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Diocese ordains two priests

Father Manuel Holguin

born in Mexico and

Father Michael Moloney

born in Ireland

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“I always knew he would be a priest.”

Two families, with origins in different corners of the world, expressed that same sentiment as they waited inside St. Patrick Cathedral June 9 for the ordination of Cruz Manuel Holguin Ogaz and Michael Eugene Gerard Joseph Moloney to the Sacred Order of Presbyter.

Sitting in the front pew of the cathedral, Guadalupe Ogaz beamed with pride as she touched the gold colored vestments her son, Manuel, would soon wear.

“I’m very thankful, happy, excited, and proud,” the native of Jimenez, Chihuahua, Mexico said in Spanish. “This is the first priest in our family. It’s a blessing and will set a good example for the grandchildren.”

Across the aisle, Marian Laningham and Ellen Fung remembered their brother’s long journey to the priesthood. During his career as a medical doctor, Michael Moloney was as concerned with the underlying causes of a patient’s illness as he was with the disease itself.

“We aren’t surprised by Michael’s vocation. We knew it would eventually get there. His interest in the Church is something we noticed when he was 13 or 14,” says Marian,

SEE FATHER MANUEL... P. 16

Deacons Manuel Holguin (right) and Michael Moloney prostrate themselves before the altar of St. Patrick Cathedral as the Litany of the Saints is sung, just before Bishop Kevin Vann ordains them to the priesthood for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Saturday, June 9.



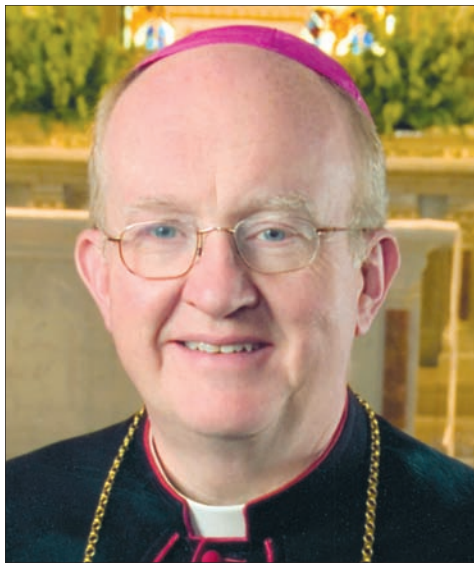
Our Shepherd Speaks

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, *gives us the perfect occasion to reflect on God's great gift and give thanks*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this month of June, we once again celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. This great feast day of the Eucharist is acknowledging the true presence of Christ in our midst at each Eucharistic celebration and the pilgrimage of our daily lives. Jesus has left for us his real, perpetual, and substantial presence in the Eucharist, so that He can be continuously present to and working through the Church and through each and every one of us to consecrate the world to God. This is why we call the celebration of the Eucharist the "Mass"—from the Latin word *missio* which means mission or to be sent. Jesus Christ comes to us in the Eucharist, fully present in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to not only be intimately present to us in his love and mercy, but to transform us to become more like Him to then go out into the world to witness and evangelize: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

In these challenging days, as we face the many challenges of our daily lives, and especially the current threats to religious freedom, and threats to human life and dignity that are prevalent in our modern culture, we need all the more the transforming power of the Eucharistic Lord so that we can go out into the world to truly make a difference. Only when we truly participate and truly open ourselves fully to the Lord at each and every Mass can this transformation truly happen in us. As Pope Benedict XVI states:



Bishop Kevin Vann

We must all work together to celebrate the Eucharist ever more profoundly: not only as a rite, but as an existential process that touches me in the very depths of my being, more than any other thing, and changes me, transforms me. And in transforming me, it also begins the transformation of the world that the Lord desires and for which he wants to make us his instruments.

— Meeting with the clergy of the Archdiocese of Rome, Feb. 26, 2009

The word Eucharist also means "Thanksgiving," and it is in the celebration of the Eucharist that the Body of Christ the Church gathers together to give thanks to God for the great gift of salvation that is accomplished in

Christ. During the Mass we offer ourselves with Christ as a living sacrifice to the Father in the Holy Spirit, but specifically a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all that God has given us in Christ: "Lift up your hearts...let us give thanks to the Lord our God." As the *Catechism* states:

The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all "thanksgiving." (1360)

Thus, this feast of Corpus Christi, which stands in the Church's Liturgical Calendar before the long span of Ordinary Time begins, gives us the perfect occasion to reflect on thanksgiving and gratitude to God, especially for all of those who have ministered and served in our parishes, missions, and institutions these past months. May and June are full of so many celebrations: Confirmations, first holy Communion, graduations from our Catholic schools, diaconate and priesthood ordinations and more. None of these graced events could be accomplished without the faithful witness, dedication, and hours of work by our parish priests and deacons, pastoral ministers, directors of RCIA, catechists, sponsors, and more. To all of them, during the time of reflection on the Eucharist on the feast of Corpus Christi—we need to thank them personally for all they do and are. I want to personally thank all of you who work so faithfully and tirelessly in doing the good work of Christ in the parishes. Through your witness and dedication, you bring Christ to all of the lives that are entrusted to you and continue to build up the Body of Christ, the Church.

I also want to emphasize strongly the centrality of the Eucharist in any of our ministries and work in the Church. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." Therefore, the Eucharist is also the source and summit of our ministry and activity in the Church—our communion with the Real Presence of Christ is the source of his strength and power that encourages us and strengthens us in whatever the Lord has called us to do. As Pope Benedict teaches:

How very significant is the bond between the Church's mission and the Eucharist. In fact, missionary and evangelizing action is the apostolic diffusion of love that is, as

it were, concentrated in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Whoever receives Christ in the reality of his Body and Blood cannot keep this gift to himself, but is impelled to share it in courageous witness to the Gospel, in service to brothers and sisters in need, in pardoning offenses. For some, then, the Eucharist is the seed of a specific call to leave all and go to proclaim Christ to those who still do not know him.

— Angelus, October 23, 2005

This is also a time of year of change, often for our parishes and parish priests. Also it is not unusual for pastoral ministers to change position, or move for other reasons. All of this is a cause for reflection on who we are as the Body of Christ: not one individual institution or parish, but part of the greater body of Christ that is the communion of the Church. And in moments of change there are moments of grace and blessing as the Lord continues to work in our lives to build up his Body here on earth. Like the Eucharistic processions of Corpus Christi—we keep moving on toward the goal of a deeper union with Christ and his Church, and eternal life, because in the end, it is all about salvation:

For this reason, the Feast of Corpus Christi is characterized particularly by the tradition of carrying the Most Holy Sacrament in procession, an act of full meaning. By carrying the Eucharist through the streets and squares, we desire to immerse the Bread come down from heaven in our daily lives. We want Jesus to walk where we walk, to live where we live. Our world, our existence, must become his temple. On this feast day, the Christian Community proclaims that the Eucharist is its all, its very life, the source of life that triumphs over death.

— Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, June 18, 2006

I pray that you all have a blessed and joyful summer, and you and your families will remain in my prayers.

+ Kevin W. Vann

+BISHOP KEVIN W. VANN, JCD, DD
DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH



(CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Pope Benedict XVI leads the Corpus Christi procession from the Basilica of St. John Lateran to the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome June 7



Good-Bye magapaper, hello magazine

The newly re-designed *NTC* will premier with the September/October issue

As hard as it may be to believe, the *North Texas Catholic* is changing frequency of publication and format — again.

The new incarnation of your diocesan publication will be published six times a year, not 12, as has been the case since October of 2010. And the size of the publication will change from regular tabloid format to the same size as *Time* or *Newsweek*.

There are two major factors pushing this change: cost and the changing nature of how we receive the news. Even the most devoted fans of the physical product of publications — newspapers, magazines, and books — find ourselves getting more and more of our news on our smartphones and computers and tablets.

With the 24/7 news cycle, we find ourselves impatient when the morning newspaper runs the story we heard the previous evening on the radio or read on the Web. We simply can't get news to the people of the diocese fast enough through monthly publication. So much of the news of events and major breaking news from the parishes, the diocese, the Church of Texas, and from the national and international levels will now be posted to a re-

designed website that will still be accessible from the diocesan site, but will also be available at northtexascatholic.org, beginning some time this summer.

The Calendar Page, as it is currently, will no longer exist, but upcoming diocesan, parish, and organizational events will be updated daily on the Web.

Because the print edition will be published only every other month, more of its content will be feature-oriented, but you'll continue to see many of the familiar elements that have been part of our identity over the years. There will be more Good Newsmakers. The Word to Life Scripture commentary on the Sunday readings will still be a part of the mix. The Bishop will still speak to us personally, and there will still be a place for your favorite columnists like Kathy Cribari Hamer.

So stay tuned. Look for event announcements on the Web, but keep us on the dining room table or by the couch. We want to continue to bring the Good News to the Diocese of Fort Worth and to you.



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So much we can't capture it all

This issue is packed full of great things happening in the Diocese of Fort Worth, and yet, we know that it is only the tiniest fraction of what is happening in our parishes and schools, our fraternal and charitable apostolates, our religious education and youth programs, and among our dedicated music and liturgical ministers. With the limitations of space and time for the re-telling of the works and devotions of God's people, we know that what is captured in these 32 pages is but a glimmer of the light of God's love that is shed abroad by his faithful people in the local Church in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

So let's salute the untold stories of love, joy, patient endurance, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control in this season when we have celebrated so many confirmations, graduations, ordinations, welcomings and departings.

Having said that, you don't want to miss the stories of ordinations to the diaconate and the priesthood in this issue. They are a cause of great joy. And reading John Henry's recounting of the pilgrimage of the former Anglican priests just ordained to the transitional diaconate on **Page 15**, will help you better understand the complex issue of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter and its history.

As always, you can find out what's going on behind the scenes at the **Bishop's Blog** at www.fwdioc.org. And catch us on Facebook: "North Texas Catholic Newspaper" or at fwdioc.org/NTC for fresh news. We'll be back with a whole new look and way of doing things when we publish again in late August.

Jeff Hensley
Editor



Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, right, returns to his seat after greeting Pope Benedict XVI at the end of an outdoor Mass to conclude the World Meeting of Families in Milan June 3. The pope announced that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host the next World Meeting of Families in 2015. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

Philadelphia to host World Meeting of Families in 2015

MILAN (CNS) — The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host the next World Meeting of Families in 2015, an event attended by hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world. It will be the first time the event, established by Blessed John Paul II in 1994, will be held in the United States.

Pope Benedict XVI made the announcement June 3 before reciting the noonday *Angelus* to 850,000 people gathered at Milan's outdoor Bresso Park.

"I send my warm greetings to Archbishop Charles Chaput and to the Catholics of that great city, and look forward to meeting them there along with numerous families from all around the world," he said. "God willing," he would take part, he added.

The pope would be 88 in 2015 and it would mark his second trip to the United States, his first to Philadelphia, as pope.

Archbishop Chaput went on stage to greet the pope, and there they embraced and chatted briefly. The pope, who chooses the venue for each world families' meeting, thanked the archbishop for his willingness to host.

The international gathering, which celebrates and aims to help families live their Christian vocation, is held every

three years and is organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family.

Pope Benedict did not attend the sixth world meeting in Mexico City in 2009 and spoke to families after the concluding Mass via live satellite link-up. Blessed John Paul did a similar satellite broadcast message at the concluding Mass when he could not attend the event in Manila in 2003 due to his limited physical mobility at 82.

The first world meeting was held in Rome in 1994. Since then it has taken place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1997; Rome in 2000; Manila in 2003; Valencia, Spain, in 2006, and Mexico City in 2009. Almost every meeting has drawn more than a million people.

Archbishop Chaput said he spelled out very clearly to the council the archdiocese's financial struggles, saying it could only host a significantly limited gathering.

"We envisioned a gathering of 60,000 to 80,000 rather than 300,000" people, he said.

Despite the limitations, the pope "still decided to come to Philadelphia knowing that it would probably be a different scale of celebration than they've been used to."

New website 'AnyGivenSunday' helps young Catholics grow in their faith

WHEELING, W.Va. (CNS) — Young Catholics have a new website available to them featuring nationally known Catholic speakers, musicians, and comedians who have teamed up to help them grow in their faith.

"Any Given Sunday", reflections for the young church, features 45 national Catholic youth ministry personalities — including Steve Angrisano, Chris Padgett, Matt Maher, Shannon Cerneka, and Jamie Dillon just to name a few — who each writes a reflection for the weekly Mass readings.

Each week, the site offers a reflection from one of the participating personalities. The site — www.anygivensundayproject.com — was created by Bob Perron, executive director of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Department of Youth Ministry, with the intent of reaching out to West Virginia's Catholic youths but also to reach the

young church wherever it may be.

"We want to make young disciples, we want to help young people grow in their faith," Perron told *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the diocese. "We wanted to give young people, 13 to 18 years old, something that would help prepare them for Mass and to maybe make it a little more interesting to them. Each week, kids can go on their phone or on their computer and go to "Any Given Sunday" where there is a short video message for the week from me or a youth board member and then the reflection," he said. Reflections are geared toward the young Catholic audience.

The site contains background screens for youth, parish resources, information pieces on the site, links to Mass readings on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website and much more. The site has had a huge response, Perron said, and has had hits from Canada and Switzerland.

Briefly

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Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles accompanies Maria Meza, a 92-year-old survivor of Mexico's Cristero War, May 31 at the Beverly Hills premiere of the film "For Greater Glory," which tells the story of the rebellion. He also presented her with a framed image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (CNS photo/Victor Aleman, VIDA NUEVA)

Bishops told they must embrace new media to engage fully in the New Evangelization

ATLANTA (CNS) — The new evangelization calls for using new forms of media to reach people in their everyday lives, said the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Communications.

From electronic books to social media to traditional forms of print and broadcast, the church is rethinking how to carry its teachings and its stances on public policy issues to broader audiences, including Catholics, Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City told Catholic News Service.

"We've got to figure out a way to be where the people are getting their news," Bishop Wester said. "The advantage is the instantaneousness of it. Others are getting the news out there, and so if the church doesn't get her message out there, then other messages are going to be sitting there ... and then it's settled in people minds."

In a 20-minute presentation June 14 at the U.S. bishops' spring meeting in Atlanta, Bishop Wester discussed a series of steps his committee is undertaking to build stronger relationships with millions of parishioners in American pews.

He said there are serious questions revolving around how to effectively communicate the church's work while remaining true to authentic church teaching.

"We used to ask ourselves, 'What do we need to tell the people?' Now we have to ask ourselves, 'What do people want to hear from us?' he said.

The USCCB is developing a new business model that incorporates best practices for its communications work and takes into consideration the way people seek information today and how they might seek information in the future.

Communication has become a two-way street where people expect to interact with sources of information and the church must be able to offer people a chance to comment on the information they are receiving, he explained.

The USCCB will continue to depend on traditional print forms of communication such as diocesan newspapers, but also will utilize multimedia primarily through the Internet to reach new audiences and to draw non-practicing Catholics back to the church, he said.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, USCCB president, told the bishops that the effort will include the naming of a spokesperson for the conference who would be available around the clock to respond to media inquiries and to be pro-active in seeking to share church views and teaching.

That prospect drew broad support from the bishops.

Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston told the assembly that the church and the Vatican do a poor job of "communicating around controversial topics." He said a spokesperson would be welcome and would help frame information in light of church teaching rather than having it distorted by voices in the media.



Fr. Charlie Dittmeier, a Maryknoll missionary, works with students in 2008 at the Deaf Development Center in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The 68-year-old priest from the Archdiocese of Louisville has worked with the deaf in Cambodia for 11 years. (CNS photo/Sean Sprague, courtesy Maryknoll)

Maryknoll priest works to help the deaf join mainstream society in Cambodia

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In Cambodia, people who are deaf are pretty much an afterthought, said U.S. Father Charles Dittmeier. They are almost always ignored and hardly are given much of an opportunity to participate in society, he said.

For 11 years, the priest from the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky., has worked to change those perceptions in the Southeast Asia nation. As a Maryknoll lay missionary, Fr. Dittmeier has overseen the work of the Deaf Development Program in the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh. Over the years, he has helped develop sign language for Khmer, the country's primary language. With the help of Cambodian staffers, he redirected the

program to integrate classes that teach skills in barbering, motorcycle repair, metal work, woodworking, sewing and sewing-machine repair to allow deaf people to join the mainstream of Cambodian society.

Fr. Dittmeier, 68, said evangelization is hardly the program's goal. His is a ministry of service, in line with the requirements of the memorandum of understanding Maryknoll signs with the Cambodian government in order to work in the country. The memo specifies the types of programs the lay missionaries will carry out. In this case, it is services for deaf people, something the government does not provide.



Rubble from Haiti's 2010 earthquake is seen in a Port-au-Prince neighborhood in early January of this year. (CNS photo/Swoan Parker, Reuters)

Pace of Haiti church reconstruction is slow, but it's for a purpose

WASHINGTON (CNS) — While it has taken a while, reconstruction of Catholic churches and schools in Haiti following the country's devastating January 2010 earthquake has started moving forward. The first \$3.1 million in grants under the Partnership for Church Reconstruction in Haiti, or PROCHE, have been made.

Another round of grants worth more than \$3 million was expected to be approved June 11. Father Juan Molina, director of the U.S. bishops' Office for the Church in Latin America, explained that the process under PROCHE is deliberate by design to assure that proper construction codes and engineering practices are followed. PROCHE partners want to make sure that should another earthquake occur, buildings will better withstand the shaking and thus save lives and reduce injuries, he said. PROCHE, which means "close by" in French, is a collaborative effort involving the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the bishops' conferences of Haiti and France

and Adveniat, the German bishops' agency for solidarity in Latin America. It reviews all construction projects and signs off on them while administering a pot of \$33 million donated by American Catholics in the weeks after the quake as well as millions of dollars from other donors. The process has been met with simmering frustration by some within the Haitian church because it is perceived as moving too slowly, especially in light of the promises of assistance to rebuild the church since the earthquake. The feelings emerged subtly during the One Table Many Partners National Solidarity Conference at The Catholic University of America June 1-3. While certainly not overwhelming, the frustration stems in part from the desire of the Haitian bishops conference to move forward as quickly as possible on reconstruction. Dozens of parishes and at least two cathedrals have had to celebrate Masses in small chapels, in the open, or under tents for almost two and a half years.

Bishop Vann leads Corpus Christi procession at St. Peter in Lindsay



Photo by Michael McGee

Bishop Kevin Vann led a procession on the grounds of St. Peter Church in Lindsay during the Feast of Corpus Christi June 10. The procession took the bishop and the congregation through the parish's cemetery, and multiple shrines maintained by families from Lindsay. Assisting in the procession were St. Peter pastor Father Raymond McDaniel, and newly-ordained transitional Deacon James Wilcox. For more pictures from the procession, visit the North Texas Catholic's Facebook page by liking "North Texas Catholic Newspaper."

Westerman, Brodnicki awarded for efforts in communication for CCFW, United Way

FORT WORTH — Gigi Westerman, president of Strategic Image, Inc., and Sandra Brodnicki, president of Brodnicki Public Relations, Inc., received top honors at the first Worthy Awards celebration, hosted May 31 by the Greater Fort Worth Chapter of the Public Relations Association of America. The awards committee recognized the two professionals with a Worthy award in the category of Branding and Integrated Communications and an overall Best of Show award for their work on behalf of Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) and United Way of Tarrant County.

Westerman and Brodnicki worked together on a branding and strategic communication plan for "Money School," a financial education initiative offered

through a partnership between United Way and CCFW to assist individuals and families earning less than \$50,000 per year.

"Financial education is an essential step to ending poverty, and the tools and techniques provided in this program teach individuals and families to manage their finances and make informed decisions," said Christie Mosley-Eckler, Money School program manager for Catholic Charities Fort Worth. "Thanks to our new Money School brand and strategic communication plan, we've seen a significant increase in families seeking financial education. We are also capturing the hearts of community partners, which will help make this initiative even more successful."

Immaculate Conception Catholic School Places Third in State PSIA



Photo courtesy of Elaine Schad

PSIA Director Pat Walters presents the third place state trophy to ICCS Academic Coach Tina Jezek during an assembly. From left to right are state winners Cristian Jimenez, Emma Wisker, Scott Wisker, Jamie Ordonez, Jillian Josefsberg, Derik Flores, Jessica Josefsberg, Hannah Dickson, and Brandy Sorrells.

DENTON — Immaculate Conception Catholic School eighth-grader Hannah Dickson garnered a perfect score in the Listening competition while the school took a third-place state finish in the elementary division among 103 schools competing in the Class 1A Private School Interscholastic Association State Meet held recently at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

PSIA Director Pat Walter travelled to the Denton school May 15 to present the trophy during a school assembly. Dickson received a Certificate of Merit for her perfect score in Eighth Grade Listening. She also received Scholarship Honorable

Mention for her many years of successful PSIA participation.

