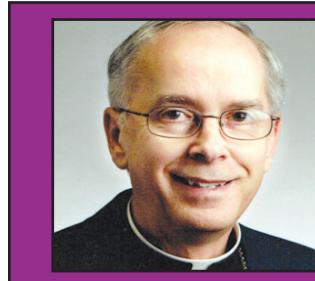


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Southwest Liturgical Conference comes to El Paso

This coming January, the Diocese of El Paso will proudly host the 55th annual Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week, the oldest ongoing liturgy conference in the United States. The Study Week will be held at the El Paso Convention Center, January 18 to 21, 2017. The purpose of the Study Week is to continue the liturgical renewal initiated by the Second Vatican Council and to provide formation for all those who have a role in the sacred liturgy —clergy and laity alike.

The conference theme is Breaking Bread: Eucharist and the Domestic Church. The talks and presentations throughout the conference will focus on the importance of the Eucharist in the spiritual life of the home as well as examine cultural and spiritual practices that nurture the family.

The opening keynote on Wednesday evening, January 18, will be given by renowned speaker Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, from Oblate Seminary in San Antonio. Fr. Rolheiser has authored numerous books on spirituality including *The Holy Longing* and *Our One Great Act of Fidelity*. Following his presentation there will be a reception with musical entertainment. Other keynote presenters include Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, and noted scripture scholar Fr. Dempsey Rosales-Acosta.

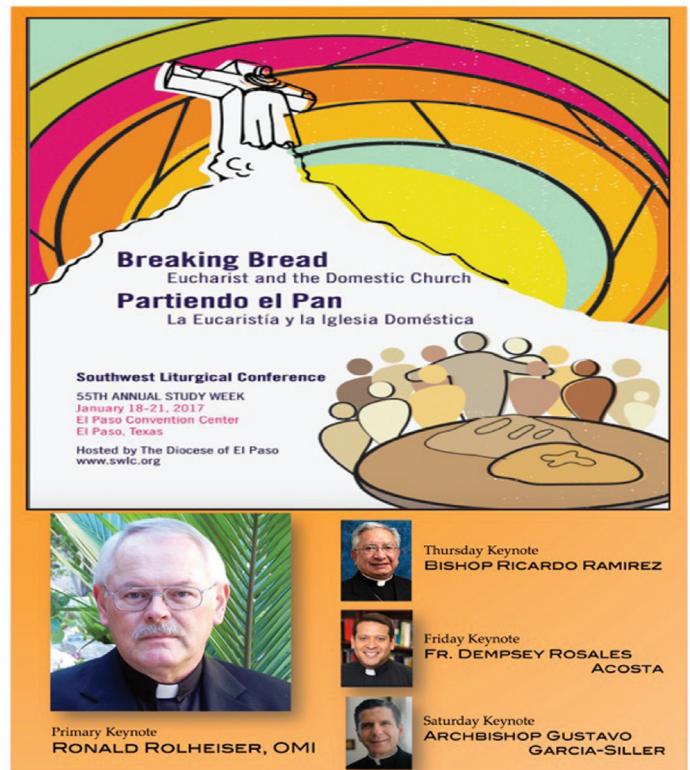
The SWLC Study Week affords all in our diocese an exceptional opportunity to be nourished in faith and reinvigorated in ministry. Participants will pray and worship together, network with others, and learn from some of the nation's leading speakers and clinicians. If you are a pastor, deacon, religious, catechist, RCIA catechist, choir member, liturgy or music planner, eucharistic minister, lector, hospitality minister, sacristan, liturgical environment minister, ACTS brother or sister, or evangelization member — this opportunity is for YOU.

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Make plans to attend the SWLC Study Week by registering online now at www.swlc.org. Registration options include full conference (Wed.-Sat.), single-day, or local day-only (Saturday) with Wednesday keynote add-on, all affordably priced.

Come and fall in love with the source and summit of our faith, the liturgy! See you there in January.



