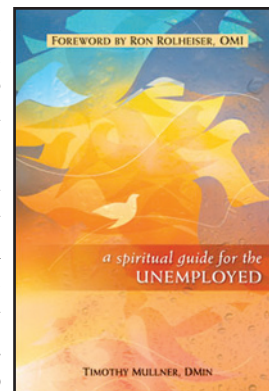
Price: \$15.99; Hardcover; Product Code: 820373; ISBN: 9780764820373; Pages: 144; Size: 5" X 7" X .45"

### +++UNEMPLOYMENT+++

*A Spiritual Guide for the Unemployed* by Timothy Mullner, DMin – Foreword by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Are you unemployed? Underemployed? Join Timothy Mullner on his sometimes rocky journey of renewed faith after unexpectedly losing his job. In seeking to make sense of his experience while he was out of work, Mullner wrote prayers that helped form the foundation of this book. *A Spiritual Guide for the Unemployed* also offers meditations and questions for you to consider as you seek God anew in your search for new work.

Price: \$10.99; Paperback; Product Code: 820601; ISBN: 9780764820601; Pages: 128; Size: 5.125" X 7.375" X .294"



These book titles are available at your local bookstore; call 800-325-9521 and mention source code 12-108; go to [www.liguori.org](http://www.liguori.org); or Liguori Publications, 1 Liguori Drive, Liguori, MO 63057-9999

## Prayer means crying out to God with trust, pope says at audience

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Praying in the midst of suffering, Christians must remember how God has loved them all their lives and will rescue them, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Holding his weekly general audience Sept. 14 in the Vatican audience hall, Pope Benedict continued teaching about prayer and used Psalm 22, "one of the most prayed and studied psalms," as an example of how to cry out to the Lord from a basic position of trust.

In Psalm 22, he said, "despite the presence of suffering, the psalmist recognizes God's closeness and a divine love that is so radical" that he still can say, "Since my mother bore me, you are my God."

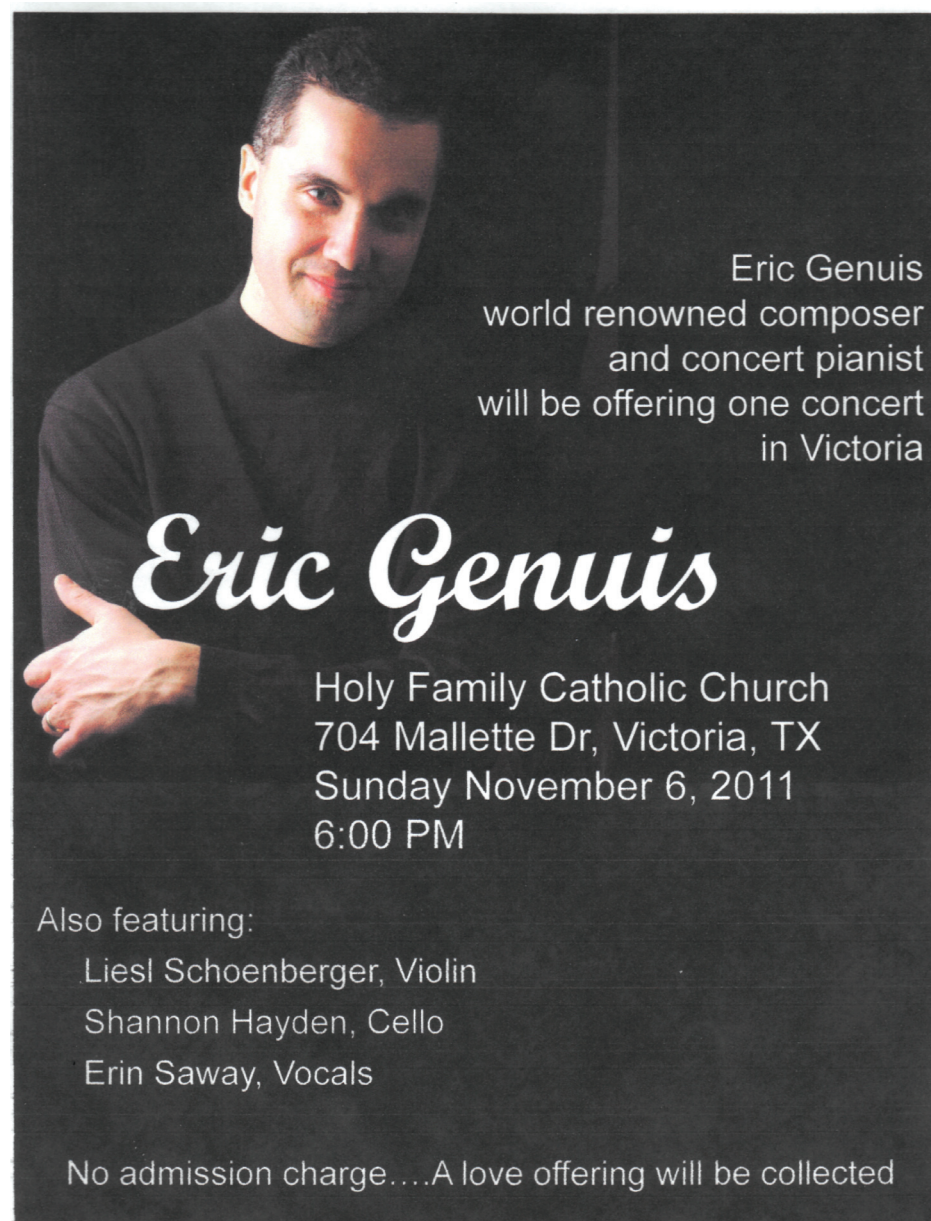
The psalm alternates between "the agonizing reality of the present moment and the consoling memory of the past," when the psalmist knew God was near and saw God at work in his life, the pope said.

Pope Benedict said the psalm, which the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have Jesus praying on the cross, does not paint a picture of a grumbling believer, but of one who is truly suffering deeply, yet hanging on to trust and hope in God's promise of salvation.

"God cannot contradict himself, and so the prayer goes back to describing the painful situation of the one praying in order to convince God to have pity and intervene as he always did in the past," the pope said.

And, then, the psalmist makes his final plea to God, recognizing God as his strength and asking him to be near and to rescue him.

See *Prayer means crying out*, p. 15



Eric Genuis  
world renowned composer  
and concert pianist  
will be offering one concert  
in Victoria

# Eric Genuis

Holy Family Catholic Church  
704 Mallette Dr, Victoria, TX  
Sunday November 6, 2011  
6:00 PM

Also featuring:  
Liesl Schoenberger, Violin  
Shannon Hayden, Cello  
Erin Saway, Vocals

No admission charge...A love offering will be collected