ICCS placed third with 78.3 points in the elementary division. Other students placing in the categories for their grade levels included: fifth-grader Derik Flores, placing fifth in spelling; eighth-grader Cristian Jimenez placing fourth in on-site drawing; Jillian Josefsberg placing second in art memory, first in listening skills, second in ready writing, and sixth in vocabulary; third-grader Jessica Josefsberg with third place in storytelling; seventh-grader Scott Wisker placing sixth in listening skills; and fourth-grader Emma Wisker placing sixth in poetry.

Briefly

Local & State

Nolan ends year-long 50th anniversary celebrations with Mass and picnic



Photo courtesy Joan Kurkowski-Gillen / North Texas Catholic

Veronica Vasquez, a 1977 graduate of Nolan Catholic, peruses her senior yearbook looking for friends. A teacher in the Fort Worth ISD, she still feels a strong connection to the Nolan community.

By Joan Kurkowski-Gillen
Correspondent

FORT WORTH — Karen Mullen couldn't attend her 40-year class reunion at Nolan Catholic High School, so participating in her alma mater's final 50th anniversary gathering was a priority. The school shaped her values, encouraged an interest in ecology, and influenced the way she teaches.

"My years at Nolan totally formed how I teach art and the things I consider important in life," says the 1971 graduate. "I was here for the first Earth Day on April 20, 1970. We planted trees on campus."

Mullen was able to visually measure the growth of those trees and view other changes on campus after a June 2 Mass and outdoor picnic held at the school. The event was the culmination of Nolan Catholic's 50th anniversary celebration which began last August and included special reunions, homecoming activities, and a golden Mardi Gras fundraiser at Cowboys Stadium. More than 200 turned out for the finale event.

The school's history dates back to 1961 when the Marianist Brothers joined forces with the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur to open a co-educational secondary school on a plot of land donated by the Amon Carter Foundation in East Fort Worth. Since then, Nolan's student population and facilities have more than doubled in size.

During the Mass, concelebrated by Nolan President Father Richard Villa, SM, and alumnus Father J. Michael Holmberg, campus visitors were reminded that Nolan is more than a school.

"It's a way of experiencing God's love," Fr. Villa said. "We try to create an environment that makes that real. Things have changed over the years at Nolan, but the mission stays the same. It's a way of life that reflects the Holy Spirit, the Son, and the Father and how they relate to each other. Nolan is a family."

Displays set up in the Hartnett Arena allowed alumni to see how the Nolan community has flourished over the years

through pictures, yearbooks, and other artifacts. Visitors were also encouraged to write down their thoughts and place them in a Time Capsule set for opening when Nolan celebrates its 75th anniversary.

As a lasting memento of Nolan's jubilee year, organizers are planning two campus landmarks. Landscapers will install a prayer garden this summer on a patch of lawn between the old gym and arena building. The site will include five benches marking the school's five decades and a plaque remembering the work of beloved ecology teacher Joe Kuban who passed away three years ago. A tree planted in his memory on campus will be relocated to the prayer garden.

Kathryn Rhadigan, the newly appointed director of institutional advancement, called the garden, "a hidden jewel on campus."

"It will be a quiet place for prayer and reflection," she continued. "It's a gift that honors the school's past and its future."

An Alumni History Hall, placed near the Commons, will feature student highlights from each decade as well as acrylic boxes showcasing memorabilia. The hall will also recognize Alumni Hall of Fame members.

"This anniversary prompted many people to look through their archives and bequeath items from the school's history," Rhadigan added. "An example of this is a prayer card from Monsignor Robert Nolan's 25th Jubilee Mass which was donated by current NCHS grandparent Robert Stearns."

Dedication of the prayer garden and history hall is set for Nolan's Homecoming on Oct. 19, 2012.

Anniversary activities throughout the year brought hundreds of Nolan graduates back to campus. The Viking Day of Prayer in January made it possible for the more than 10,000 alumni worldwide to join the celebration.

"We received many well wishes from alumni who could not be with us in person," Rhadigan said. "Some alums from as far away as France and England mailed to let us know they were with us in spirit."

Fr. Luke Robertson, TOR, former CCFW SOS team leader, moving to Austria



Photo Courtesy of Terry Verbois

At a going-away reception held June 10, David Pels presents Father Luke Robertson, TOR, associate pastor at St. Andrew Parish in Fort Worth, with a travel case for a chalice he received as a gift in December of last year from Knights of Columbus Council 9868. Fr. Luke, who had served as the lead manager for Catholic Charities Fort Worth's Street Outreach Service (SOS) Team, a homeless outreach program, is being transferred to Gaming, Austria, where he will serve as the campus chaplain for students of Franciscan University of Steubenville's study abroad program.

National SVDP Council grants \$5,000 to help Arlington families recover from tornadoes

ARLINGTON — The National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul granted \$5,000 in relief funds to assist families to recover from the April tornadoes that hit Arlington on April 2.

Funds were spent to help two families in the Arlington area. One family received two months of mortgage payments. This freed money so that they could move to another place to live while their house was extensively repaired. Another family

had windows that were blown out. They received replacement windows for their home.

Immediately after the tornado, \$700 was spent on food for families in temporary need. A Sunday potluck supper was prepared for one neighborhood.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference did the home visits. The Fort Worth Council completed the application and administered the funds.

St. Andrew School third-graders take part in cabbage-growing program



Photo courtesy of Rose Hall

St. Andrew School third-grader Rubye Sepanski holds a cabbage. Rubye's class grew cabbages as a hands-on learning experience incorporating different subjects. The cabbages were later donated to St. Andrew Church's Social Ministry Food Pantry.

FORT WORTH — St. Andrew School's third grade class participated in the Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program this spring. According to information provided by St. Andrew School, the hands-on learning experience provided an opportunity for children to learn about nutrition, vegetable gardening, and its role in our environment. Teachers incorporated the cabbage gardening into their lesson plans in the subjects of math, science, health and nutrition, and social studies.

As part of the project, the students kept journals to document the growth and development of their cabbage over the course of three-and-half months. Cabbages were harvested, measured, and weighed to establish which child had grown the largest and heaviest cabbage. According to the news release, the winner will be entered into a state competition

to win a \$1,000 scholarship awarded by Bonnie Plants.

The St. Andrew students' cabbages were donated as an offering at their school and church's weekly Mass. Cabbages were then given by St. Andrew Church to their Social Ministry Food Pantry which provides food to the community in need.

The Cabbage Growing Program, St. Andrew's reports, proved to be an amazing and rewarding experience for all who participated. It reinforced a joy and love for gardening in many of the students. It also deepened their understanding of their role as stewards of the church and school community and the environment. Gardening gave the students the opportunity to practice a great number of virtues, including faith, hope, love, patience, trust, and kindness, and last but not least, charity.

In Memory

Father Cal Giesen, OFM, former priest at St. Francis Village, dies at 90

By Jenara Kocks Burgess
Correspondent

Father Cal Giesen, OFM, 90, a retired priest who had lived at St. Maximilian Kolbe Friary in Crowley, died April 30 in Sherman, Illinois.

While living at St. Maximilian Kolbe Friary for 11 years, he also assisted parishes in the Diocese of Fort Worth by celebrating Mass and hearing confessions, including St. Patrick Cathedral, St. Joseph Parish in Arlington, and Holy Family, St. Andrew, and St. Bartholomew Parishes in Fort Worth. He also was part of the team of friars who serve the spiritual needs of St. Francis Village retirement community where the friary is located.

"He was everything to all men and all women," said Father Lambert Leykam, OFM, who lives at St. Francis Village in Crowley and was friends with Fr. Giesen for 15 years. "He was a true companion and a true man, fashioned after St. Francis of Assisi. I would call him another Francis."

Fr. Giesen was born Norbert Giesen Dec. 3, 1921, in Union Hill, Minnesota to the late,

Mathias Giesen and Barbara (Klinkhammer) Giesen. He was baptized and confirmed there at St. John Parish. He entered the novitiate for Sacred Heart Province of the Order of Friars Minor on Aug. 14, 1941, receiving the name Callistus, which he later shortened to Cal. He professed solemn vows Aug. 19, 1945, and was ordained a priest Dec. 19, 1947, in Teutopolis, Illinois.

He taught at the high school and minor seminary level before serving in parish ministry across the country. Fr. Giesen taught at St. Joseph Seminary in Westmont, Illinois.

"He was very compassionate toward people and was loved by many people, especially his seminary students and fellow priests," Fr. Lambert said.

Fr. Giesen also served at St. Peter Church in Chicago and Sacred Heart Parish in St. Paul and worked at missions in northern Louisiana.

Fr. Lambert said Fr. Giesen liked to play golf, and they golfed together while they both lived in Louisiana.

"He was a very kind confessor," Fr. Lambert said.



Photo Courtesy of Order of Friars Minor Province of the Sacred Heart

Fr. Cal Giesen, OFM

"He was very understanding of human nature. He had a great love of the Church," he added. "I

certainly do miss him."

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 9 at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague, Minnesota, with interment at St. John's Cemetery in Union Hill.

Fr. Giesen was preceded in death by brothers, Reinold, Clarence, Ermin, William, Melvin, Gerald, Leo, and sisters, Leona and Lorraine Giesen Knaeble. He is survived by brothers Raymond Giesen of New Prague, and Francis (Harriet) Giesen of Marshal, Michigan; sisters Marian (Sam) Svoboda of Bloomington, Minnesota, Leona Weiers of New Prague, and Bernice Hauer of St. Paul; and sisters-in-law, Clara

Giesen and Ludy Giesen, both of New Prague. He is also survived by more than 100 nieces and nephews.

In his last interview with the *North Texas Catholic*, when asked what he most wanted to see happen in the lives of those he served, Fr. Giesen responded, "I want them really to be Gospel-minded and loving from the first word in the Scriptures to the last but especially in Jesus' own words and actions for humankind throughout the world for all time."

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Diocese of Fort Worth, 11 other dioceses, among 43 Catholic entities to file lawsuits in federal courts seeking to stop HHS mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Forty-three Catholic dioceses, schools, hospitals, social service agencies, and other institutions, including the Diocese of Fort Worth, filed suit in federal court May 21 to stop three government agencies from implementing a mandate that would require them to provide abortifacients, sterilization, and contraceptives to their employees, as part of their health insurance coverage.

Bishop Kevin Vann said the issue is an attack on religious freedom in the form of a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate that requires all employers to provide health plans to employees that cover abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraceptives. The mandate contains a very narrow exception for certain organizations that the government deems sufficiently “religious.”

“In effect,” Bishop Vann said, “the mandate’s definition of religion prohibits Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth from asking what we have asked since the first Catholic institution was created in the Fort Worth area in 1876: ‘Are you poor?’ ‘Are you hungry?’ ‘Do you need help?’ Now the definition of religion used in the mandate would require us to ask ‘Are you Catholic?’ To remain a religious institution under this

definition, we could only help if you are Catholic. If you are not, now we cannot help you.”

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the archbishop of New York, whose archdiocese is among the plaintiffs, said of the lawsuits, “We have tried negotiations with the administration and legislation with the Congress — and we’ll keep at it — but there’s still no fix,” Cardinal Dolan said. “Time is running out and our valuable ministries and fundamental rights hang in the balance, so we have to resort to the courts now. Though the Conference is not a party to the lawsuits, we applaud this courageous action by so many individual dioceses, charities, hospitals, and schools across the nation, in coordination with the law firm of Jones Day. It is also a compelling display of the unity of the Church ministries that serve the common good and that are jeopardized by the mandate,” he concluded, “ministries to the poor, the sick, and the uneducated, to people of any faith or no faith at all.”

“Through this lawsuit, plaintiffs do not seek to impose their religious beliefs on others,” said one of the suits, filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana by the

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Catholic Charities of the diocese, St. Anne Home and Retirement Community, Franciscan Alliance, University of St. Francis, and Our Sunday Visitor.

“They simply ask that the government not impose its values and policies on plaintiffs, in direct violation of their religious beliefs,” it added.

Catholic organizations have objected to the contraceptive mandate since it was announced Jan. 20 by Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Unless they are subject to a narrow religious exemption or have a grandfathered health plan, employers will be required to pay for contraceptives, including some abortion-inducing drugs, and sterilizations as part of their health coverage.

Story compiled from a Catholic News Service story by Nancy Frazier O’Brien, a USCCB news release, and a Diocese of Fort Worth news release. For more resources, including press releases in English and Spanish, a copy of the lawsuit filed by the diocese, video messages from Bishop Vann and others, and a list of legislators to contact, visit the diocesan homepage at www.fwdioc.org.

Baltimore, Washington liturgies to bookend national celebration of Fortnight for Freedom

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — Mass at Baltimore’s historic Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, scheduled for June 21 at 7 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, will open the “Fortnight For Freedom,” which runs from June 21 through July 4. Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore will celebrate the liturgy to kick off the Catholic Church’s national education campaign on Religious Liberty.

Another Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., July 4 at 12:10 p.m., EDT. The Mass in the nation’s capital will be celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia will be the homilist. EWTN television will carry the Shrine Mass live.

Further details about the Fortnight can be found at www.fortnight4freedom.org.

Both national and local efforts will comprise the campaign that has been launched by the bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee on

Religious Liberty.

In addition to the Baltimore and Washington liturgies, national efforts include establishment of the [fortnight4freedom](http://fortnight4freedom.org) website. The site hosts resources such as frequently asked questions about religious liberty, including quotes from the Founding Fathers, the Second Vatican Council, and Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI. Another valuable resource is a study guide on *Dignitatis Humanae*, Vatican II’s document on religious liberty. In addition, the site provides several one-page sheets outlining current threats to religious freedom both in the United States and abroad.

The website also lists samples of activities already planned in particular dioceses, as well as resources and recommendations for other local efforts, such as special liturgies and prayer services. Bell ringing is planned for noon on July 4 to remind citizens nationwide of the primary place of religious freedom in the history, law, and culture of the United States.

Envisioning Process moves forward based on insights gathered from diocesan leadership

Bishop Vann to publish Pastoral Plan in September

By North Texas Catholic Staff

After one year of consultative work with representatives of the Catholic Leadership Institute under the direction of Bishop Kevin Vann, an envisioning team of parish and diocesan leaders have reached something of a milestone in generating all the details of what the CLI refers to as a Mutually Shared Vision for the Diocese of Fort Worth, for the next five years. When the bishop publishes his Pastoral Plan in September, after having prayerfully considered all the work they have done, their work will have come to fruition.

The outline of the “Envisioning Process,” according to Director of Catechesis for the diocese, Lucas Pollice, was arrived at through an extended period of what he termed “serious consideration” of the “envisioning” conversations members of the envisioning team conducted at five sites around the diocese, where they heard from pastors, parish staff members, and leaders from various parishes gathered from around each region; a consultation with the deans of the diocese, one with the staff of the diocesan Catholic Center, and one with Hispanic leadership from around the 28 counties of the Diocese of Fort Worth. These

consultations were themselves part of a prayerful and wide-ranging discussion of what direction the diocese should take over the next five years, all the while seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit and soliciting the prayers of the faithful of the diocese.

The current draft of the Mutually Shared Vision, which will ultimately operate as a set of guiding principles through 2017, begins with a brief statement of “Our Vision” which is to “Evangelize lives, strengthen communion, and honor cultures.”

The MSV draft continues with what it terms “Our Sacred Purpose — Why we exist as a diocese: The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, as a multi-cultural Church in urban, suburban, and rural settings, strengthens God’s Holy People in their relationship with Jesus Christ so as to fulfill their baptismal call in service to the New Evangelization.”

The next section of the MSV draft seeks to establish guiding principles for members of the local Church to keep in mind as they go about carrying out their ministries and in their daily lives as Catholics, seeking to bring the Gospel to life. It labels these “Our Core Values,” describing them as “How we will decide, communicate, and behave as a diocese.”

Four words are used to encapsulate those four values and each is given substance and definition by a sentence that follows it.

- “Fidelity — We will be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the teaching and Tradition of the Catholic Church.
- “*Communio* — We, as Christ’s faithful, will work in unity to build up the communion of the local Church.
- “Dignity of All — We will recognize and honor each person as created in the image and likeness of God.
- “Evangelization — We, as witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will inspire discipleship in all and for all.”

Then, to help ensure that these don’t simply remain glowing descriptions of what we hope to become, the Mutually Shared Vision draft has a final section called “Our Priorities” that identifies three areas in which the local Church is asked to concentrate its efforts on for the next 24 months, through September 2014.

According to Lucas Pollice, staff liaison for the envisioning process for Bishop Vann, each of these three areas will have two goals attached to it, with other specific, measurable tasks flowing from each goal.

These specific, visible, and action-oriented items are expected to be developed within the next month and will be publicized on the diocesan website, www.fwdioc.org, and in the newly re-designed bi-monthly *North Texas Catholic* News Magazine when it is published in late August (see details about the NTC’s changes elsewhere in this issue), having first appeared on the newly redesigned NTC website: northtexascatholic.org in July.

Those overarching “Priorities” will include specific and measurable goals and subsets of tasks in three areas: “Communication; Strengthening Catholic Identity; and Vocations.”

In September, Bishop Vann, after having thoughtfully considered all of this information, and having prayerfully sought to discern God’s will for the diocese, will publish a pastoral plan for the Diocese of Fort Worth, setting forth what will then be his vision and plan for the next five years of the life of the diocese.

As has been the case throughout this process, the bishop and those involved in the envisioning process seek and appreciate the prayerful support of all Catholics of the Diocese of Fort Worth that they will properly discern the will of God for the People of God and his Church in our 28 counties of North Texas.

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Diocese

Diocese to host national marriage and family life conference, marriage-building festival July 25-28

Saturday program designed to strengthen local families

By North Texas Catholic Staff

The Diocese of Fort Worth will host the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers' (NACFLM) 2012 International Conference at the DFW International Airport Hyatt Regency Hotel Wednesday through Saturday July 25-28, including a Marriage-Building Festival on Saturday July 28 sponsored by the diocese specifically for the North Texas community.

"This is the NACFLM annual conference," said Chris Vaughan, diocesan director of Marriage and Family Life. "It is normally a three-day event, but because we wanted to do a family conference this summer anyway, we negotiated with the association to have some speakers stay over Saturday to present to the North Texas community."

Keynote speakers for the conference include former NFL quarterback Jeff Kemp, speaking Wednesday evening on "Strengthening Marriages and Families in Today's Culture"; Robert George, one of the formulators of the Manhattan Declaration, speaking Thursday morning on "Catholics in the Public Square"; Tim Staples, director of Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers, speaking Friday evening on "Catholics, the Culture War, and Holiness in the Family," among several other noted Catholic

apologists and theologians.

"The conference brings together family life ministers across the country to network and some top class speakers on the subject of marriage and family life," Vaughan said.

In addition to keynote speakers, the conference will include tracks such as how to facilitate a divorce ministry program on Wednesday, and workshops such as building "Families of Character," and "Youth Ministry: Serving the Domestic Church," both on Friday morning.

"Stuff like this would be good for parish youth ministers to attend," Vaughan said.

Participants can register for the Marriage-Building Festival on Saturday, July 28, independent of the other days' events. Saturday's program allows local parishioners to attend for \$45 per person or \$75 per couple. The festival will feature speakers such as Dr. Ray Guarendi, television host of EWTN's "Living Right with Dr. Ray," who will bring his "insights and experiences into fashioning a healthy, holy marriage," according to the festival's promotional

material; and Greg and Julie Alexander, co-founders of the Alexander House Apostolate, will present "Husband and Wife — A Recipe for Love." Bishop Kevin Vann, who also wrote *What God has Joined: A Catholic Teaching on Marriage* for the Shepherd's Voice Series, will present a keynote during a luncheon banquet titled "Marriage-Building in the Church... with the Married and Divorced!" — participants may buy lunch at the Hyatt, or bring a sack lunch. Bishop Vann will also celebrate a vigil Mass concluding the conference and festival at 4:45 p.m. Saturday evening.

"Our goal is to help Catholic spouses grow closer together, giving them the tools to raise their children, to keep Christ at the center of their marriage, and to teach their children to be disciples and lead them to sainthood," Vaughan said.

For more information about the conference or festival, or to register for the conference or festival, visit the NACFLM website at www.nacflm.org, or contact Chris Vaughan at (817) 560-3300 ext. 269, or by e-mail at cvaughan@fwdioc.org.



Catholic Charities Spotlight: Financial Education Services



Photo courtesy of Cassata High School
Twelve students from Cassata High School's Life Skills class, accompanied by Principal Nancy Martin (far left), toured the Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) center on March 7 and learned about resources available through CCFW and spent time working in the agency's donation center.