Conferencia Litúrgica del Suroeste llega a El Paso

El próximo mes de enero, la Diócesis de El Paso será la sede de la 55^a Semana Anual del Estudio de la Conferencia Litúrgica del Suroeste, conferencia de liturgia más antigua en los Estados Unidos. La Semana de Estudio se llevará a cabo en el Centro de Convenciones de El Paso, del 18 al 21 de enero del 2017. El propósito de la Semana de Estudio es continuar la renovación litúrgica iniciada por el Concilio Vaticano II y proporcionar formación a todos aquellos que tienen un papel en La sagrada liturgia —clero y laicos por igual.

El tema de la conferencia es Compartiendo el Pan: Eucaristía y la Iglesia doméstica. Las charlas y presentaciones a lo largo de la conferencia se centrarán en la importancia de la

Eucaristía en la vida espiritual del hogar, así como examinar las prácticas culturales y espirituales que nutren la familia.

El discurso inaugural del miércoles por la noche, 18 de enero, será impartido por el orador de renombre, el Padre Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, del Seminario Oblato en San Antonio. El Padre Rolheiser ha sido autor de numerosos libros sobre la espiritualidad, incluyendo el Santo Anhelo y Nuestro Único Gran Acto de Fidelidad. Despues de su presentación habrá una recepción con entretenimiento musical. Otros de los presentadores principales son el Arzobispo Gustavo García-Siller, el Obispo Ricardo Ramírez y el conocido erudito de las Escrituras, el Padre Dempsey Rosales-Acosta.

La Semana de Estudio de SWLC ofrece a todos en nuestra diócesis una oportunidad excepcional para alimentarse en la fe y revitalizarse en el ministerio. Los participantes orarán y adorarán juntos, establecerán contactos con otros y aprenderán de algunos de los principales oradores y clínicos de la nación. Si eres pastor, diácono, religioso, catequista, catequista de la RCIA, miembro del coro, litúrgico o planificador musical, ministro eucarístico, lector, ministro de la hospitalidad, sacristán, ministro del medio litúrgico, hermano o hermana de ACTS o miembro de la evangelización — ¡esta oportunidad es para TI!

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It's been a great ride!

Well folks as we begin a new year, I have some news to share. As you read this, I will no longer be the Communications Director for the Diocese nor editor-in-chief of the *Rio Grande Catholic*. As you read this, the search will be underway to replace me as I've gone back to my television roots and am now the News Director at KTSM News Channel 9.

The decision to go back into TV was not automatic. I have had a good life here at the Diocese that's afforded me many golden opportunities and special moments. The column for which I received the most feedback (even to this day) is the one in which I shared about the loss of my father in April 2015. I was very raw when I wrote that one; he'd literally passed away days before I wrote it. I've been stopped at the grocery store, shopping centers and the ballpark with people who said, "I read your column and I could relate." Thank you for your words of comfort. They never went unnoticed.

The paper I inherited has grown from 12-pages to 20 (and sometimes, 24!) The push to more local content has been well received and the Diocese has increased its readership to nearly 27,000 monthly readers in the last two years. When I came on board, our social media was a little anemic with just about 100 followers on Facebook. Today, we have more than 6,100 following us daily!

I tell you these things not as a rundown of my resume but rather to point out that 2017 will be another big push from the Communications Office. El Paso Catholic Radio will soon go live on 1150AM with Jojo Garcia, our

program director, at the helm. And I suspect with the requests we're getting from advertisers, the *Rio Grande Catholic* will make another leap to that 24-page layout.

I'm hopeful that the communications for the Diocese will continue to be a tool of evangelization and education about our Catholic faith. And I hope you continue to support our growth through your Progress donations.

I give special thanks to Bishop Mark Seitz, Fr. Tony Celino, Pat Fierro, Janine Young, Jorge Vergen, Jose Castrellon, Deacon Frank Segura, Melissa Lopez, Mike Lara, Sofia Larkin Appleby, Greg Watters, and Sr. Elizabeth Swartz who were not only ministry directors who got me up to speed but became my friends. Martha Marmolejo – thank you for your Spanish translations! And deep, deep thanks to Jojo Garcia – your ride is just beginning and it's going to be awesome! And Joe Najera, my partner-in-crime here and abroad: so many of the successes I've had have been because of you. Your talents are God given. Thank you for sharing them with me.

Have a good year everyone!



Elizabeth O'Hara
Editor-in-Chief

¡Ha sido un Maravilloso Viaje!

Bueno gente, al iniciar un año nuevo, tengo algunas noticias que compartir. Al leer esto ustedes, yo ya no seré la Directora de Comunicaciones de la Diócesis, ni la editora en jefe del Periódico Católico Rio Grande. Al leer esto ustedes, la búsqueda estará ya en marcha para reemplazarme, ya que he vuelto a mis raíces televisoras y ahora seré la Directora de Noticias en el Canal KTSM 9.

Les digo estas cosas no como un ejemplo de mi currículum, sino más bien para señalar que en el año 2017 se logrará otro gran impulso en la Oficina de Comunicaciones. La Radio Católica de El Paso, pronto se pondrá en marcha en el 1150AM con Jojo García, nuestro director de programa al timón. Y sospecho que con las peticiones que estamos recibiendo de parte de los anunciantes, el Periódico Católico Rio Grande, dará otro gran salto desde esas 24 páginas.

Tengo la esperanza de que las comunicaciones de la Diócesis, sigan siendo una herramienta de evangelización y educación para nuestra fe católica. Y espero que continúen apoyando nuestro crecimiento, a través de sus donaciones a la Campaña del Señor Obispo; Progreso.

Doy las gracias de una forma muy especial al Señor Obispo Mark Seitz, al Padre Tony Celino, a Pat Fierro, a Janine Young, a Jorge Vergen, a José Castrellon, a el Diácono Frank Segura, a Melissa López, a Mike Lara, a Sofia Larkin Appleby, a Greg Watters y a la Hermana Elizabeth Swartz, quienes no sólo son los directores de los ministerios diocesanos, sino que me actualizaron en los diferentes temas y se convirtieron en mis amigos. A Martha Marmolejo - ¡gracias por tus traducciones al español! Y unas inmensas y profundas gracias a Jojo García - tu paseo está apenas comenzando y este va a ser ¡realmente increíble! A Joe Najera, mi compañero de crimen aquí y en el extranjero; muchos de los éxitos que he tenido, han sido por ti. Tus talentos fueron dados por Dios, gracias por compartirlos conmigo.

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When I was a child I remember sitting in my bed at night and messing with an old radio that had long since lost its case. The tubes from the old radio's innards would glow in the night and assist me as in the darkness as I manually moved the tuner to bring in radio stations from mysterious and distant places around the country. I had hooked a wire from what had been its antenna to the screen window above me. From my solitary place as my siblings slept I could bring in WBBM in Chicago and even KRLD in Dallas and WLS in New Orleans. My radio was a window on the world. I could hear from it a variety of accents and even languages.

Certainly the world has changed a great deal from those nights long past. Media of communication and even means of travel have opened the world beyond anything I might have imagined in that former time. But I believe one thing about the medium of radio has remained consistent: People still listen! Even with all the options we presently have for staying connected to our world, radio has a place that has not been diminished. There are times when we can only listen; for instance, when we are driving. And there are times when we only want a voice or a song in the background. Radio is timely and up to date. It connects us to you and to share my thoughts and reflections.

For these reasons radio is an unequalled tool as the Church seeks to be present in the world and to reach out beyond the comfortable confines of our churches. I see it as an unequalled resource in the Church's effort to Evangelize. 80% of our population here in the borderland identifies as Catholic. Many more are searching for something; they have a hunger only God can fill.

Through the radio we have the almost magical ability to reach into people's cars, into their homes with the Word of God and the teaching of the Church. Those Catholics who are active can keep up with what is happening in the Diocese

¡Radio Católica para la Frontera!

Cuando yo era niño, recuerdo estar sentado en mi cama por la noche y jugar con un viejo radio que desde hacía tiempo había perdido ya su sonido. Los tubos de las viejas antenas de la radio brillaban en la noche y me ayudaban en la oscuridad mientras que yo movía manualmente el sintonizador para traer emisoras de radio de lugares misteriosos y distantes alrededor del país. Había enganchado un alambre de lo que anteriormente había sido su antena a la ventana de la pantalla por encima de mí. Desde mi solitario lugar mientras mis hermanos dormían, podía atrair a las radiodifusoras WBBM en Chicago, a la KRLD en Dallas e incluso a la WLS en Nueva Orleans. Mi radio era una ventana al mundo. Podía oír de él una variedad de acentos e incluso idiomas.