Tracy Rector, a parishioner at Good Shepherd Church in Colleyville, is the mother of three young adult children. A deeply involved volunteer at Cassata High School in Fort Worth since 2009, Rector has a parent's passionate commitment to the needs and the futures of the students she has met at Cassata, a nonprofit, private high school of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

The school, founded in 1975, offers a quality education to students who have not been able to succeed in a traditional educational setting. Thirty-eight percent of the 2012 Cassata graduates were the first in their families to earn a high school diploma; nearly 20 percent are teen parents. Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) is a recent partner in the school's continuous efforts to provide a wide variety of opportunities to its students, who range in age from approximately 14 to 24.

"Many of these students are dealing with significant challenges in their lives, and a lack of knowledge about money management is just one of those challenges," Rector says. "Catholic Charities has been a wonderful partner with Cassata. We explained the need, and they enthusiastically stepped in to offer 'Money School' as part of our newly-developed Life Skills class. The kids loved it and they learned so much. It has been a tremendous success."

Steven Ashbrook, a financial counselor at Catholic Charities, taught two five-week financial education sessions at Cassata during the past school year, using youth-friendly methods and interactive tools such as board games, with candies representing

dollars, to spark in-depth classroom discussions. "It has been so exciting to see these kids gaining skills and confidence as they set goals for themselves and plan for their futures," he says, noting that the agency also offers Money School for adults at various sites, including parishes, nonprofit agencies, shelters, and other community organizations throughout Tarrant County. "We address issues such as budgeting, taxes, credit, contracts, insurance, financial institutions, and the importance of saving. Research shows that individuals need to have an understanding of these aspects of adult life in order to achieve financial success. We wanted to get the kids thinking long term, not short term, as they discussed their futures and their responsibilities."

"The whole goal of this program is to help these young people to become self-sufficient and independent adults," adds Rector. "Many of them will be out, living on their own, at a very young age. It was great to see, by the end of the program, how many of the kids were talking about their savings accounts, discussing the stock market, and saying that they are looking forward to setting up their 401k accounts when they get their first real jobs. Catholic Charities and Cassata are both focused on helping people to change their lives for the better, so really, this has been a perfect fit."

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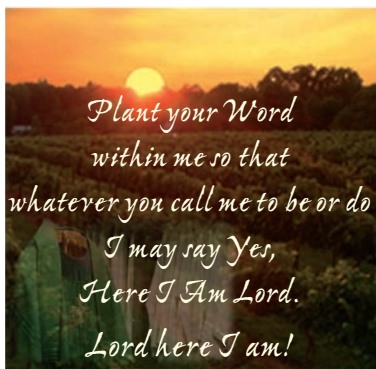
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It's Not About the Numbers

When I started this job on April 1st, Palm Sunday, I could see the promise of several impressive candidates for seminary. It appeared to me that in the course of the next five years the Diocese of Fort Worth could have as many as 40 men studying for the priesthood.

The biblical symbolism of 40 inspired me, and I began to work hard to make the number a reality. Visions of the future of our Diocese bustling with priests enticed my ambition. Being part of the creation of an expansive presbyterate to hear more confessions, teach in schools, be more available and the like seemed like such a noble cause. I could taste victory.

Unfortunately, the focus on numbers turned into a fixation and I couldn't stop thinking about how I might reach that number in order to prove how great a job I have been doing. It got to the point that it kept me up for several nights, and I noticed



that my mind was subconsciously running scenarios in my head that would help me get there.

That was ridiculous. It's not about the numbers. If anything, I should return to the biblical symbolism of 40 for guidance. Whether it was 40 nights of flood, 40 days in the wilderness or 40 days in the desert, the symbolism of 40 is powerful because it means, "a sufficient amount" for the task or goal at hand.

And now that I am sleeping better recalling that God's work doesn't depend on me totally, I gain solace knowing that I can still reach the biblical 40, and that God will provide sufficient workers for his vineyard.

From Duluth to Tuam, US seminarian ordained for Irish church

By Sarah MacDonald
Catholic News Service
TUAM, Ireland — One of the Irish Church's newest and youngest priests is from Minnesota.

Father Shane Sullivan, 26, was ordained June 3 along with 29-year-old Father Eugene O'Boyle in a ceremony at the Cathedral of the Assumption. They were the first ordinations for the diocese since 2006.

Fr. Sullivan initially studied for the priesthood in his home diocese of Duluth from 2004 to 2007, during which time he graduated with a degree in arts and philosophy. He then transferred to the Tuam Archdiocese in 2007 because he has links with the West of Ireland — his father is from Cill Chiarain and immigrated to the United States in the 1970s.

The new priest told Catholic News Service his decision to finish his training and serve as a priest in Ireland is linked to his "great love for my heritage."

But he said "the real heart" of his vocation to the Irish Church

was "a desire to serve in a place that is going through a particularly difficult time right now. There are many different places in the world that fit that description — places in America as well — but I just felt a very resounding attraction to Ireland and a great desire to pursue a vocation here," he told CNS.

He credited his family, the example of some priests in his home parish in Minnesota and the parish youth group for his vocation.

"I really owe everything to my parents and the way they led their kids to God and taught them to pray — doing those sorts of things that lead to a vocation, but also instilling a good sense of right and wrong and challenging their kids to strive for excellence and do well," he said.


"The local community also really fostered vocations. Some of my friends were really coming alive

in their faith as high-schoolers. The youth group was hugely influential in opening me up to the thought of what does God have to do with my life or what does God have to say about how I live my life or the direction that my life takes."

In addition, there were "a couple of really joyful great men of God in the priesthood in my parish," he said. "God really prepared my heart through their work and friendship."

Fr. Sullivan is the oldest of four children and was ordained in the presence of his parents, Bart and Kathleen, as well as his sisters Erin, 24, Megan, 21, and his brother Colm, 20, all of whom flew in from Baxter, Minnesota, for the ceremony.


Fr. Sullivan celebrated his first Mass in the Irish language June 4 for family, friends, and relatives living in the locality of the Cill Chiarain church.



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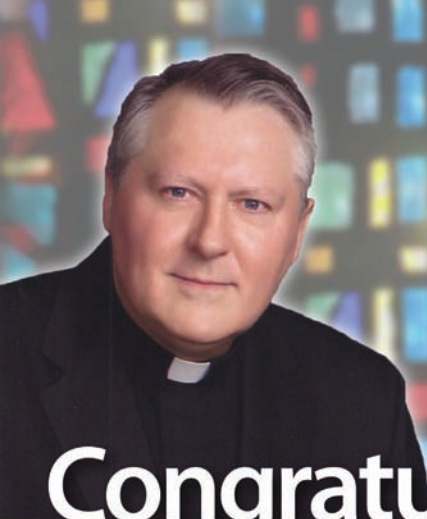


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Catechesis

The feast of Corpus Christi enriches the Church and reminds us of God's empowering Presence in our lives

By Lucas Pollice

This month we once again celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi during which we commemorate the great gift of the Eucharist that stands at the heart of the life and mission of the Church. This feast is the time to not only celebrate this gift of Christ, but to also ponder its meaning and richness not only in the life of the Church, but in our own daily lives as Catholics as well.



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Bishop Kevin Vann leads a procession of more than 300 people in Downtown Fort Worth processing with a monstrance holding the Eucharist for the feast of Corpus Christi on June 26, 2011.

THE BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE

Let's begin with the words and teachings of Christ Himself regarding the Eucharist by turning to the Scriptures. We will first turn to *John Chapter 6* which is Jesus' long and elaborate teaching on this subject. In fact, Jesus teaches his disciples more clearly and more elaborately on the Eucharist than any other doctrine in Christianity.

Let's examine closely what Jesus teaches us in this Bread of Life Discourse (*John 6:22-71*). First, he takes us back to the Old Testament, to the Book of Exodus where the Israelites are journeying through the desert. Remember, they had been freed from slavery to the Egyptians and were journeying toward the Promised Land. Now when they became hungry they grumbled against Moses, so God promised to send them bread from heaven. The next morning, when they awoke, there was bread called manna scattered all over the ground for them to eat and be nourished on their journey toward the Promised Land. God did this for his people all throughout their pilgrimage. Now Jesus says, "Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died." His Father had sent bread that came from heaven, yet in the end the people still perished. But Jesus promises to send bread from heaven so that they can eat and not die.

Now take a moment and count how many times Jesus says that HE is the bread that comes down from heaven or that HE is the bread of life. He says it 12 times throughout the passage. Twelve times Jesus says it! He is being emphatic about this reality. It is He who will become this bread of life that will give eternal life.

But then He takes it a radical step further. He then says that this bread is "my flesh for the life of the world" and that "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will have eternal

life and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." In fact, four different times in this passage alone, Jesus commands us to eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have eternal life! He even invites us to literally "feed on me."

This is very clear and very graphic language used by Jesus in John's Gospel. Jesus is teaching us very clearly and very passionately that He is the new manna, the new bread that comes down from heaven. He commands us to eat his flesh and blood, and that having eternal life is conditional upon eating his flesh and drinking his blood. For unlike the Israelites who ate the manna and died, those of us who partake of the Body and Blood of Jesus will not die and will have eternal life.

Jesus even knew that many did not believe and that as a result of this teaching would ultimately betray Him. In fact, after this teaching on the Eucharist, many of Jesus' disciples left Him and no longer followed Him. Do you see Jesus chasing after them saying "No, stop, I really didn't mean that?" No, because what He taught is the truth! "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (*John 6:64*). No excuses, no further explanation. Instead he turns to the Twelve and says, "Do you also want to leave?" It is Peter who again leads the Apostles in the truth and responds, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Jesus wasn't kidding. Jesus wasn't teaching symbolically. And what He was teaching was so important and was so true that He risked everything: his whole mission, his whole reputation, all of his disciples and Apostles, and ultimately his life. That is how important and true the Eucharist was to Jesus, and that is why it is always at the heart of his Body, the Church.

THE LAST SUPPER

Of course, another passage in which we see Jesus speaking explicitly about the Eucharist was during the Last Supper on the night before He embraced the cross. The Last Supper was the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal in which all of Israel was celebrating and commemorating their deliverance from Egypt. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Eucharist, but it is during the Last Supper in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, that Jesus gives us the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood.

First, Jesus does not say that "this is a symbol of my body," or "this is like a cup of my blood," but rather He said, "this IS my body" and "this IS my blood." Taking this, in addition to what we have already seen in *John Chapter 6*, it is very clear that the bread and the wine literally and actually become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Now, if it is the Body and Blood of Jesus, why do Catholics believe that it is Christ totally present? We believe this because Jesus said in *John 6* that HE is the bread of life — it is his whole person and divinity which is given to us for the life of the world. Another important aspect of the Last Supper is Jesus' command, "Do this in memory of me." He is commanding his Apostles to continue and repeat the actions of the Last Supper. Just as the Jewish Passover is the commemoration of the Israelite deliverance from slavery in Egypt, the Eucharistic sacrifice is to become the constant memorial or commemoration of Jesus' new and eternal sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. With this command, Jesus gave the Apostles the authority and power to change bread and wine into Himself, so that He could be continuously present to his people, and that his same sacrifice on the cross could be

constantly re-presented and made efficacious until the end of time.

Thus, every Catholic Mass is both a memorial of Christ's life, death, and Resurrection, but is also a participation in the very same sacrifice which Christ made on the cross. It is not a re-crucifixion of Christ, but the same sacrifice miraculously made present again for the atonement of our sins. At the Mass, we are in all actuality at the foot of the cross, adoring, asking forgiveness, and offering ourselves to Christ who loved us even unto death, death on a cross. This was Christ's command to his Church and the Church has faithfully followed this command unceasingly for almost 2,000 years.

In addition, at the Last Supper, Jesus associates the cup of his blood with the New Covenant. In fact, eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ is the most important and efficacious way in which we fulfill and participate in the New Covenant which God has made with man. Partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ is at the absolute heart and center of the New and Everlasting Covenant! Christ's Church humbly remains faithful to this at the celebration of every Mass and honors Christ by centering all of its liturgical and sacramental life around this great mystery.

GO...PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL BY YOUR LIVES!

Finally, the Eucharist, by its very nature, heals, prepares, and strengthens us for evangelization and service. In fact, the entire goal and purpose of the Mass is so that we can come and be fed and transformed; so that we can then be sent out into the world to be Christ's instruments, especially to those who are most in need, vulnerable, alone, and desiring God's love and mercy. In fact, the word, Mass, comes from the Latin word *missio*, which means "to be sent." Through the Eucharist we are intimately united with Christ our Savior, and we are then called by Him to continue his mission of building the Kingdom of God. We are his hands, his voice, and his instruments in a world that is crying out for the message of the Gospel. The Eucharist is truly the source of our mission of evangelization and service and our intimate communion as the mystical Body of Christ, the Church.



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Sometimes we forget, We are created in God's image

By Denise Bossart

I can vividly remember two Christmas presents from December 2004. My daughter gave my father a plastic horse. Jennifer turned five right before Christmas that year, and she was determined that she would pick out and purchase a gift for everyone in the family. She didn't want money or opinions from anyone. It was her year to be a giver. She chose a plastic horse at the dollar store and declared, "This one's for Grandpa."

I guess that Christmas was the Year of the Horse, because one of my older children received the movie "Seabiscuit". On December 28, we finished the evening meal and sat down to watch the movie as a family. The phone rang in the middle of our movie night, and I went to the bedroom to listen to the message as it recorded. It was my sister. She was calling to say that our dad had just passed away.

We turned off the movie, and we never went back to finish it. My mother gave Jennifer the plastic horse. "Here. Grandpa would want you to have it," she said. Jennifer received the horse with a heavy heart.

This summer I am taking a class on social justice through the Paul VI Institute in St. Louis. Today, the instructor showed us a clip of a movie. Mr. Kraus reminded us that our lives mirror the theme of the movie: We have risen from broken lives to discover what we were meant to be — who we are meant to be. Sometimes, we are pretty beat up by the world. We are so screwed up, sometimes, that we have forgotten that we have human dignity. We don't remember that we are made in the likeness of God. And we fail to realize that our neighbor is God's special creation as well.

And then he pressed play. The movie was "Seabiscuit".

I swallowed hard and permitted the images and lines to wash over me. This was the movie I had refused to watch for nearly a decade. God seemed to say, it's okay. You're ready, and you know it.

This amazing line hit me. "I just can't help feeling they got him so screwed up, running in circles, that he's forgotten what he was born to do. He just needs to learn how to be a horse again."

There was a peace in my spirit as I listened.

Denise, you are Seabiscuit. The world did its number on you and you got pretty screwed up. God needed to get your attention, and that was painful. But there was an important lesson to be learned in the dying and brokenness. You

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needed to learn how to be the one I created you to be. You had forgotten who you are.

I was created in the image and likeness of God! There is a dignity there. I am not created for sin or bitterness or confusion or anger or selfishness or exploitation by anybody. I am made to be Christ to the world. To be his mercy. His love. His joy!

I carry the mark of the risen Christ!
But I had forgotten that.

I am an oblation. An offering back to my God. I am a libation. A pouring out of self for another.

In that same scene, Seabiscuit takes off and runs with such beauty and grace and strength that the jockey (Tobey McGuire) yells out, "You are an amazing animal!"

It's been almost 10 years since we paused the movie and began a season of grieving. In time, that grief turned to conversion. And conversion awakened me to my calling.

I remembered how to run with grace.

I can hear my Jockey sometimes. He says, "Okay, let's see what you've got." And, like Tobey McGuire, He laughs then and throws back his head, shouting with joy. "You are an amazing creation!"

Like Seabiscuit, there is a sweet release in each one of us when we realize that we are being healed. We run faster than we ever believed we could. Isaiah says it best in chapter 61. I proclaim a year of favor from the Lord. This is your vindication by your God. He will give you the oil of gladness. . . a mantle instead of a faint spirit. . . the planting of the Lord to show his glory.

Okay, so let's see what you've got. It's time to remember who *you* are. Giddy-up.

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Science says an awful lot, But remains full of mysteries...

By David Mills

Way back in elementary school, we were told that a long time ago people didn't know about germs, so they invented stories of cruel demons and angry gods to explain why people got sick. Now we know better.

I don't remember anyone saying this outright, but we picked up the idea that since science has explained not only disease but lots and lots of other things, we really don't need God. We don't even need God for the things we still don't understand, because we will understand them some day. Man invented the Christian idea of God the way he once invented demons. He is, as the English put it, surplus to requirements.

A couple hundred years ago, Christians used to say that we needed God to explain why the earth has so many different kinds of creatures. This was a mistake, as it turned out. Now when scientists explain how evolution has produced them, many people think there's one less reason for God.

This leaves the thoughtful Christian scratching his head. No one thinks other natural processes show that God doesn't exist. If a river flows down a valley for a couple thousand years, you get the Grand Canyon. No one looks at the Grand Canyon and says, "Hey, great view! Sure shows God doesn't exist!"

Or maybe they do, but they would be silly. God, as Christians know Him, stands completely outside the world. He created it and keeps it going. If evolution explains why earth has all these different kinds of creatures, from cold germs to blue whales, we'd still want to know why it has any animals at all. And for that matter, how did it get here? What (or who) keeps it going?

The Christian answer is: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and he hasn't stopped. Science can explain a great deal, but it can't reach back to the God behind the things it can study. It can only see so far.

Belief in God doesn't depend on our needing him to explain things in this world. To say "This is how germs make people sick" is not to say "There is no God." It is only to say, "This is how germs make people sick." That's it. How God relates to those germs we don't exactly know, because we're not God.

That said, has modern science gotten close to the root of things? Has it really completely explained the world the way my teachers suggested?

Surprisingly enough, no. Modern sci-

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— Physicist Freeman Dyson

ence has shown us that the world is even more mysterious than we thought.

So says the world-famous physicist Freeman Dyson, writing in *The New York Review of Books*. He's a heavyweight writing in one of America's most important serious magazines, which is also a pretty thoroughly secular magazine.

"The public has a distorted view of science, because children are taught in school that science is a collection of firmly established truths," he writes. "Science is not a collection of truths. It is a continuing exploration of mysteries. Wherever we go exploring in the world around us, we find mysteries."

We can't explain the origin of the continents and ocean, nor how the weather works. "The visible matter in the universe is outweighed by a much larger quantity of dark invisible matter that we do not understand at all. The origin of life is a total mystery, and so is the existence of human consciousness. We have no clear idea how the electrical discharges occurring in nerve cells in our brains are connected with our feelings and desires and actions."

"Even physics, the most exact and most firmly established branch of science, is still full of mysteries," he continues. "Science is the sum total of a great multitude of mysteries. It is an unending argument between a great multitude of voices. It resembles Wikipedia much more than it resembles the Encyclopaedia Britannica."

God is God no matter how much man knows about the world he created. But it is good to know that the real scientists themselves don't think science has explained everything, that the world is still a place to wonder about and to explore, and that even for them, "Science says" is not the final word.

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When everything seems lost... God can be our GPS — and brighten our day with love

By Kathy Cribari Hamer

The directions to and from the place where Larry was going to work were simple. They were: right, left, left, left. Larry is meticulous, and his directions were well thought out and direct.

But I wasn't really listening.

We were in the Hill Country, and the two days I would be driving him to work would always be enjoyable drives, no matter how many turns and how many dirt roads: I was on vacation!

So the first morning I dropped Larry off, I pulled out of the parking lot, and, took off. Hill Country here I come!

But at the end of the driveway, and out on the road for a couple seconds... Lost. Was I on the right road?

Barely out of the company driveway! Five minutes — five seconds maybe! — and I didn't know if I'd made the correct turn. So I consulted my GPS and typed in our hotel. There was a time when we didn't have that luxury, I thought. Getting lost was frightening, especially when it involved unfamiliar dirt roads, and possibly getting in trouble with Dad.

But this was easy. I re-started, found my way back to the right road, and back to the hotel.

I hadn't been listening when Larry gave me directions, I admit now. And I know in other identical situations I will probably repeat that. My mind will wander, or I will presume a miracle will get me where I'm going.

Often in our lives we take the wrong turns. Does it make a difference? Sure. Especially when the choices are big ones. But it is the ways we travel the wrong roads that shape our lives.

That morning I found a McDonald's near our hotel, and went in. There were four or five people ahead of me, and when I got to the counter I asked, "Do you still have yogurt parfaits?" The cashier said they did, so I ordered one.

I paid my \$1.80, then stood and watched. Everyone had numbers. There were 56, 57, 58 and my number was 59, so I thought I'd have to wait a while for them to call it.

But very soon an employee walked out from behind the counter. He had a little bag in his hand, walked all the way out, handed it to me and said, "Here's your yogurt parfait."

I could say it this way: I was on the wrong road for a while, struggled to find my way, and made it to McDonald's. They welcomed me. Is that the way it will be in Heaven?

"Thank you."

Fascinating, I thought., "I was lost on the road — in fact I am usually lost. But in this particular McDonald's in Kerrville, I am not lost; they seem to know me. Otherwise, why would he know I was the one who ordered the fruit and yogurt parfait?"

I hadn't done anything noteworthy, or even clumsy, although usually I do that. I hadn't dropped my purse or spilled change. All I had done was to say, "Do you still have those yogurt things?"

Maybe yogurt parfaits weren't chic anymore. Now that I think about it, they aren't made of organic fruit, with yogurt made from grass-fed CreamLine milk. Maybe others are too haughty for yogurt parfaits, so they remembered me because I wasn't.

We all want to be special in some way, though, and that day in the Kerrville McDonald's, I felt I was. I could say it this way: I was on the wrong road for a while, struggled to find my way, and made it to McDonald's. They welcomed me.

Is that the way it will be in Heaven? Maybe. I hope we find everyone and everything we love. McDonald's yogurt? Maybe.

Entering our hotel that morning, I stopped for a bagel to go with my yogurt, got one, put it in the toaster, and all was fine. Or so it seemed.

But I had put it in the wrong side of the toaster, on top of another woman's English muffin. Half her muffin was fraternizing with my bagel. Luckily my nails are long, so I reached in, pulling out my bagel. I apologized. She thought I was bonkers.

I finished off my breakfast with cranberry juice, which I carried in my left hand, along with the key card for our room. I approached the elevator, but the phone rang, so I stopped to answer it, balancing my plate and bagel in one hand, my juice and key in the other, talking to Larry with my ear pressed against my shoulder.

Predictably I dropped my key card, bent to get it, swayed, and splattered cranberry

juice, that went trailing down the wall and over the "up" button of the elevator.

"Okay," I said to myself. "You've been in the hotel four minutes and already have to wash the walls."

I dashed back to the food place where I'd already embarrassed myself by throwing my bagel in with a stranger's muffin. I speedily grabbed a handful of napkins to clean the wall, the floor and the elevator's "up" button.

Then, with my food carefully balanced, I got in the elevator, heading for our room.

Standing in the elevator, I chastised myself. "What a morning! First you lose your way, you return to the hotel, where you make a handful of silly, avoidable mistakes before breakfast! You are such a fool," I think.

"But don't forget," I remind myself. "They like me at McDonald's."

I relax then, push "up," and the elevator begins closing its doors. They move slowly together, and meet in front of me, where, exactly at eye level, in tiny handwriting, I read, "I ♥ you."

Was the writing just graffiti? Probably. But after my morning, I chose to accept it as a message from God: "You're okay. And I, Myself, love you."

I looked to heaven at the place I thought He was, and said, "Thank you. Please guide me. Let me find your ways, and someday return to you."

"Will you be wanting a yogurt parfait?" I imagined God replying. And I smiled.

"Yes, please."

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No matter how much some things change...

By Jeff Hensley
Editor, *North Texas Catholic*

By the time I realized that the supposedly Chinese phrase "May you live in interesting times" was not as benign as it had first seemed, I had been an adult for two or three decades. Yes, it is indeed intended as a curse.

We all live in interesting times.

Change happens at such a rapid rate that today's state of the art laptop or smart phone is outdated almost before it comes to market.

Many of our problems today come because change in fields such as medicine and science are coming at us at such rapid rate that we can't grasp the moral consequences of new technologies before they're already in use. Whether it's birth control medications, weaponized drone aircraft, computers that engulf our attention, or computer chips in everything from our automobiles to our toaster ovens, the cascading stream of change can overwhelm us.

But along with the change comes the assurance of stability we have in our lives that comes from knowing that no matter how much things around us change; no matter what changes in health or economic status we or our loved ones endure, certain things do not change.

God is still the rock beneath our feet. His Church still addresses the issues that ultimately matter. Love still undergirds the life of the Church and the service of the poor, knits our families together.

When it may seem there is little else we can depend on, the love of God poured out in Jesus Christ, keeps us aware that even interesting times cannot take from us our secure identities as children of God.

I spoke with a friend today who is moving to take a job in a distant city. His father is in ill health, and moving closer to the family home seems to be the right thing to do, the thing that he believes God is calling him to do.

Please forgive me if my example is too glowing, but once the move was planned and his house was on the market, it sold in one day. His family found a home they liked well enough to buy in the distant location almost as quickly.

When he told me the story of how smoothly things had gone, I commented that "God is good."

His reply, and you don't have to be a Calvinist to believe this, was, "Yes, way better than we deserve." And I agreed.

Features

Jesus calls us to love but not everybody in the same way

By Jeff Hedglen

Life is full of so many different kinds of relationships. We all have some combination of parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, friends, coworkers, roommates, spouses, or romantic “significant others,” not to mention, neighbors, acquaintances. and the people we pass by in the supermarket, or those who live on our street but we have never met, or even those who live across the world. Each of these people has at least one thing in common with each of us: we are called to love them.

Let me be clear, we don't necessarily have to like them all, but if we are to follow the teaching of Jesus, we are to love them: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (John 13:34). Liking someone involves how we feel about him or her and whether or not we enjoy spending time with them. Certainly we like many of the people we love, but there are probably plenty of people we don't really like, yet are called to love.

Love in the context of Jesus' command has to do more with a decision than an emotion. I have heard love described this way: To want the good for another and being willing to do what it takes to make that good happen. Another way of saying it comes from Father Raphael Eagle: You can tell how much you love by how much you sacrifice. If you sacrifice a lot, you love a lot; if you sacrifice little, you love little.

Jesus' calling us to love one another as he loves us embodies these two definitions of love, for as we know, his love for us led him to the ultimate sacrifice in the service of achieving a good for us: reconciliation with the Father.

But how do we have this kind of love in the context of all these relationships that span family, friends, and community both near and far? Is it even possible to achieve this goal? I suppose the short answer is, “Completely? No.” A little more each day? Yes, with a lot of grace and hard work.

It is exactly this topic that is being addressed by the second annual Emerging Conference for young adults ages 18-25+. We chose this topic because this age group of people sees most of the relationships in their lives in some degree of flux.

Parental relationships change so much from high school to young adulthood; friendship circles grow, change, and sometimes fall apart. Romantic relationships take on new significance now that marriage is becoming a real possibility. New situations with co-workers and roommates cause unique challenges and the need for boundaries.

Add to all of this the reality that no one was given a handbook for how to deal with all these relationships, let alone the changing nature of them in this tumultuous time of life, and we have a perfect topic for a conference aimed at these emerging adults.

The keynote presentations will be geared to inspire the participants to love as Jesus commands us, as well as give some basic building blocks to healthy relationships. The workshops will be presented by mental health professionals with the goal of giving real, practical tools for managing things like healing from loss and grief, setting boundaries, tips for knowing when you have found “the one,” and how to have conversations about big topics with those you love. In addition to working on our human relationships, we will spend time strengthening our relationship with God through participation in the sacraments, adoration and praise and worship.

'You can tell how much you love by how much you sacrifice.'

—Fr. Raphael Eagle

The very fabric of how we experience life and become who we are is tied up in the relationships that we encounter daily. The people in our lives also deeply impact our faith, as we are a part of the Body of Christ. By focusing on Jesus' command to love as he loves, we can unite our human efforts to the power of God and in this way have stronger, healthier, and holier relationships.

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To learn more about the Emerging Conference and to register, go to <http://www.fwdioc.org/hyam>. Jeff Hedglen is campus minister at UTA and assoc. dir. of Young Adult Ministry.



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Pope Benedict XVI greets a child as he leaves his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican May 23. Also pictured is Msgr. Georg Ganswein, the pope's personal secretary.



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Msgr. Tom Coogan celebrates Mass at Baseball Heaven in Yaphank, N.Y., on Ascension Thursday, May 17. The Mass followed morning baseball and softball games featuring teams from Catholic elementary schools, which were closed for the Ascension feast.



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A wide-angle view of a packed Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn., during the entrance procession at a May 20 Mass marking the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the archdiocese's mother church. Nearly 2,000 people from throughout the archdiocese and beyond attended the Mass and reception following.

Cross-Words

By Mark Simeroth

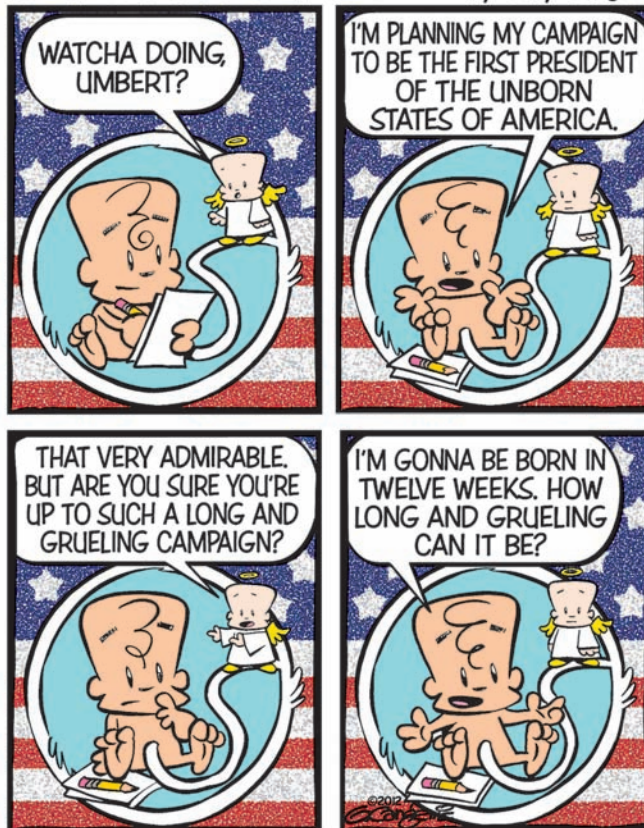
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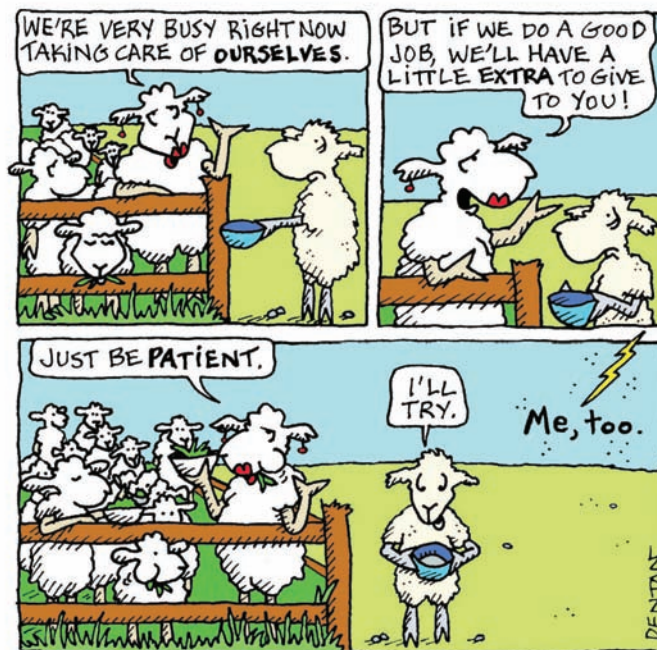
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From Canterbury to Rome

Bishop Vann ordains six former Anglican priests to diaconate for U.S. Ordinariate

By John Henry / Correspondent

A group of local former Anglican clergy took yet another significant step in their pilgrimage toward Rome May 29 when six men were ordained to the Roman Catholic diaconate for service in the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Fort Worth.

Bishop Kevin Vann accepted the recommendation that Mark Cannaday, Charles Hough III, Charles Hough IV, Timothy Perkins, Christopher Stainbrook, and Joshua Whitfield were worthy of the office of deacon, and he ordained them as they knelt prostrate before him. The six next will be ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Church at 9 a.m. June 30 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Keller.

The men will serve in parishes and communities of the Ordinariate, established by Pope Benedict XVI earlier this year that allows individuals as well as full congregations of Anglican churches to enter the Roman Catholic Church, while maintaining aspects of their own traditions.

Bishop Vann told the men the evening's Gospel reading of St. Mark, who gave voice to St. Peter in the excerpt, spoke to them and their forthcoming journey as deacons. "We have given up all to follow you," Bishop Vann said, reciting the words of Peter, who spoke them, the bishop said, "perhaps in frustration."

"By giving yourself over completely to the Lord, one commentary on this Gospel would say 'to shed selfishness,' you have nothing and yet possess everything," Bishop Vann said.

"The ministry of the deacon in word and charity will show you that again and again."

Bishop Vann concluded his point by saying that Pope Benedict instructs in *Jesus: The Apostles and the early Church*, that "Peter succeeded in entrusting himself to that Jesus who adapted himself to his poor capacity of love. And, in this way, He shows us the way, notwithstanding all of our weakness. We know that Jesus adapts himself to this weakness of ours It was a long journey for Peter that made him a trustworthy witness, a 'rock' of the Church, because he was constantly open to the action of the Spirit of Jesus."

The men's journey to Holy Orders was paved by the establishment of the U.S. Ordinariate by Pope Benedict, who selected Monsignor Jeffrey N. Steenson, a former Episcopalian bishop with



ABOVE: The six candidates lay prostrate before the altar before their ordination to the diaconate. (Photo by Juan Guajardo / NTC)

Fort Worth ties, to lead it.

Through the Ordinariate which encompasses all of the U.S. and Canada and functions very much like a diocese, communities of Anglicans, in some cases, entire congregations, are being welcomed into full communion with the Church while being allowed to retain some of their Anglican traditions of liturgy and spirituality. Most notably this includes the use of many elements of the Anglican *Book of Common Prayer* in *The Book of Divine Worship* (revised in 2003). Msgr. Steenson was installed to his post and conferred with the title "Monsignor" during a Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston on Feb. 12 of this year.

Though he is a voting member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Msgr. Steenson cannot be a ordained a bishop because he is married.

The U.S. Ordinariate, based in Houston at Our Lady of Walsingham Church, was the second to be formed worldwide in response to increasing requests in recent years from Anglican priests, individuals, and communities to join the Roman Catholic Church. The first was formed in England and Wales last year, the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. A third, for Australia, was formally announced in May, the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, under the patronage of St. Augustine of Canterbury, to be established officially June 15.

Though Pope Benedict's *Anglicanorum Coetibus* is the most significant measure of reconciliation since the schism of Henry VIII more than 450 years ago, reconciliation has been a recurring theme over the centuries. The most noteworthy was the 19th century's Oxford Movement, whose organizing principle held that



ABOVE: Bishop Kevin Vann and Auxiliary Bishop Mark Seitz of Dallas (behind Bishop Vann) pose with newly ordained deacons (from left to right) Charles Hough IV, Timothy Perkins, Joshua Whitfield, Christopher Stainbrook, Mark Cannaday, and Charles Hough III. • **RIGHT:** Dcn. Perkins addresses the congregation, thanking supporters on behalf of the deacons following the ordination. • **BELOW LEFT:** Dcns. Stainbrook, (left) the only one of the six to be celibate, and Hough III, former canon to the Episcopal bishop of Fort Worth, sing after their ordination. (Photos by Donna Ryckaert / NTC)



ABOVE: Dcn. Whitfield served as the deacon of the altar immediately after his ordination. (Donna Ryckaert) **ABOVE:** Dcn. Cannaday is vested by St. Mary of the Assumption pastor Fr. David Bristow, also a former Episcopal priest. (Donna Ryckaert)

the Anglican Church was one of three branches of the Catholic Church — Roman Catholics, Eastern Catholics, and Anglican Catholics. One of the movement's preeminent scholars was Blessed John Henry Newman, an Anglican theologian and priest who eventually found the three-branch concept insufficient in theological base and became a Catholic. He later rose to the rank of Cardinal within the Church's hierarchy, and continues to enjoy recognition as one of the most notable Catholic theologians in history.

"Perhaps one more recent set of voices joining this chorus are the voices of the Oxford Movement and their impetus toward Christian unity, and the healing of the wounds to communion in the Body of Christ," Bishop Vann said. "We are all part of this living history here this evening, and must listen to one more voice in this chorus: Blessed John Henry Newman."

"As Pope Benedict said in England, 'Newman teaches us that if we have accepted the truth of Christ and committed our lives to him, there can be no separation between what we believe and the way we live our lives. Our every thought, word, and action must be directed to the glory of God and the spread of his Kingdom.'"

The more recent motivation of Anglicans desiring reunification has been caused not only by the persuasive voices of theology but also by decisions made within Anglican leadership that were considered by many living within its faith tradition to be contrary to Christian belief and doctrine, and that these decisions could be determined by a vote.

The six new deacons are among 60 current or former Anglican priests who are preparing for Holy Orders for the Ordinariate.

Father Eric Bergman made history by becoming the first priest incardinated last month in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Fr. Bergman, who first became a Catholic priest five years ago under Pope John Paul II's Pastoral Provision, has led St. Thomas More Parish at St. Joseph Church in Pennsylvania for four years. The congregation



ABOVE: Dcn. Hough IV receives the Book of the Gospels from Bishop Vann. Dcn. Hough will serve as pastor of Our Lady of Walsingham Church, the Ordinariate's principal parish in Houston. (Juan Guajardo)

has been a part of the Catholic Church, but has recently been accepted into the new Ordinariate.

Fr. Bergman follows in a history that began with Our Lady of the Atonement Parish in San Antonio in 1983, and includes the experience of the Diocese of Fort Worth when St. Mary the Virgin Parish of Arlington and their pastor, Father Allan Hawkins, sought full communion with the Church under the Pastoral Provision in 1991.

The ordination of the six deacons at St. Mary was only a few days after about 60 members of the former St. Timothy Episcopal Church in Fort Worth were received into the Ordinariate at the same Fort Worth parish. The parishioners announced their desire to become Catholic almost immediately after the formation of the Ordinariate was announced in early January.

Acceptance into the Ordinariate requires an application process and weeks of formation and catechesis. The recent developments, Msgr. Steenson said, "are tangible signs of Christ at work in this new undertaking."

"I have learned something truly wonderful over the recent years of this journey," Deacon Timothy Perkins said. "And that is that truly faithful Christian friendship breeds Christian friendship. Those of us who have been ordained started our journey long ago as close friends."

Dcn. Perkins added that they found themselves warmly accepted by Bishop Vann's friendship.

"I rejoice with you in the unity that is the very gift of God to us."

Father Manuel Holguin and Father Michael Moloney

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who left County Waterford, Ireland and followed her brother to Houston in 1979. “He challenged everyone in the family spiritually.”

Family and friends of both men packed the downtown cathedral on a Saturday morning to watch Bishop Kevin Vann confer the sacrament of Holy Orders during a Mass rich in symbolism and pageantry. The crowd of well-wishers broke into spontaneous applause as the bishop announced, “Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these, our brothers, for the Order of the Priesthood.”

Following an examination of the candidates and promise of obedience, Deacons Holguin and Moloney prostrated themselves before the altar in an act of submission as the congregation prayed the Litany of the Saints. Rising from prayer, the men then knelt before the bishop. In the most solemn moment of the ordination rite, Bishop Vann laid hands on each deacon while praying for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The ancient sign of ordination continued with fellow priests laying hands on each candidate.

As the cathedral choir sang *Veni Creator Spiritus*, each of the newly ordained priests donned a stole and chasuble assisted by vesting priests Father Kyle Walterscheid, Father David Bristow, and Father Jim Pemberton. The ritual continued with Bishop Vann anointing the palms of the men with Sacred Chrism — a visible sign indicating they are now priests forever.

In his homily, Bishop Vann explained how the faith journey of both deacons began in different parts of the world but eventually found a home in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

“The two paths of faith and family in Ireland and Mexico has been a journey where the Lord’s call has led you here to preach the Gospel and to build up the Body of Christ with courage and love,” he continued.

Addressing the deacons, Bishop Vann said Sacred Scripture is more than words on a page.

“It must be living in your lives and form your priestly ministry,” he cautioned. “Be shepherds who will always have a heart for your people in need. Sing the praise of God by your lives, always putting your trust in Him.”

Their ministry should remind people again and again, “where did we come from and to Whom are we going?”

“The banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe, carried by the Mexican people, gives us a path to follow from this moment,” he added. “Mary, as the Mother of God — whether she is known as Our Lady of Guadalupe or Our Lady of Knock, is a model of discipleship for you. She teaches us again and again to trust in God, to always rejoice in what He

has done in our lives and to always say yes to whatever her Son asks us to do.”

Lives, lived in holiness, will lead to holiness in others.

“Michael and Manuel, as you celebrate Mass, hear confessions, baptize, witness marriages and more, always say ‘yes’ fully and without reservation to whatever the Lord asks of you,” he advised. “Your lives, lived in holiness, will lead to the holiness of those whom you serve and care for.”

Following the Mass, family members and friends gathered in the parish hall to receive a blessing from the new priests. Some traveled from as far away as New York, Oklahoma, and West Texas to witness the ordination.

Vicki Estrada led a contingent from Christ the King Church in Lubbock who came to offer congratulations to Father Moloney. The group became friends with the physician turned priest 10 years ago when he was part of their Bible study group.

“He was always very spiritual and compassionate. We thought he would make a great priest long before he knew it,” Estrada said.

Watching the ordination of a close friend made her cry.

“I was just so happy for him,” she said, emotionally, during the reception. “It was an honor to receive his blessing.”

Rolando Monroy traveled from Oklahoma with sons, Leonel and Eric, so they could meet his boyhood friend, Father Holguin. Both men grew up in the same town in Mexico and attended middle school together.

“Watching someone you grew up with become a priest is a good feeling,” Monroy said in Spanish. “It surprised me but it’s a good surprise.”

Both Fr. Moloney and Fr. Holguin celebrated their first Mass in the presence of family members the following day on Corpus Christi Sunday.

“He has a lot of people who love him and we are so proud,” said Maria Pardo, Fr. Holguin’s sister who witnessed his first Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

The newly ordained priest served his diaconate year at the Denton parish and will continue his duties there as parochial vicar. During the Mass, he wore gold vestments purchased by his family as a gift.

Fr. Moloney celebrated his first Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral where he will serve as parochial vicar effective July 1. Immediate plans include visiting his 84-year-old mother, Anna, and brother, Tom, who live on the family dairy farm in Ireland.

Visiting from Houston, Marian Lanningham noticed a change in her brother, Michael.

“Although he’s had a lot to do, he seems much more at peace,” she said. “I like to think it’s the Holy Spirit at work.”



come to the diocese as gifts from Mexico and Ireland



ABOVE: Fr. Michael Moloney (left) and Fr. Manuel Holguin (right) concelebrate Mass with Bishop Kevin Vann, following their ordination. Dcn. James Wilcox assists at the altar. (All photos by Juan Guajardo)



LEFT TOP: Bishop Vann addresses the candidates for ordination and the assembly on the role of the priest.

To his right are pictures of Dcn. Holguin and his family (top) and Dcn. Moloney and his family.

MIDDLE LEFT: Dcn. Holguin pledges his obedience to the Bishop of Fort Worth, placing his hands inside Bishop Vann's.

BOTTOM LEFT: Fr. Kyle Walterscheid looks on as Fr. Jim Pemberton and Fr. Rodrigo Benitez, rector of Seminario Hispano in Mexico City where Fr. Holguin did his studies, lay hands on the heads of the two newly ordained, invoking the Holy Spirit.

TOP ABOVE: The two candidates prostrate themselves before the altar as the Litany of the Saints is sung.

ABOVE: Bishop Vann invokes the Holy Spirit as he lays hands on Michael Moloney, ordaining him to the Order of Presbyter.

SIX PICTURES AT RIGHT, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

- ✦ Bishop Vann anoints Fr. Holguin's hands with the holy oil of chrism, as a sign of their sanctification to God's service.
- ✦ Fr. Moloney blesses a friend at the reception after the ordination
- ✦ Fr. Moloney embraces his friend Anthony Clark at the reception following the ordination
- ✦ Fr. Holguin blesses Yanet Gallardo and her daughter Mariana, 9, members of Immaculate Conception Church, Denton.
- ✦ Fr. Holguin hugs a friend at the reception
- ✦ Fr. Moloney accepts a chalice from Bishop Vann, symbolic of his ministry of the Body and Blood of Jesus at the altar.



Bishop Vann ordains Khoi Tran and James Wilcox as transitional deacons

By Michele Baker
Correspondent

On May 22 Bishop Kevin Vann ordained Khoi Tran and James Wilcox to the transitional diaconate at Vietnamese Martyrs Parish in Arlington.

The evening Mass began just as the sun was setting and the church shimmered with color, movement, and hushed tones. Bells tolled the call to worship ushering in a long, joyous procession of priests, deacons, and

seminarians while the cavernous church made intimate by the assembly of the faithful gathered there filled with song.

"The Mass was beautiful," recalled Deacon Wilcox in a recent interview. "To me it was the universal Church at its best. Yes, we were at a local church in the Diocese of Fort Worth, but we were also the universal Church: people of different languages, different cultures, from different parts of the world."

Indeed. This celebration included English hymns, readings proclaimed in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, chant tones sung in Latin and Greek, and the beautiful harmonies of Vietnam as sung by the Vietnamese Martyrs church choir under the direction of Bach Phan.

"I think I'm really blessed to serve in a multicultural, diverse diocese," Deacon Tran said in an interview. "I'm trying my best to learn Spanish and learn the different cultures, so that I can serve in whatever capacity Bishop Vann needs me to serve."

Dcn. Tran, who hails most recently from Wichita, Kansas, was born in Vietnam and immigrated to the United States with his family when he was ten years old. After graduating from high school in 2002, he joined the Redemptorists where he began his formation for the priesthood but in 2007 left the order.

"The Redemptorists are more missionary in their focus," he explained. "And I am very much indebted to them for my formation. But I was feeling more and more that I was called to work at a diocesan parish."

Even so, Dcn. Tran's command of three languages might have served him well in missionary work. As a deacon he's already had a taste of multi-lingual ministry.

"The first Mass that I served as a deacon was in Vietnamese," he said. "It was at Our Lady of Fatima in Fort Worth. So the first time I proclaimed the Gospel and the first homily I gave was in Vietnamese." Yet, a few days later he found himself at the predominantly Hispanic parish of St. George in Fort Worth, where he's assigned for the summer.

"I'm still very nervous with my Spanish," he said with a laugh, "But it's a good opportunity to learn."

At the ordination Mass, however, Bishop Vann emphasized that all the learning the two transitional deacons had done was to be put into serving God's people. He put forth the image of the disciples staring at the sky after Jesus' ascension as an example.

"The time between the Ascension and Pentecost is a time of waiting," Bishop Vann conceded. "But as you finish your studies and enter into ministry, it is as if the same angels are saying to you, 'Why are you waiting? Go now and live what you have learned.'"

Dallas native Dcn. Wilcox is glad that at least some of the waiting is over.

"He was always involved with the Church," said his mother, JoAnn Wilcox. "He was always playing the piano, organ, any instrument, really."

Yet despite his active parish life at St. Pius X Parish and his attendance at Bishop Lynch High School, it wasn't until after college that he began to seriously consider the priesthood. While he was working his way through college, he moved to Carrollton and started attending St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

"They needed someone to play the piano for some of the Masses," Dcn. Wilcox recalled. "I played there for years: from my early twenties until I entered the seminary. I think that was a 'God thing' because that's where I was when I decided to go into the priesthood."

And now that he's been ordained to the diaconate, priestly ordination can't seem to come fast enough for the 39-year-old deacon.

"I always knew being ordained would be truly wonderful," he said. "But this is beyond my expectation. Even though I've only been a deacon for a couple of weeks, it's awesome being able to serve in this way. I'm happier each and every day that I'm a deacon. I cannot even begin to imagine what it will be like to be a priest."



ABOVE: Dcns. James Wilcox and Khoi Tran prepare the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist following their ordination May 22. • **BOTTOM LEFT:** Dcn. Wilcox is vested with a stole and dalmatic after his ordination. • **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Dcn. Tran receives the Book of the Gospels from Bishop Vann. (Photos by Juan Guajardo / NORTH TEXAS CATHOLIC)



Anglican Ordinariate welcomes St. Timothy community into Catholic Church

By Michele Baker
Correspondent

"I have been ordained for 20 years," said Christopher Stainbrook, pastor of the former St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, to his community. "But never in my life have I felt the surge of emotion I felt as when I stood with you as we professed our faith and were received into the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church: the faith handed down to the Apostles from Christ."

That joyous, historic profession of faith took place on May 27 when 60 members of St. Timothy's were received into the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. These members of the former Episcopal community are now in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. And while apostolic succession may not be dinner table conversation for the average "cradle Catholic," it was echoed repeatedly this sweltering Pentecost Sunday.

When the day of Pentecost came it found the members of St. Timothy gathered at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Fort Worth. Suddenly, amid trumpet blast and organ chords, there arose a breathy, angelic sound as the choir sang the prelude, "Vidi Aquam" (I Beheld Water). Moments later, celebrants and altar servers gathered at the rear of the Church, flames dancing on the candles in their stands and incense spiraling heavenward.

"What a moment this is. What an honor

to be here with you!" exclaimed Father David Bristow, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption. "Today we have asked you to share our faith in the Church handed down to the Apostles and the answer is a resounding, 'Yes!' Come, share our faith; share our life; come share with us the peace of the resurrected Christ!"

Fr. Bristow, also a former Episcopal priest, had the distinct honor of celebrating this Confirmation Mass. Although the liturgy might have been confusing to some, as it merged practices from both Roman Catholic and Anglican traditions, everyone participated fervently. An unmistakable warmth permeated the church as the candidates for Confirmation received the sacrament, led by their pastor, Christopher Stainbrook, who would be ordained to the Catholic transitional diaconate in that church just two days later.

"I'd be willing to wager that everyone in this room understands what it feels like to accomplish something difficult, something long awaited," Fr. Bristow said in his homily. "It is accompanied by a sense of peace, gratitude, and a kind of quiet, solemn happiness."

For St. Timothy's, the journey to this day began in November of 2011 when they petitioned to become part of what was to become the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. The Ordinariate, which was officially established Feb. 12 of this year, is similar to a diocese in that it is made up of parishes, groups, and religious communities



ABOVE: Approximately 60 members of the St. Timothy community prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation Pentecost Sunday at St. Mary of the Assumption Church. • **LEFT:** Christopher Stainbrook, spiritual leader of the community, is confirmed by St. Mary pastor Fr. David Bristow. Stainbrook's confirmation sponsor is Charles Hough III, another former Episcopal priest. Both men were ordained to the transitional diaconate two days later. (Photos by Donna Ryckaert / NORTH TEXAS CATHOLIC)

of Anglican (Episcopalian) heritage that are in full communion with the Catholic Church while maintaining elements of their distinct liturgical practices and traditions. In the wake of a number of Episcopalian communities choosing to reunite with the Catholic Church, the Vatican has created this mechanism for organizing, catechizing, and receiving those communities. St. Timothy's is the second Episcopalian congregation in the Diocese of Fort Worth to become Catholic and the first received into the Ordinariate. The first, St. Mary the Virgin Church in Arlington, came in under the Pastoral Provision.

"You are truly a part of history," said Bishop Kevin Vann during a surprise visit before the Mass began. "I thank Fr. Bristow and all the confreres who have paved the way to this day. And I want

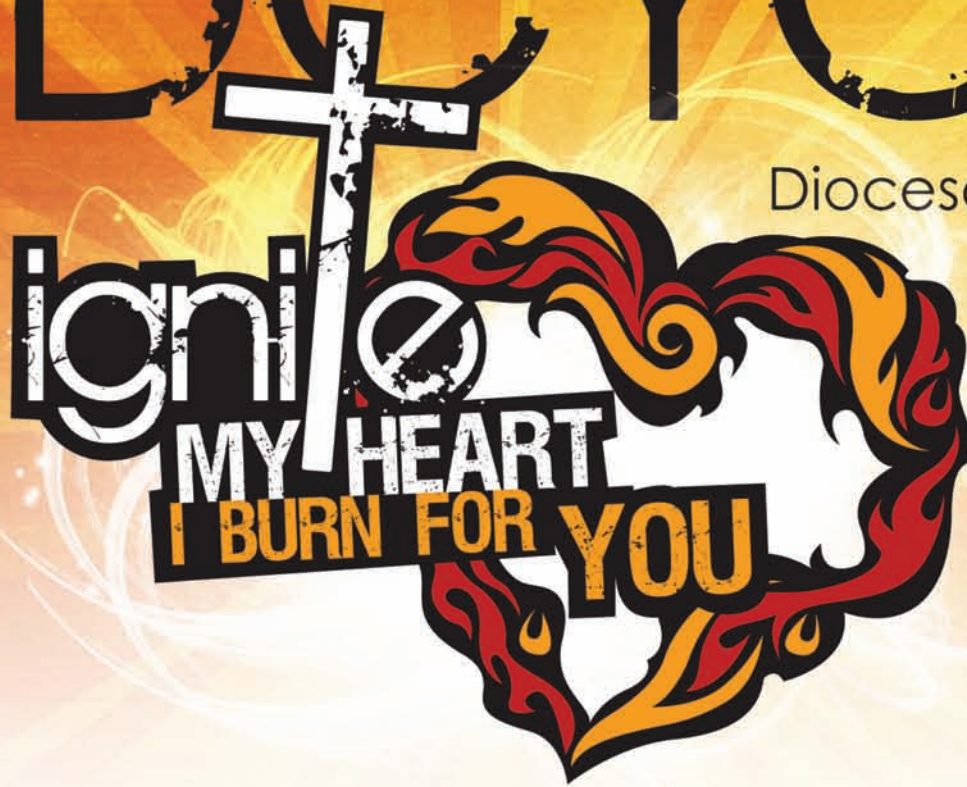
to take a moment to greet you and welcome you. I've journeyed with you and rejoice with you."

Although his schedule would not permit him to be present to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on those gathered, Bishop Vann had taken a few precious minutes out of his tightly scheduled day to address the congregation. He pointed out that this particular Sunday happened to fall on the Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, patron saint of the English Church and the first Archbishop of Canterbury. He noted that this day opened an historic moment in the Church.

"I encourage you to build on the faith and to look to people like St. Augustine as an example," Bishop Vann said. "And I pray that the Holy Spirit bestow all of his gifts upon those gathered here."

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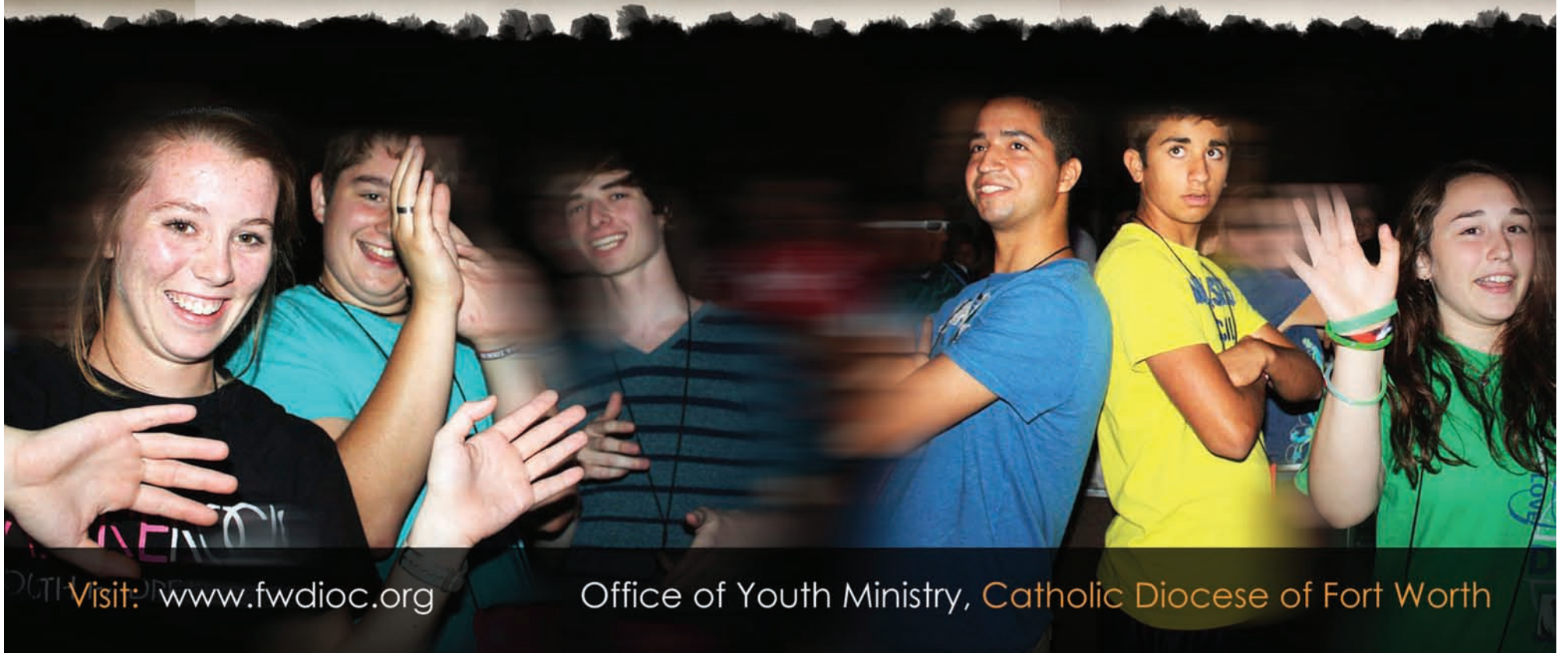
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Reflections on the 10th Anniversary of the *Charter*

**By Judy Locke
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To acknowledge the 10th anniversary this month of the U.S. Bishops' document, *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, is to acknowledge and express deep gratitude to the men and women of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Since 2002, soon after the promulgation of the *Charter*, thousands have committed their time, effort, and faith to ensure that the Catholic parishes, schools, and apostolates of the diocese remain communities of safety and nurture, freely celebrating the healing presence of the risen Jesus.

Our thanks go out to the two bishops of the diocese who have supported the implementation of the Norms of the *Charter* and who have

insisted on the development of strategies for improving safety measures, education, and outreach to victims, their families, and to parish and school communities.

The support of priests, deacons, principals, teachers, and leaders throughout the diocese sustains efforts to educate clergy, employees, and volunteers about the nature of sexual abuse and its consequences. The implications for the statement, "It takes a village to raise a child" have been broadened and heightened by the awareness that every person has the responsibility to ensure the safety of our children and youth.

Our deep gratitude must go out to the hundreds of women and men throughout the diocese who serve as Safe Environment Program Coordinators and Safe Environment Trainers. Most of these individuals receive no pay for their

efforts, yet have served for years because of their unwavering commitment to ensuring the well-being and faith of children and young people.

We have only to read the newspaper or watch the news to know that children and youth are at risk for exploitation and abuse, often from the most unlikely sources, including technology. Many individuals, as a result of the training they received in their parishes or schools, recognized the signs of abuse and intervened on behalf of children, preventing or stopping sexual abuse. Such knowledge and awareness empowers everyone to be proactive and mutually supportive.

When the disciples wanted to prevent children from seeing Jesus, the Lord "called the children to himself and said, 'Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the

kingdom of God belongs to such as these'" (*Luke 18:16*). The abuse and exploitation of children and youth prevents victims and, in many cases their families, from coming to Jesus and to the Church, often for a lifetime. The breach of trust by anyone associated with the Church, with God, and with the development of faith, can leave lasting wounds, affecting every aspect of victims' lives. The effort of so many in our diocese to prevent such devastation must continue. Ensuring the safety of the vulnerable in our parish and school communities does not end after 10 years. As former Austin Bishop, now New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond has said, "We are in this for the long haul; we are in this for eternity."

Protecting our children and hence, caring for each other, is a mission which belongs to us all.

Charter is framework for making abuse response 'part of our culture'

**By Carol Zimmermann
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WASHINGTON — The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* — now 10 years old — was not meant to be "the last word" in solving the abuse crisis, according to the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People.

Instead, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon of Joliet, Illinois, said the *Charter* has provided a framework for ongoing efforts. Its requirements are "not a temporary fix" but have to "become part of our culture," he added.

The *Charter* was part of the U.S. bishops' response to the clergy abuse scandal that was a top concern when they met 10 years ago in Dallas.

Their June meeting took place just five months after *The Boston Globe* began publishing articles about the sexual abuse of minors by priests and accusations of a systemic cover-up by Church officials. The reports prompted other victims across the country to come forward with allegations of abuse that put the scandal in the national spotlight.

The bishops responded by developing a national policy to oust predators and protect children. They adopted the *Charter* and approved a set of legislative norms to enforce implementation in all dioceses. They also established a lay-run National Review Board to monitor compliance, commission studies of the causes and context of the crisis, and recommend further actions. Later that year, the bishops formed a national Office for Child and Youth Protection.

"In the ten years since the U.S. Bishops adopted the *Charter*, our eyes have been opened to the damage to human lives and communities affected by the tragedy of sexual abuse in the Church," said Monsignor Stephen Berg, vicar general for the



LEFT: U.S. bishops cast their votes on the *CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE* at their 2002 meeting in Dallas. When they met in Atlanta June 13-15, the bishops reviewed *cnb* the *CHARTER* and its provisions for preventing and reporting child sex abuse. (CNS PHOTO / BOB ROLLER)

Diocese of Fort Worth. "As a Church we have been moving, over the past decade, from a posture of shock that this tragedy ever could have happened, to a posture of resolve that it will never happen again. We have been called to be agents of permanent change. Over 40,000 individuals have received training in our diocese in order to ensure a safe environment for our children and young people. We now recognize that safety is the primary right and the first prerequisite to all ministry in the Church.

"As we move forward, Bishop [Kevin] Vann has renewed and strengthened the focus of the diocese: that all who do ministry in the Church receive training according to the *Charter*; that victims of abuse receive healing; and that the nature and effects of the horror of abuse be fully understood by all who minister," Msgr. Berg added. "In this way, Bishop Vann is calling for a renewed partnership of all who participate in ministry in the Church, to be the eyes, ears, and voice for the young in order to guarantee a Safe Environment. In this partnership we will renew our commitment to work together and be accountable to ensure the safety of our children so that they can hear, learn, and grow to love the Word of God."

The National Review Board was scheduled to report on the effectiveness of the bishops' response to the abuse crisis at their June 13-15 meeting in Atlanta.

According to Al J. Notzon, III, chairman of the review board, "striking changes" have occurred in the Church's efforts to prevent and report abuse but said more work still needs to be done.

The *Charter* outlined how the Church leaders would provide a safe environment for children and young people in church-sponsored activities. It established uniform procedures for handling sex-abuse allegations and adopted a "zero tolerance" policy. It also required background checks and training in child protection for Church employees and required dioceses facing allegations made about priests or other Church workers to alert authorities, conduct an investigation, and remove the accused person from duty.

Deacon Bernard Nojadera, head of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection, said even with these efforts, many Catholics are often unaware that the Church has taken such an active role to stop and prevent abuse.

In part, this stems from "pockets of allegations" that continue to

surface, he said.

Notzon also said that many Catholics do not know what the Church is doing to stop abuse and said people often suggest to him that the Church do things it is already doing.

"Word needs to get out about what's being done," he told Catholic News Service May 25 from his San Antonio home.

When abuse allegations emerge in the Church, he said, they could stem from a failure to implement *Charter* policies, which the review board investigates.

Notzon said the credibility of the audit — measuring how dioceses comply with the *Charter* — has improved. "Compliance auditors are trained to look to make sure not just the law but the spirit of the law is followed."

The bishops' level of commitment to the issue proves they know the *Charter* is something that needs to be "supported over time," he added, noting that the review board's role is to "continually hold up a mirror to the bishops to say, 'Here is your commitment and here is your response.'"

A report released in April on the implementation of the *Charter* showed that nearly all U.S. dioceses are in full compliance.

Deacon Nojadera said healing is still a major aspect of the crisis as the Church continues its outreach to survivor victims and families and address how abuse affected the entire Church.

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All Saints School receives President's Award from Fort Worth Museum

By Crystal Brown
Correspondent

Hydroponics and ecology lessons infused into the daily curriculum at All Saints Catholic School has earned the school accolades with the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

All Saints was awarded the President's Achievement Award by the museum on May 18 during a school-wide assembly. Museum President Van A. Romans presented the award to the school's principal Christina Mendez, and to Father Stephen Jasso, TOR, pastor of All Saints Parish which sponsors the school.

The President's Achievement Award recognizes Fort Worth schools that demonstrate an exemplary learning environment.

During Romans' presentation of the award he commented that when the museum began as the brain child of five teachers in 1939, All Saints School was already 35 years old.

"You were way ahead of the curve when the museum was just being imagined by five teachers," he said. "What made the early museum so special was the teachers who started it understood the importance of discovery learning — that children learn best by doing, discovering, and



ABOVE: (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) Fort Worth Museum of Science and History President Van A. Romans, Fort Worth City Councilman Sal Espino, Bishop Kevin Vann, All Saints Principal Christina Mendez, All Saints pastor Father Stephen Jasso, TOR, and diocesan Superintendent of Schools Don Miller gather for a picture following the presentation of the museum's President's Award to All Saints School for demonstrating an exemplary learning environment. • **RIGHT:** Dynamo the Dinosaur, the museum's mascot, greets All Saints students following a school-wide assembly May 18.



Photos by Crystal Brown

playing. That is what the President's Award is really all about. We recognize you for your vision, in creating so many amazing community partnerships. These partnerships have resulted in wonderful discovery-learning

opportunities for the school, the teachers, and the students."

Among All Saints partnerships are the University of Notre Dame, Texas Christian University's College of Nursing, the University of North

Texas, and most recently the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

"We've seen many things happen at All Saints," Mendez, the school's principal, said. "We've seen this new building come up. We've seen our community partnerships grow over the past five years. So many members of the community are willing to come forward and help us succeed here at All Saints — whether they are helping us to grow programs [or] to grow scholarship money for more students to attend All Saints — we have many great and wonderful community partners."

Among those community partners is the city of Fort Worth's District 2 Councilman Sal Espino, who also attended the presentation and spoke to the students about his time at All Saints taking catechism classes and preparing for his first Communion and Confirmation.

"The North Side has always been a welcoming community, whether your name is Jim Risky and your folks came from Poland and you started up a business, or if your folks were immigrants from Greece and came to the North Side in search of a better opportunity, or whether you were immigrants from Mexico that came during the Mexican Revolution, or

those who have come in recent waves of immigration," Espino said.

"The North Side has always been a family — a close-knit institution. All Saints Catholic School has been the shining light that provides an opportunity for young children, male and female, to achieve their best. In the best of Catholic tradition, in the best of Catholic formation, indeed there is something special going on in this school every single day."

Diocesan Superintendent of Schools Donald Miller agreed with Espino.

"For over 100 years, in one form or another, this school, this faith community has been a part of the North Side of Fort Worth," Miller said. "It has been a part of the fabric of this community."

It is, after all, part of the Catholic faith, to be part of the community and to be of service to one's community, he said.

"That means that we are formed in a community of faith, and we are obligated to reach out and be of service to other people," Miller said. "That can only work with other models in the community who reach back to us and serve us and assist the school in its mission going forward. I am very proud of this school."

We need the 'light of faith,' Bishop Vann tells eighth-graders at annual Mass

Story and Photos by
Joan Kurkowski-Gillen
Correspondent

Two Catholic school moms shared a bittersweet moment May 16 as they waited for the annual Eighth Grade Mass to begin inside Good Shepherd Church in Colleyville. Mary Ann Williams and Michelle McDonald were looking forward to the upcoming graduation of their children from Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Denton. At the same time, the milestone signals big changes next fall.

Enrolled in the school since kindergarten, Alex Williams will continue his studies in a public high school. Kate McDonald, will begin her freshman year at Faustina Academy in Irving. Both mothers agree Immaculate Conception prepared their youngsters academically and spiritually for the next chapter in their lives.

"I think my son is coming away with a really strong foundation that will help him stay true to himself and his faith," Williams said.

A schoolteacher herself, McDonald chose a Catholic learning environment for her five children because of the way religion is integrated into the curriculum.

"The sacrifices you make are worth it," she insists. "It's a choice I'd make all over again because I see the fruit."

Hosted by the diocesan Catholic Schools Office, the pre-graduation event brought together 443 eighth-graders with parents, pastors, and teachers to celebrate their achievement and pray for continued success in high school.

Bishop Kevin Vann concelebrated the Mass with several priests from parishes with Catholic schools. Using Good Shepherd's sunshine-filled sanctuary to illustrate his point, the bishop encouraged his young listeners to be "the light of Christ to others" as they go out into the world.

"To see the path marked out in front of us in this life, you need light — especially the light of faith," he said in his homily. "As you finish the eighth grade, we all hope and pray the Catholic education you received will be that light in your life that guides you in high school and beyond."

He asked the students to remember their parents and others in the community who sacrificed to provide a Catholic education. The light of Christ will allow them to understand, more clearly, the love of their parents and the fullness of the Catholic faith.

"Know you don't walk that path by yourself," the bishop assured. "We all walk it together. Whatever challenges you may find, the light of Christ will show you the way. Above all, it will show how much God loves you."

The eighth-graders also heard from diocesan Schools Superintendent Don Miller who told the youngsters confidence comes from a daily encounter with the teachings, presence, and light of Jesus Christ. Up to this point in their lives, opportunities for most of those encounters have come through parents, the classroom, and parish.

"Sometime before the end of the school year, thank the people who have helped you become who you are," Miller said. "These people have shared their experience, wisdom, and faith. They



To prepare for the special liturgy each eighth-grader colored a cutout figure of themselves and listed special traits and talents they will use to serve others as a reflection of what they are dedicating to God.



Students from multiple schools bring the gifts to the altar, including baskets containing their class "mini me" projects

have been the light of Christ for you."

He then offered the audience the same advice given to him by a pastor at his own eighth grade graduation 55 years ago.

"What you are is God's gift to you. What you become, is your gift back to God," he explained. "It is our hope that you will become the light of Christ for others."

To prepare for the special liturgy each eighth-grader colored a cutout figure of themselves and listed special traits and talents they will use to serve others. The class "mini me" projects were carried up in baskets during the offertory.

"It's a reflection of what they are dedicating to God," explained Chad Riley, principal of Holy Rosary School in Arlington.

The principal hopes his eighth-graders leave Holy Rosary with an understanding that Catholic

education is a gift to be shared. "Their education and formation is not just for themselves. It's a gift from God," Riley continued. "Ultimately, it's for the service of other people."

David Hernandez and Kevin Le from St. Rita School were two of the 14 students who performed with the all-school band during the Mass. Hernandez, a clarinet player, and Le, a guitarist, plan to join the Viking band at Nolan Catholic High School in August.

Uniforms, rules, and religion classes have readied them for the next phase in their education.

"My time at St. Rita definitely made my faith stronger," Le explained.

His classmate agrees.

"The big difference is that we have religion in school," adds Hernandez, a former public school student. "And there's more discipline."



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Lucas Pollice offers a presentation during the 2012 Diocesan Day of Communio themed "Rediscovering the Gifts of Vatican II."



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Bishop Kevin Vann places the *BENEMERENTI* medal on diocesan Director of Catechesis Lucas Pollice at a Vespers Service held Dec. 13, 2011, honoring laypeople and religious who had received papal honors.



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Lucas Pollice presents "An Overview of the Mass," a workshop during the 2011 Diocesan Day of Communio themed around the changes to the English translation of the *ROMAN MISSAL*. An admirer of the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who used a chalkboard while catechizing the public on national television, Pollice once said "Give me a chalkboard anyway," in reference to his own teaching style.

Diocesan Director of Catechesis Lucas Pollice is moving to Denver, but not before having made his mark on the Diocese of Fort Worth

By Michele Baker
Correspondent

Lucas Pollice, who has served as director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Fort Worth for the past five years, has taken a position at the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colorado.

For the Denver native, who has made his home in this diocese for the past 14 years — nine of those as director of Faith Formation at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Arlington — the return to Colorado is bittersweet.

"It'll be great to be with my family," Pollice said in a recent interview. "My parents and my sister and her family live there. But working at the diocesan level has given me a sense of the intricacies of parish life and the ways in which they connect with the diocese. I'll miss that."

Yet this very insight is what makes Pollice such a natural choice for his new position at the Augustine Institute where he will be developing catechetical materials. Pollice, who was conferred with the *Benemerenti* Medal by Pope Benedict XVI last year upon Bishop Kevin Vann's recommendation, is a natural teacher who has built his ministry on the concept put forth in the *General Directory for Catechesis (GDC)* that the RCIA process is the model of all catechesis. To this end, he has worked to develop a comprehensive standard of catechesis that can be seen at work in various programs throughout the diocese.

Whether helping to develop the Catholics Respect Life Office, serving as diocesan liaison for the University of Dallas Ministry

Conference, re-vamping the John Paul II Institute School of Lay Ministry, or even working toward bringing a satellite post-graduate theology degree program to the diocese through Ave Maria University, Pollice has helped to create catechetical opportunities for people from all walks of life, all levels of ambition, all languages, and all roles.

"It is very humbling to see so many hard-working people and

empowering them to do strong catechesis," Pollice said. "I think what I will take away is the great privilege of working with so many wonderful and dedicated people in catechesis and evangelization."

And while Pollice looks forward to the challenges of his new position, he takes with him fond memories of his tenure in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

"Working with Bishop Vann has been an honor," he said. "Not

so many bishops come by your office just to say 'hi.' And I've been impressed by how vibrant the life

of the Church is here. People are so active. We've been very blessed here in Texas."

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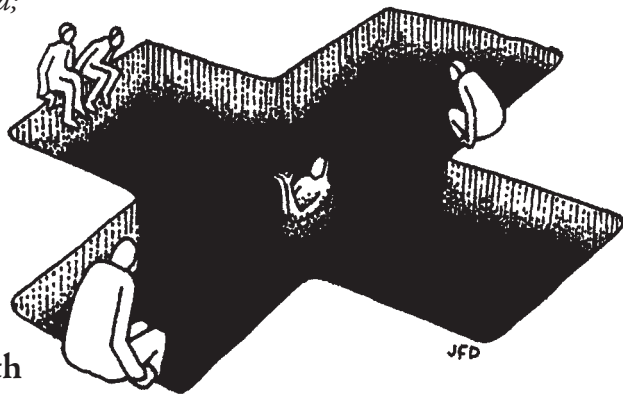
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Readings Reflections

**“Do not be afraid;
just have faith.”**

— Mark 5:36



**July 1, Thirteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Cycle B. Readings:

- 1) Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
- 2) 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel) Mark 5:21-43

By Jean Denton

Through a series of bad decisions, Jay found himself sucked into a culture of illegal activity. He didn't know he was being watched by law enforcement authorities. Then in one frightening evening, as police swarmed onto his lawn and barged into his home to confiscate evidence and arrest him, he saw his successful, happy life go down the tubes.

Jay was ashamed and remorseful. He admitted that what he had done was wrong. He never denied that his behavior was immoral and against the law. He knew that his choices deeply hurt his family.

After the initial shock wore off, he began to see the black hole in front of him. He faced lengthy jail time in a state that has meager resources for, and little interest in, rehabilitation of convicted criminals. As the time to serve his sentence approached, this once confident young professional's voice quavered as he imagined no hope ahead for his life: "My career is gone and by the time I get out, all my experience, education, skills will be useless. I'll have nothing to offer."

He started to enumerate more reasons for his despair, but his wife interrupted with practical plans for how, while he serves time, she would prepare for his future return home. His neighbor chimed in to suggest contacting certain individuals to develop channels of communication he can use during the time he is in prison.

In today's Gospel passage, shortly after a synagogue official asks Jesus to heal his daughter, the child apparently dies. When Jesus offers the hope that she is only asleep, people ridicule him. He sends them out explaining to the others, "Just have faith." The child lives.

The reading from Wisdom shows that faith in God's healing can be found in understanding God's fundamental desire for life he creates: that it will not die. "God did not make death," Wisdom states, "nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. ... For God formed man to be imperishable."

Likewise, Jay's wife and friend had faith in the value of his life — and its renewal even after jail.

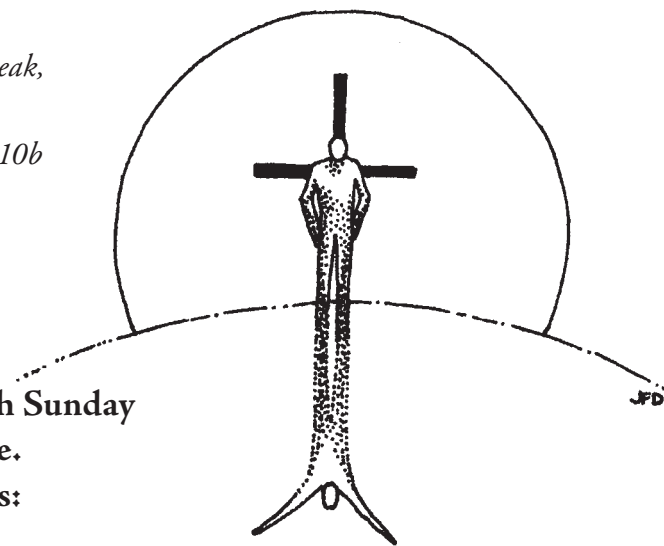
They would not allow his lack of faith to dispel theirs. They insisted that he live with hope for a new life that lies ahead.

QUESTIONS:

When have you despaired about the future? How does faith that God created human life to be imperishable help you deal with life and death issues?

**“For when I am weak,
then I am strong.”**

— 2 Corinthians 12:10b



**July 8, Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time.**

Cycle B. Readings:

- 1) Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm 123:1-4
- 2) 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel) Mark 6:1-6

By Jeff Hedglen

Everyone has a bad day from time to time. We all have days when everything seems to go wrong, when our sin gets the better of us, when people do not respect us or when everything we do seems to go against what we believe.

Even people in the Bible go through rough stretches. Take, for instance, this week's readings. In Ezekiel, we find the chosen people of God described as "hard of face and obstinate of heart." Then St. Paul reveals to the faithful in Corinth that he suffered affliction from a "thorn in the flesh." Scholars have wondered for years what this "thorn" actually was, as Paul never reveals exactly what he is referring to, but there was something in his life that he struggled with and could not overcome completely.

In Mark's Gospel, we even see Jesus having a bad day. He goes home to preach in the synagogue. I imagine it was a big moment for him to share the love of his Father with those he had known since he was a child. But instead of opening up their hearts to God's word, the Gospel says, "They took offense at him." Questioning his authority to teach them, they asked, "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

Each of the readings reveals that we are not alone in having a "bad day" or "rough stretch." But the Scriptures also reveal that we are not alone and powerless in these moments. God sees the hardened hearts of his chosen people and instead of forsaking them, sends the prophet Ezekiel to point them in the right direction.

Even as Paul laments the thorn in his side, he boasts in his weakness, reminding us all that in our weakness Jesus is strong.

Lastly, we see Jesus rejected by the people closest to him. The Gospel says, "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them." So even when Jesus has a bad day a few people are healed!

These readings speak to our human weakness and the power of God not only to overcome it, but also to walk through it with us.

QUESTIONS:

What are some ways God has come to you in your weakness? Who is a prophet in your life, bringing God's word to you?

Word = Life

Readings Reflections

"In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will."

— Ephesians 1:11

July 15, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Cycle B. Readings:

- 1) Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
- 2) Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel) Mark 6:7-13

By Sharon K. Perkins

In 1939, as Great Britain was entering the Second World War, an anxious monarch delivered an unlikely address to his subjects via radio broadcast. That monarch — King George VI — had suffered from a debilitating stammer all his life and had no desire to be in the public eye. Nonetheless, the abdication of King Edward VII in 1936 thrust his younger brother "Bertie" into the limelight and into a position which he had not sought but for which he was ultimately well-suited, despite (or perhaps because of) his handicap. As a wartime leader, the king inspired a nation facing great adversity through the example of his own courageous personal struggle.

In a similar vein, Amos did not expect to be a prophet at all; he was a "shepherd and a dresser of sycamores" whom God called away to the land of Judah in order to deliver a scathing indictment against the peoples' chronic injustices. This untutored shepherd, sharing no company with the professional prophets of his time, was an unlikely choice — yet when he made himself available, the Lord provided all the resources needed to fulfill his prophetic mission.

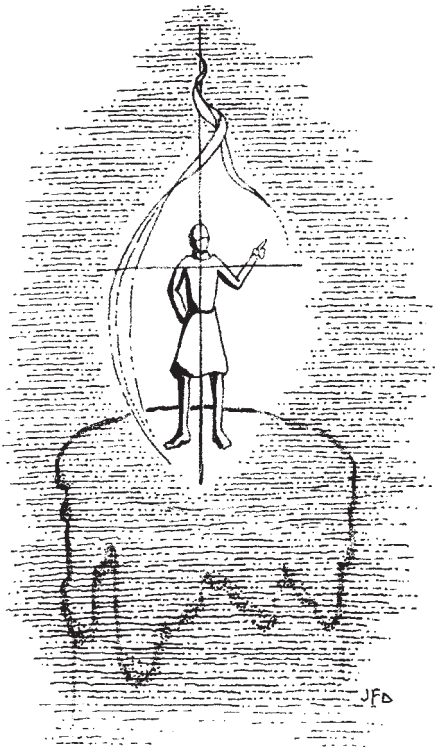
When Jesus sent the Twelve out in pairs as itinerant preachers, they probably doubted that they could accomplish what was asked of them with so little preparation or so few supplies. Surely a walking stick and a single tunic couldn't be considered much in the way of sustenance! Still, when Jesus' followers set forth, despite their misgivings, they "drove out many demons" and "anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."

Each of us is chosen, by virtue of our baptism, to take the "good news" of Jesus Christ into our particular spheres of influence. This is what is meant by "evangelization." Most of us consider ourselves ill-equipped or unprepared for such a mission and are tempted to relegate it to someone else. But we're more prepared and better equipped than we think, having been given "every spiritual blessing in the heavens."

St. Paul assures us that it is the Lord who accomplishes all these things "according to the intention of his will." We have simply to make ourselves available.

QUESTIONS:

What misgivings or anxieties do you have about answering Christ's call to evangelize? In what ways can you make yourself available this week to share the Good News within your own sphere of influence?



"His heart was moved with pity for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd."

— Mark 6:34

July 22, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Cycle B. Readings:

- 1) Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23:1-6
- 2) Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel) Mark 6:30-34

By Jeff Hensley

As I sit here looking out the front window of my home, I listen to a video running in the background on my laptop, featuring Father Robert Barron, creator of the much-acclaimed "Catholicism" series that aired last fall.

Fr. Barron is going through the Scriptures, outlining Jesus' claims to his position of authority as the Son of God and our savior. Fr. Barron goes on to outline how the values of Christianity underlie the respect for human rights that characterize our own and other democratic societies.

This week's Gospel shows us Jesus arriving by boat at the shoreline of a lake crowded with great numbers of people waiting for his arrival and with it, his life-changing words and his healing touch.

As he disembarks, Jesus sees the vast crowd, and his heart is moved with pity for them, "for they were like sheep without a shepherd."

Fr. Barron didn't disembark from a boat and see great numbers of people starved for the word of God and a meaning of the transcendent. But he did respond to a sense of crisis in our world that motivated him to start his ministry, Word on Fire (www.wordonfire.org), to evangelize contemporary culture.

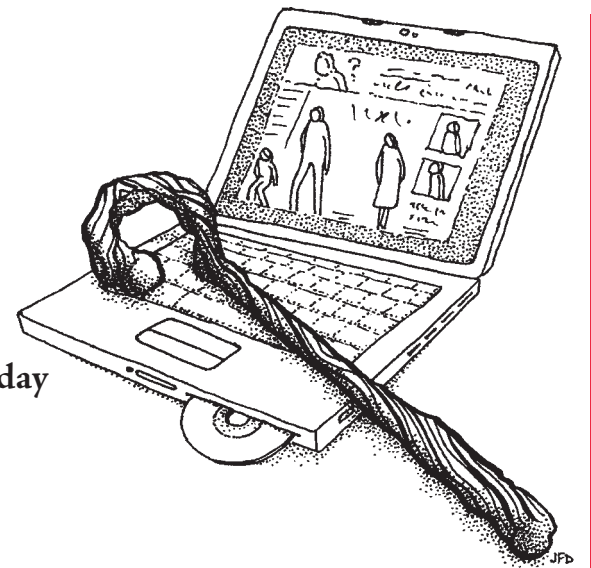
His bishop, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, had asked him to see how he could contribute to that massive task. Cardinal George had himself been responding to a quote of Pope Paul VI from *On Evangelization in the Modern World*: "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."

So it was that a Catholic seminary professor stepped out into the great desert of the electronic world, as St. Paul stepped into the public square of Athens, the Agora, where he approached the monument to "the unknown god."

Fr. Barron, in his turn, stepped out into a virtual world populated not by crowds gathered in one place, but primarily by individuals tinted by the glow of television and computer screens. He sought to help them learn more deeply of the Savior who came to bring them joy and abundant life, through the proper ordering of their lives, through the example of the one who laid down his life for his friends. His goal: to reunite these scattered sheep with their shepherd.

QUESTIONS:

Are there words I can speak to my friends and family to help them remember that Jesus came to bring us joy and abundant life? How can I show them that love in my own example?



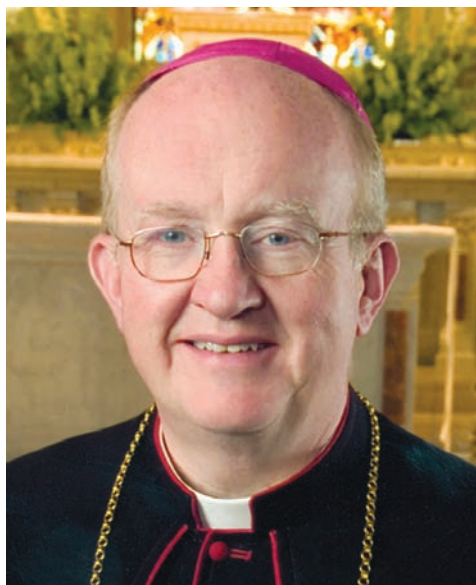
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En estos tiempos difíciles, al enfrentar muchos retos en nuestras vidas diarias, especialmente las amenazas recientes a la libertad religiosa, y amenazas a la vida y dignidad humanas prevalentes en nuestra cultura moderna, necesitamos aún más el poder transformador del Señor eucarístico para así poder salir al mundo y realmente hacer la diferencia, cambiarlo para bien. Sólo cuando realmente participamos y nos abrimos verdaderamente al Señor en cada Misa puede ocurrir esta transformación. Como dice el Papa Benedicto XVI:



Monseñor Kevin Vann

Debemos trabajar juntos para celebrar la Eucaristía aún más profundamente: no solo como un rito, sino como un proceso existencial que me toca en las profundidades de mi ser, más que cualquier otra cosa, y me cambia, me transforma. Y, transformándome, también comienza la transformación del mundo que desea el Señor y por el cual Él quiere hacernos sus instrumentos.

—Reunión con el sacerdocio de la Arquidiócesis de Roma, 26 de febrero, 2009

La palabra Eucaristía también significa “acción de gracias”, y es en la celebración de la Eucaristía que la Iglesia, el Cuerpo de Cristo, se reúne para dar gracias a Dios por el gran don de la salvación que se nos ha dado en Cristo. Durante la misa nos ofrecemos

con Cristo como sacrificio vivo al Padre en el Espíritu Santo, pero específicamente un sacrificio de alabanza y acción de gracias por todo lo que Dios nos ha dado en Cristo: “Levanten sus corazones... demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios”. Como dice el *Catecismo*:

La Eucaristía es un sacrificio de acción de gracias al Padre, una bendición por medio de la cual la Iglesia expresa su gratitud a Dios por todas sus bondades, por todo lo que ha conseguido con la creación, redención y santificación. Eucaristía significa primero que todo “acción de gracias”. (1360)

Así, pues, esta *Fiesta de Corpus Christi*, que aparece en el calendario litúrgico de la Iglesia antes del inicio de la segunda parte del Tiempo Ordinario, nos da la ocasión perfecta para reflexionar sobre la acción de gracias y la gratitud hacia Dios, especialmente para todos aquellos que han servido en distintos ministerios en nuestras parroquias, misiones, e instituciones por estos últimos meses. Mayo y junio están llenos de tantas celebraciones: confirmaciones, primeras comuniones, graduaciones de nuestras escuelas católicas, ordenaciones de diáconos y sacerdotes, y más. Ninguno de estos eventos de gracia pudieran haber ocurrido sin la fiel presencia, dedicación y horas de trabajo de nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos parroquiales, ministros pastorales, directores de RCIA, catequistas, patrocinadores y tantos otros. A todos ellos, durante el tiempo de reflexión en la Eucaristía de la *Fiesta de Corpus Christi* — debemos agradecerles personalmente por todo lo que han hecho. Yo quiero agradecer personalmente a todos ustedes que trabajan tan fiel e incansablemente haciendo el trabajo de Cristo en las parroquias. Por su presencia y dedicación, traen a Cristo a todas las vidas confiadas a ustedes, y continúan construyendo el Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia.

También quiero enfatizar fuertemente el lugar central de la Eucaristía en cualquiera de nuestros ministerios y trabajo en la Iglesia. Como nos enseña el *Concilio Vaticano II*, la Eucaristía es la “fuente y cúspide de la vida cristiana”. Por lo tanto, la Eucaristía es también la fuente y cúspide de nuestro ministerio y actividad en la Iglesia — nuestra comunión con la presencia real de Cristo, la fuente de nuestra fuerza y poder que nos anima y fortalece para lo que el Señor nos ha llamado a hacer. Como enseña el Papa Benedicto XVI:

¡Cuán importante es el lazo entre la misión de la Iglesia y la Eucaristía! De hecho, la acción misionera y evangelizante es la difusión apostólica de amor que está, por así decirlo, concentrada en el más santo sacramento. Quien recibe a Cristo en la realidad de su cuerpo y

sangre no puede mantener ese don para sí mismo, sino es llevado a compartirlo como valeroso testigo del Evangelio, sirviendo a hermanos y hermanas en momentos de necesidad, perdonando ofensas. Para algunos de ellos, entonces, la Eucaristía es la semilla de una llamada específica a dejarlo todo e ir a proclamar a Cristo ante aquellos que todavía no lo conocen.

— Angelus, 23 de octubre, 2005

Esta es también una época del año con muchos cambios, frecuentemente, para nuestras parroquias y sus sacerdotes. Todo esto es motivo de reflexión sobre quiénes somos como el Cuerpo de Cristo: no una parroquia o institución individual, sino parte del gran Cuerpo de Cristo que es la comunión de la Iglesia. Y en tiempos de cambio hay momentos de gracia y bendición mientras el Señor continúa trabajando en nuestras vidas para construir su Cuerpo aquí en la tierra. Como las procesiones eucarísticas de Corpus Christi — nos mantenemos caminando hacia el objetivo de una unión más profunda con Cristo y su Iglesia, y la vida eterna, porque a fin de cuentas todo se trata de la salvación:

Por esta razón, la fiesta de Corpus Christi está caracterizada particularmente por la tradición de llevar el Santísimo Sacramento en procesión, un acto de completo sentido. Al llevar la Eucaristía por las calles y plazas, queremos sumergir en nuestras vidas el pan manado del cielo. Queremos que Jesús camine con nosotros, que viva con nosotros. Nuestro mundo, nuestra existencia, debe devenir en su templo. En este día de fiesta, la comunidad cristiana proclama que la Eucaristía es su todo, su verdadera vida, la fuente de vida que triunfa sobre la muerte.

— Papa Benedicto XVI, Angelus, 18 de junio, 2006

Pido a Dios porque todos ustedes tengan un verano lleno de regocijo y bendiciones, y ustedes y sus familias permanecerán en mis oraciones.

+ Kevin W. Vann

+ OBISPO KEVIN W. VANN, JCD, DD
DIÓCESIS DE FORT WORTH



El Papa Benedicto XVI lidera la procesión de Corpus Christi desde la Archibasilica de San Juan de Letrán hasta la Basilica de Santa María la Mayor en Roma, el 7 de junio.

La Diócesis ordena dos nuevos sacerdotes el 9 de junio: Manuel Holguín, nacido en México, y Michael Moloney, nacido en Irlanda

Reportaje por Joan Kurkowski-Gillen
Fotografía por Juan Guajardo

“Yo siempre supe que el iba a ser sacerdote”.

Los familias, originarias de diferentes esquinas del mundo, expresaron ese mismo sentimiento mientras esperaban en la *Catedral de San Patricio* el 9 de junio, para la ordenación de Cruz Manuel Holguín Ogaz y Michael Eugene Gerard Joseph Moloney a la Sagrada Orden de Presbítero.

Sentada en el banco del frente en la catedral, Guadalupe Ogaz radiaba de orgullo mientras tocaba la vestimenta dorada que su hijo Manuel pronto iba a llevar puesta.

“Yo estoy muy agradecida, feliz, entusiasmada y orgullosa”, dijo la chihuahuense nacida en Jiménez. “Este es el primer sacerdote en nuestra familia. Es una bendición y será un buen ejemplo para los nietos”.

Al otro lado de la nave, Marian Lanningham y Ellen Fung recordaban el largo camino de su hermano al sacerdocio. Durante su carrera como doctor en medicina, Michael Moloney estaba tan preocupado con las causas subyacentes de la enfermedad de su paciente como con la enfermedad misma.

“No estamos sorprendidas de la vocación de Michael. Sabíamos que eventualmente iba a llegar allí. Su interés por la Iglesia es algo que notamos desde sus 13 o 14 años”, dice Marian, quien dejó el condado de Waterford, en Irlanda, siguiendo a su hermano a Houston en 1979. “El cuestionaba espiritualmente a todos en la familia”.

Familiares y amigos de los dos hombres llenaron la catedral en el centro una mañana de sábado para presenciar la imposición del sacramento de las santas órdenes por el obispo de Fort Worth, Kevin Vann, durante una misa llena de simbolismo y esplendor. La multitud de admiradores aplaudió espontáneamente cuando el obispo anunció: “Confiado en la ayuda de Dios Nuestro Señor y nuestro salvador Jesucristo, escogemos a estos, nuestros hermanos, para la orden del sacerdocio”.

Luego de un examen de los candidatos y promesa de obediencia, los diáconos Holguín y Moloney se postraron frente al altar en un acto de sumisión mientras la congregación rezaba la Letanía de los santos. Levantándose de la oración, los hombres fueron a arrodillarse ante el obispo. En el momento más solemne del rito de la ordenación, el obispo Vann puso sus manos sobre cada diácono mientras oraba por los dones del Espíritu Santo. El antiguo signo de la ordenación continuó cuando los demás sacerdotes presentes pusieron sus manos sobre cada candidato.

Al canto de *Veni Creator Spiritus*, por el coro de la catedral, cada uno de los sacerdotes recién ordenados se invistió de estola y casulla, asistido por los padres vestidores Kyle Walterscheid, David Bristow y Jim Pember-

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Los recién ordenados padres Moloney, a la izquierda, y Holguín, a la derecha, concelebran la Misa con el obispo Vann. El diácono James Wilcox asiste.



DESDE ARRIBA, A LA IZQUIERDA: El obispo Vann se dirige a los hombres a ser ordenados y a la congregación, hablando sobre la seriedad del compromiso de servir a Dios y su pueblo, que es la esencia de la identidad de un sacerdote.

El obispo Vann impone sus manos sobre el diácono Moloney, invocando la bendición del Espíritu Santo, y confiriéndole la orden de Presbítero, que lo convierte en un sacerdote católico de la Diócesis de Fort Worth. Momentos después, el obispo ordenó al padre Holguín.

El obispo Vann toma las manos del padre Holguín entre las suyas como signo del voto de obediencia de este último al obispo en su rol como sacerdote sirviendo la Iglesia Católica en la Diócesis de Fort Worth.



El obispo Vann le da un cáliz al recién ordenado padre Holguín como signo de su nuevo ministerio en la mesa eucarística.

ABAJO: El padre Fernández, OFM, Cap. impone sus manos sobre el padre Holguín, invocando al Espíritu Santo.

Fotografía por Juan Guajardo



El padre Moloney bendice a un joven.



IZQUIERDA: El recién ordenado padre Holguín bendice a su madre.

DERECHA: El padre Holguín bendice a madre e hija. La bendición de un sacerdote recién ordenado es considerada por muchos poderosa y un gran honor.



La Diócesis ordena dos nuevos sacerdotes: Manuel Holguín y Michael Moloney

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ton. El rito continuó cuando el obispo Vann ungió las palmas de los hombres con el Santo Crisma — un signo visible de la eternidad de su sacerdocio.

En la homilía, el obispo Vann explicó cómo el camino de la fe de ambos diáconos comenzó en lugares diferentes del mundo pero eventualmente encontró su hogar en la *Diócesis de Fort Worth*.

“Los dos caminos de fe y familia en Irlanda y México han sido un viaje espiritual donde la llamada del Señor os ha guiado hasta aquí para predicar el Evangelio y construir el Cuerpo de Cristo con valor y amor”, continuó el obispo.

Dirigiéndose a los diáconos, el obispo Vann expresó que la Sagrada Escritura es más que palabras en una página.

“Debe estar viva en vuestras vidas y formar vuestro ministerio de sacerdocio”, advirtió. “Sean pastores que siempre tengan un

corazón para su gente en momentos de necesidad. Alaben a Dios en sus vidas, siempre colocando su fe en Él”.

Su ministerio debe recordar a la gente una y otra vez, “¿de dónde venimos y hacia Quién vamos?”

“El estandarte de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, llevado por el pueblo mexicano, nos muestra un camino a seguir desde este momento”, añadió. “María, como Madre de Dios — ya sea conocida como Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe o Nuestra Señora de Knock — es un modelo de discipulado para ustedes. Ella nos enseña una y otra vez a confiar en Dios, a regocijarnos siempre en cuanto Él ha hecho en nuestras vidas y a siempre cumplir con lo que su Hijo nos pide”.

Vidas, vividas en santidad, llevarán la santidad a los otros.

“Michael y Manuel, al celebrar misa, escuchar confesiones, bautizar, presenciar matrimonios y más, siempre digan ‘sí’ completamente

y sin reservas a cuanto el Señor les pida”, aconsejó. “Vuestras vidas, vividas en santidad, llevarán a la santidad de aquellos a quienes ustedes sirvan y cuiden”.

Luego de la misa, familiares y amigos se reunieron en el salón parroquial a recibir una bendición de los nuevos sacerdotes. Algunos habían viajado desde sitios tan remotos como Nueva York, Oklahoma y el oeste de Texas para presenciar la ordenación.

Vicki Estrada lideró un contingente desde la *Iglesia Cristo Rey* en Lubbock, que vino a felicitar al padre Moloney. El grupo entabló amistad con el médico ahora sacerdote hace 10 años, cuando era miembro de su grupo de estudio de la Biblia.

“El siempre era muy espiritual y compasivo. Nosotros pensábamos que sería muy buen sacerdote desde mucho antes de que él se diera cuenta de su vocación”, dijo Estrada.

Presenciar la ordenación de un amigo cercano la hizo llorar de emoción.

“Yo estaba tan feliz por el”, dijo ella, emocionalmente, durante la recepción. “Fue un honor recibir su bendición”.

Rolando Monroy viajó desde Oklahoma con sus hijos, Leonel y Erix, para poder reencontrarse con su amigo de la infancia, el padre Holguín. Ambos crecieron en el mismo pueblo en México y cursaron estudios medios juntos.

“Ver a alguien con quien creciste convertirse en sacerdote es un buen sentimiento”, dijo Monroy. “Me sorprendió, pero fue una buena sorpresa”.

Ambos padres, Moloney y Holguín, celebraron su primera misa en presencia de familiares al día siguiente, el domingo de Corpus Christi.

“El tiene mucha gente que lo quiere y estamos muy orgullosos”, dijo María Pardo, la hermana del

padre Holguín, quien presenció su primera misa en la *Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción*.

El padre recién ordenado sirvió su año de diaconato en esa parroquia de Denton, y continuará sus obligaciones como vicario parroquial. Durante la misa, llevaba la vestimenta dorada que le regaló su familia.

El padre Moloney celebró su primera misa en la *Catedral de San Patricio*, donde servirá como vicario parroquial a partir del primero de julio. Entre sus planes inmediatos está el ir a visitar a su madre de 84 años de edad, Anna, y su hermano, Tom, quienes viven en la finca lechera familiar en Irlanda.

Visitando desde Houston, Marian Laningham notó un cambio en su hermano, Michael.

“A pesar de tener muchos quehaceres, se siente mucho más en paz”, dijo ella. “Quiero creer que esto es el trabajo del Espíritu Santo en el”.

Estatuto es marco de trabajo para hacer respuesta al abuso ‘parte de nuestra cultura’

WASHINGTON (CNS) — El “Estatuto para la protección de niños y jóvenes”, ahora con 10 años, no tenía la intención de ser “la última palabra” en la solución de la crisis de abusos, según el director del *Comité sobre la protección de niños y jóvenes*, de los obispos estadounidenses.

En vez, dijo el obispo R. Daniel Conlon de Joliet, Illinois, el estatuto ha provisto un marco de trabajo para esfuerzos en curso. Sus requisitos “no son un arreglo temporal”, sino que tienen que “convertirse en parte de nuestra cultura”, añadió.

El estatuto fue parte de la respuesta de los obispos estadounidenses al escándalo de abuso sexual por parte del clero que era una alta preocupación cuando se reunieron hace 10 años en Dallas.

Su reunión de junio se llevó a cabo solo cinco meses después que *The Boston Globe* comenzara a publicar artículos sobre el abuso sexual de menores por sacerdotes y acusaciones de un encubrimiento sistemático por parte de los funcionarios eclesiásticos. Los informes llevaron a otras víctimas de todo el país a dar un paso al frente con alegatos de abuso, los cuales pusieron el escándalo en el enfoque nacional.

Los obispos respondieron desa-

rollando una política nacional para expulsar a los depredadores y proteger a los niños. Ellos pusieron en vigor el estatuto y aprobaron un conjunto de normas legislativas para ejercer la implementación en todas las diócesis. También establecieron una *Junta nacional de revisión* operada por laicos para supervisar el cumplimiento, comisionar estudios sobre las causas y el contexto de la crisis y recomendar acciones adicionales. Más tarde ese año los obispos formaron una *Oficina para la protección de menores* nacional.

Una década más tarde la junta de revisión estaba programada para informar, durante su reunión a realizarse del 13 al 15 de junio en Atlanta, sobre la eficacia de la respuesta de los obispos a la crisis del abuso.

Según Al J. Notzon III, director de la *Junta nacional de revisión*, “cambios impactantes” han ocurrido en los esfuerzos eclesiásticos para prevenir y denunciar el abuso, pero dijo que todavía se necesita hacer más trabajo.

El estatuto esbozó cómo los líderes eclesiásticos proveerían un ambiente seguro para los niños y jóvenes en actividades patrocinadas por la Iglesia. Estableció procedimientos uniformes para el manejo de alegatos de abuso sexual e implantó una po-

lítica de “cero tolerancia”. También requiere verificación de antecedentes y entrenamiento para empleados eclesiásticos en protección de niños y requiere que las diócesis que enfrenten alegatos hechos contra sacerdotes y otros trabajadores eclesiásticos alerten las autoridades, realicen una investigación y retiren del servicio la persona acusada.

El diácono Nojadera Bernard, director de *Secretariado de protección de menores*, de los obispos estadounidenses, dijo que aun con estos esfuerzos,

muchos católicos no están enterados de que la Iglesia ha tomado un papel tan activo para detener y prevenir el abuso.

Esto proviene en parte de “grupos de alegatos” que siguen surgiendo, dijo.

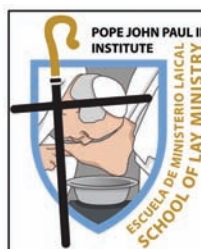
Notzon también dijo que muchos católicos no saben lo que la Iglesia está haciendo para detener el abuso y dijo que la gente a menudo le sugiere que la Iglesia haga cosas que esta ya está haciendo.

“Se necesita que se corra la voz acerca de lo que se está haciendo”, dijo a *Catholic News Service* el 25 de

mayo desde su hogar en San Antonio.

Dijo que el público en general también debe saber lo que la Iglesia está haciendo porque el abuso es un problema social. Dijo que la Iglesia necesita hacerle saber a otros que hay cosas que pueden aprender “sin el dolor por el cual la Iglesia tuvo que pasar”.

Notzon dijo que la Iglesia ha cambiado la forma en que trata a las víctimas, de “inmediatamente ponerse a la defensiva” con ellos a tomar un rol más pastoral.



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Confirmation candidates stand as they are introduced by Trish Baum, Holy Angels director of religious education.



Bishop Kevin Vann questions Confirmation students about the story of Noah's Ark. A large stained-glass window, inside the chapel at Cook Children's Medical Center, depicts the popular Bible passage.



Nurses at Cook Children's Medical Center presented their patient, Alexis Enriquez, with her own celebratory Confirmation cake.

Confirmation...

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gathering. Her mother, Olga, received her First Communion and also was confirmed. Fr. Tom Kennedy, who concelebrated the Mass with Bishop Vann, said the extra effort by students to include the Enriquez family in their Confirmation Day exemplifies what it means to be Catholic.

"It's a confirmation of their sense of community and claiming their faith," the pastor explained. "This is a lifetime memory of Church."

Standing in front of the bishop, Alexis took the Confirmation name Sacred Heart of Jesus and was enriched with the special strength of the Holy Spirit. At the end of the Mass, she

returned to the front of the crowded sanctuary to receive another sacrament — the Anointing of the Sick. As the congregation lifted their arms in prayer, Bishop Vann anointed the teenager's hands and asked God to heal her body, mind, and spirit.

Alexis enjoyed visiting with friends, but the best part of her Confirmation Day were the prayers, she said.

"I felt it. They gave me courage," the newly confirmed cancer patient explained before attending a low-key cake and punch reception in the hospital cafeteria. "Everything happens for a reason. I didn't go to transplant because God needed me to be part of this."

Right: Alexis Enriquez receives the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Vann inside Cook Children's hospital chapel.



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CLERGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

by *Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD*



PASTORS/ADMINISTRATORS

Rev. Karl Schilken, appointed to one academic year of doctoral studies in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., from pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish in North Richland Hills, Texas, effective July 1, 2012.

Rev. Hoa Nguyen, appointed pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish in North Richland Hills, Texas, from pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Wichita Falls, Texas, effective July 1, 2012; Fr. Hoa is also appointed to the sabbatical program for priests at the North American College in Rome from Sept. 1, 2012 to Dec. 1, 2012.

Very Rev. Jack McKone, appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Wichita Falls, Texas, effective July 1, 2012, from pastor of Holy Family of Nazareth Parish, Vernon, Texas, St. Joseph Parish, Crowell, Texas, St. Mary Parish, Quanah, Texas, without prejudice to his appointment as Dean of the Northwest Deanery.

Rev. Joy Joseph, TOR, upon presentation by his religious superiors, appointed parochial administrator of Holy Family Parish Vernon, Texas, St. Mary's Parish, Quanah, Texas, and St. Joseph Parish, Crowell, Texas, from parochial vicar of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fort Worth, Texas, effective July 1, 2012.

Rev. Richard Kirkham, appointed parochial administrator of St. Jude Parish, Burkburnett, Texas, Christ the King Parish, Iowa Park, Texas, and St. Paul Parish, Electra, Texas, from parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Denton, Texas, effective July 1, 2012.

Rev. Joseph Meledom, appointed to "retired priest" status, from pastor of St. Jude Parish, Burkburnett, Texas, effective July 1, 2012.

Rev. Park Augustine Kyung, upon presentation by the Cardinal Archbishop of Seoul, Korea, is appointed pastor of Korean Martyrs Parish, Hurst, Texas, effective March 30, 2012.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Rev. Cruz Manuel Holguin, newly ordained, appointed parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Denton, Texas, effective July 1, 2012.

Rev. Michael Moloney, newly ordained, appointed parochial vicar of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fort Worth, Texas, effective July 1, 2012.

Rev. Bede M. Tam Van Nguyen, CMC, upon presentation by his religious superiors, appointed to be parochial vicar of Christ the King Parish, Fort Worth, Texas, effective July 14, 2012.

Rev. Laurence Uhlman, TOR, upon presentation by his religious superiors, appointed parochial vicar of St. Maria Goretti Parish, Arlington, Texas, effective June 20, 2012.

Rev. John Shanahan, TOR, upon presentation by his religious superiors, appointed parochial vicar of St. Andrew Parish, Fort Worth, Texas, effective June 1, 2012.

Rev. Augustine J. Kolapuram, TOR, upon presentation by his religious superior, appointed parochial vicar of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Carrollton, Texas, effective July 15, 2012.

OTHER

Rev. Robert Sieg, OFM, upon presentation by his religious superiors, appointed chaplain of St. Francis Village, Crowley, Texas, effective June 1, 2012.

Rev. John Payne, SJ, upon presentation by his religious superiors, is appointed to the staff of Montserrat Retreat House, Lake Dallas, Texas, May 31, 2012.

Rev. Jonathan Wallis, STL, newly returned from graduate studies at the Gregorian University in Rome, appointed to be priest-secretary to Bishop Vann, instructor in Theology for the Diocese in the John Paul II School of Lay Ministry, sacramental minister on weekends at St. John Parish, Strawn, Texas, Holy Rosary Parish, Cisco, Texas, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Eastland, Texas, and St. Rita Parish, Ranger, Texas, with residence at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth, Texas, effective July 1, 2012.

Rev. Juan Guerrero, CORC, has been sent by the *Confraternidad Operarios del Reino de Cristo* to minister at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Fort Worth, Texas, effective May 29, 2012.

DEACONS

Deacon Patrick Burke, appointed deacon at St. Jude Parish, Burkburnett, Texas, Christ the King Parish, Iowa Park, Texas and St. Paul Parish, Electra, Texas, from pastoral administrator of Christ the King and St. Paul Parishes, effective July 1, 2012

Deacon Ronald Hurl, TOR, upon presentation by his religious superiors, appointed Deacon at St. Andrew Parish, Fort Worth, Texas, effective June 1, 2012

Deacon Jonathan McElhone, TOR, upon presentation by his religious superiors, appointed Deacon at Good Shepherd Parish, Colleyville, Texas, effective June 1, 2012

SEMINARIAN SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Deacon James Wilcox, assigned to summer program in the Holy Land.

Deacon Khoi Tran, assigned to St. George Parish, Fort Worth, Texas, and the Marriage Tribunal.

Mr. Samuel Maul, assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Pilot Point, Texas.

Mr. Eugene Flynn, assigned to Sacred Heart Parish, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Mr. Maurice Moon, assigned to Language study in Queretaro, Mexico residing at the Major Seminary for the *Confraternidad Sacerdotal of the Operarios del Reino de Cristo*.

Mr. Justin Conover, assigned to Language study in Queretaro, Mexico residing at the Major Seminary for the *Confraternidad Sacerdotal of the Operarios del Reino de Cristo*.

Mr. Michael Greco, assigned to Language study in Queretaro, Mexico residing at the Major Seminary for the *Confraternidad Sacerdotal of the Operarios del Reino de Cristo*.

Mr. Daniel Cochran, assigned to Language study in Queretaro, Mexico with residence at the Major Seminary for the *Confraternidad Sacerdotal of the Operarios del Reino de Cristo*.

Mr. Keith Hathaway, assigned to Language study in Queretaro, Mexico with residence at the Major Seminary for the *Confraternidad Sacerdotal of the Operarios del Reino de Cristo* then Immaculate Conception Parish Denton, Texas, (Internship).

Mr. Stephen Hauck, assigned to Holy Angels Parish, Clifton and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Morgan, Texas.

Mr. Ronaldo Mercado, assigned to Clinical Pastoral Education at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, then St. George Parish, Fort Worth, Texas (Internship).

Mr. Michael Galbraith, assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Arlington, Texas.

Mr. Gary Picou, assigned to St. Joseph Parish, Arlington, Texas.

Mr. Raul Martinez, assigned to Sacred Heart Parish, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Mr. Juan Carlos de Jesús, assigned to summer school in Mexico.

Mr. Nghia Nguyen, assigned to pastoral work at Catholic Charities, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Matt DiGiovanni, assigned to pastoral work at Catholic Charities, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Thomas Jones, assigned to pastoral work at Catholic Charities, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. John Martin, assigned to St. Peter Parish, Lindsay, Texas.

Mr. Bruce Kleinschmidt, assigned to St. John the Apostle Parish, North Richland Hills, Texas.

Mr. Matthew Tatyrek, assigned to Spanish language study in Avila, Spain.

Mr. Joe Keating assigned to Spanish language study in Avila, Spain.

Events Calendar

Around the Diocese and region

July Dates

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AN EVENING OF PRAYER & SHARING WITH THE SISTERS OF ST. MARY OF NAMUR

4 to 7:30 p.m. - Our Lady of Victory Center, 909 West Shaw, Fort Worth. For information, contact Sister Yolanda Cruz at (817) 923-3091 or sycruz@sbcglobal.net.

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DIOCESAN SINGLES: MODERN MUSEUM CONCERTS

5 to 8 p.m. first Friday of each month - Modern Art Museum, 3200 Darnell St., Fort Worth. For information, contact Lloyd at (817) 262-1700.

6-8

IGNITE OUR HEARTS FOR ONE ANOTHER - EMERGING CONFERENCE

Friday 7 p.m. to Sunday noon - St. Francis of Assisi Church, 861 Wildwood Ln., Grapevine. For Information, contact Kevin Prevou at (817) 560-2452 ext. 261 or Josie Castillo at (817) 560-2452 ext. 255.

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CALIX SUPPORT GROUP

10 a.m. - A monthly support meeting for Catholics who are alcoholic and those struggling with addiction and seeking recovery. Holy Family Church, 6150 Pershing Ave., Fort Worth. For information, contact Deacon Joe Milligan at (817) 431-5369.

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MEN'S MONTHLY DISCERNMENT: SINGLE MEN, 16-50

6 to 9 p.m. - St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth. For information, contact Father Isaac Orozco at (817) 560-3300.

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WOMEN'S MONTHLY DISCERNMENT: SINGLE WOMEN, 16-50

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. - St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth. For information, contact Father Isaac Orozco at (817) 560-3300.

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DCYC: DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Friday, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 7 a.m. to noon. - The Hyatt Regency -DFW Airport, 2334 North International Pkwy., Dallas (Terminal C). For information, contact Kevin Prevou at (817) 560-2452 ext. 261 or kprevou@fwdioc.org, or Josie Castillo at (817) 560-2452 ext. 255 or jcastillo@fwdioc.org.

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School is happy to announce that its Pre-Kindergarten program will expand to include both three-year-olds and four-year-olds for the 2012-2013 school year. Students need to be three/ four-years-old respectively by Sept. 1, 2012. For more information or to tour, or register, contact the school office at (817) 246-2032.

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RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

The retreat is open to women, men, couples, anyone hurting because of abortion. For information, contact Betsy Kopor at (817) 923-4757.

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FORT WORTH DIOCESAN MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS, OTHER SEXUAL MINORITIES, FAMILIES, FRIENDS

7 p.m. - Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge St., Fort Worth. For information, contact Dorene Rose at (817) 329-7370 or Rita and Ron Clegg at (817) 795-9747.

27-28

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY NORTH TEXAS HOME SCHOOL AND PARENT CONFERENCE

Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington. For information, call (972) 437-1310, or visit www.IHMConference.org.

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PRO-LIFE BOOT CAMP SESSION 2

High school students ages 14-18. For information, contact Sue Laux at (817) 939-8595.

Calling All SPS Alumni!

Did you graduate from St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School? Do you know someone who did? St. Peter's is looking for any SPS alumni as we gear up for the school's 60th anniversary in 2012-2013. Simply e-mail the following address: sps60yrs@yahoo.com. Please help us spread the word and be a part of our yearlong celebration!

Courage, a support group for persons with same-sex attraction living chastely according to Catholic Spirituality meets twice monthly in the DFW area. Father James Gigliotti, TOR, of the Diocese of Fort Worth, serves as Spiritual Director. For more information, call (972) 938-LIFE (5433) or e-mail CourageDFW@Catholic.org or visit the national Courage website at www.CourageRC.net.

Classifieds

Spanish Liturgical Music Coordinator

A part-time position is available immediately in a vibrant suburban 3,000 family parish located in Arlington (in the Dallas/Fort Worth area). Duties include coordinating, developing, planning, and preparing liturgical music for our Spanish language liturgy at 1 p.m. on Sundays and solemnities — considering adding another liturgy 2013. Ensemble is made up of 40 members, vocals, guitarist, and band instruments. Requires proficiency in reading music, conducting, teaching by piano and/or guitar, ability to chart band music if needed, ability to speak and read Spanish and English. There are other opportunities available to increase income. Contact Tim Jacquet by e-mail at tjacquet@stjoe88.org or call (817) 472-5181.

Dentist

Catholic Charities Fort Worth, Inc. is opening a dental clinic in fall 2012 and is looking for a full-time dentist. This is a great opportunity to work with a non-profit. Must have experience as a general practitioner, handling a variety of dental needs and have at least five years of general dentistry experience. Please visit our website for more details and application instructions at <http://goo.gl/TZALp>

Self-Employment

Position yourself for success via six essential marketing decisions; each reflects a lesson learned over a marketing pro's 30-year career. Tom Gore's 30-page *Make It Marketable* is a do-it-yourself, no frills guide for self-employed CEOs, regardless of business type or size. Available for \$30 from Azadia Media, 6387 Camp Bowie Blvd., Suite 263, Fort Worth, TX 76116. Please add \$5 for sales tax and mailing.

General Construction Services

General construction work/repairs inside and out including topsoil, sand, gravel, washed materials, driveways, concrete, backhoe, and tractor services. Custom mowing lots and acres. Call (817) 732-4083.

The North Texas Catholic is changing — again

As part of that change, this page, the **Calendar Page**, is moving to the Web.

No longer will there be a full bulletin board of diocesan, parish, and organizational events in the print version of the *North Texas Catholic*. Instead, there will be a constantly updated Calendar of Events at fwdioc.org; fwdioc.org/ntc; or, coming up perhaps as early as the end of July, on the totally re-designed and much more attractive northtexasatholic.org website. The publication itself will only be published six

times a year, making more of its content feature oriented, with timely breaking news added daily to the electronic version of the publication. The *North Texas Catholic Newsmagazine* will be the same size as *Time* or *Newsweek* and run to 44 pages most months — some months 52 or more.

You'll continue to see many of the familiar features that have been part of our identity over the years. There will be more Good Newsmakers. The Word to Life Scripture commentary on the Sunday readings will still

be a part of the mix. The Bishop will still speak to us personally, and there will still be a place for your favorite columnists like Kathy Cribari Hamer, David Mills, and of course pro-life content from a number of sources, including the USCCB's Respect Life Office.

So stay tuned. Look for event announcements on the Web, but keep us on the dining room table or by the couch. We want to continue to bring the Good News to the Diocese of Fort Worth and to you.

Good Newsmaker



Bishop Kevin Vann, Holy Angels pastor Fr. Tom Kennedy, and Olga Enriquez (far left), pose with members of the 2012 Confirmation class from Holy Angels Church, including Alexis Enriquez to the left of Bishop Vann.

Cook Children's patient Alexis Enriquez's classmates traveled from Clifton to Fort Worth so they could be

Confirmed as a Class

Story and Photos by Joan Kurkowski-Gillen / Correspondent

Alexis Enriquez was sitting in a hospital room at Cook Children's Medical Center May 14 when doctors delivered some disappointing news. The 15-year-old high school freshman, undergoing treatment for a third bout of leukemia, was scheduled for a curative bone marrow transplant May 24. But troubling lab results forced her medical team to postpone the surgery.

The setback would have devastated most people. Not Alexis. The hopeful teenager from Clifton, just northwest of Waco, found a silver lining in the situation. Preparing for a transplant would have meant high doses of chemotherapy followed by isolation to prevent infection. Instead, Alexis sat in the front pew of a hospital chapel on May 19 and received the Sacrament of Confirmation with the rest of her friends.

After spending two years studying catechism, attending retreats, and performing community service together, 11 Confirmation students at Holy Angels Church in Clifton told Trish Baum, the parish's director of religious education, they didn't want a large parish celebration. Receiving the sacrament alongside their hospitalized classmate was more important.

"It was their idea," Baum said, recalling how the teens approached her about having the Confirmation Mass at Cook Children's where Alexis has been a patient since February.

Initially, the teenagers were told the ceremony might take place without their ailing friend. The bishop would confirm Alexis in Fort Worth, and they could drive up to witness the service. Baum asked the group to consider that scenario.

"They said, 'no.' We're a class and we want to do this as a class," the youth leader said, remembering the exchange. "Knowing how sick Alexis is, they didn't want to do this without her."

Baum wasn't sure the group's request for Confirmation in a hospital chapel was even possible. After receiving permission from Holy Angels pastor Father Tom Kennedy and Bishop Kevin Vann, the D.R.E. had to get the OK from hospital administrators and doctors treating Alexis' leukemia.

Winning the approval of parents was another challenge. Moving the ceremony 100 miles away from Bosque County to Tarrant County meant a two-hour car ride for families and limiting the guest list. The intimate chapel, which has a unique feature, a tabernacle housing the Blessed Sacrament, comfortably seats about 35 people.

Today's young people are often described as self-absorbed and self-entitled. Baum called the decision made by the Confirmation class "self-less." Confirmation in the small, rural town is a big community event.

"Everyone is invited and there is a big reception in the hall," she said explaining the parish celebration. "For 15-year-olds to consider putting someone else's needs



Fr. Tom Kennedy greets Alexis before the start of the Confirmation Mass.

above their own is just amazing. I was surprised and proud."

Shelden Dowden, 15, and Lesley Rivera, 14, have known Alexis since kindergarten and said the class never second-guessed its decision to move Confirmation to a Fort Worth hospital.

"We didn't want her to feel left out or abandoned. We wanted her to know she was going to be a part of us no matter what," Rivera said.

To show their support, members of the youth group participated in fundraisers at Clifton High School to help pay for their classmate's medical expenses.

"I hope this conveys to her that she's not alone," Dowden explained. "Her being here with us makes the day extra special."

Alexis' presence wasn't the only highlight of the

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