Ciertamente, que el mundo ha cambiado mucho desde aquellas noches ya pasadas. Los medios de comunicación e incluso los medios para viajar han abierto el mundo más allá de todo lo que podría haber imaginado en ese tiempo anterior. Pero creemos que una cosa sobre el medio de la radio se ha mantenido consistente: ¡La gente sigue escuchando! Incluso con todas las opciones que tenemos actualmente para permanecer conectados a nuestro mundo, la radio tiene un lugar que no ha disminuido. Hay momentos en los que sólo podemos escuchar; Por ejemplo, cuando estamos conduciendo. Y hay momentos en los que sólo queremos una voz o una canción de fondo. La radio está oportuna y actualizada. Nos conecta a nuestro mundo como ningún otro medio.

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Iglesia quiere hacer, para Evangelizar. El 80% de nuestra población aquí en la frontera se identifica como católica. Muchos más están buscando algo; Tienen un hambre que solo Dios puede llenar.

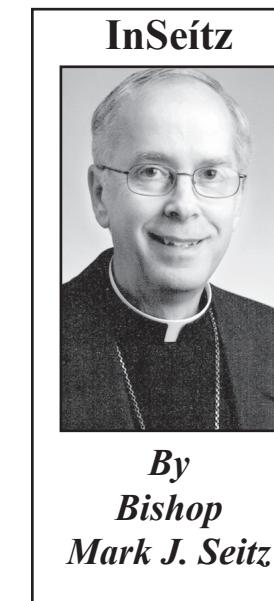
A través de la radio tenemos la capacidad casi mágica de llegar a los coches y a los hogares de la gente con la Palabra de Dios y la enseñanza de la Iglesia. Aquellos católicos que están activos pueden mantenerse al día con lo que está sucediendo en la Diócesis de El Paso, Las Cruces y Ciudad Juárez - los que no están activos se les puede invitar a casa.

Me complace anunciar que el domingo 8 de enero, Fiesta de la Epifanía, nuestra Diócesis de El Paso, con la colaboración de Ciudad Juárez y Las Cruces, se convertirá en una de las pocas áreas en los Estados Unidos con su propia radio diocesana. Puesto que nuestra señal llega a Ciudad Juárez, será por su misma naturaleza también un esfuerzo binacional. Iniciaremos la programación de 24 horas, la cual será en inglés, español y a menudo bilingüe. Este esfuerzo bilingüe también puede ser el primero de su tipo para la radio católica. ¡Pero no es así como la mayoría de nosotros nos comunicamos en El Paso? En nuestra Radio Diocesana escucharás oraciones, música, charlas y noticias a nivel internacional, nacional y local.

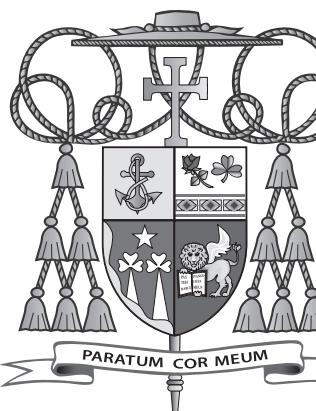
Sabemos que habrá algo de aprendizaje a medida que avancemos en este esfuerzo innovador, pero nos complace tener una supervisión muy capaz en nuestra Oficina de Comunicaciones Diocesanas de una conocida personalidad de radio en El Paso con el nombre de Jojo García. También recabaremos la ayuda de nuestros muchos sacerdotes talentosos y líderes laicos católicos. También planeo tener un programa semanal de llamadas telefónicas para permitirme escucharlos a ustedes y compartir pensamientos y reflexiones.

Nuestra emisión oficial iniciará con una Misa bilingüe celebrada en nuestra Catedral de San Patricio a las 10 a.m., el domingo, 8 de enero. Únase a nosotros para este evento histórico en persona o sintonizándonos. Nos puede encontrar en KHRO 1150AM. ¡Diles a tus amigos! Escucha "The Bridge"(El Puente), ¡Radio Católica para la frontera!

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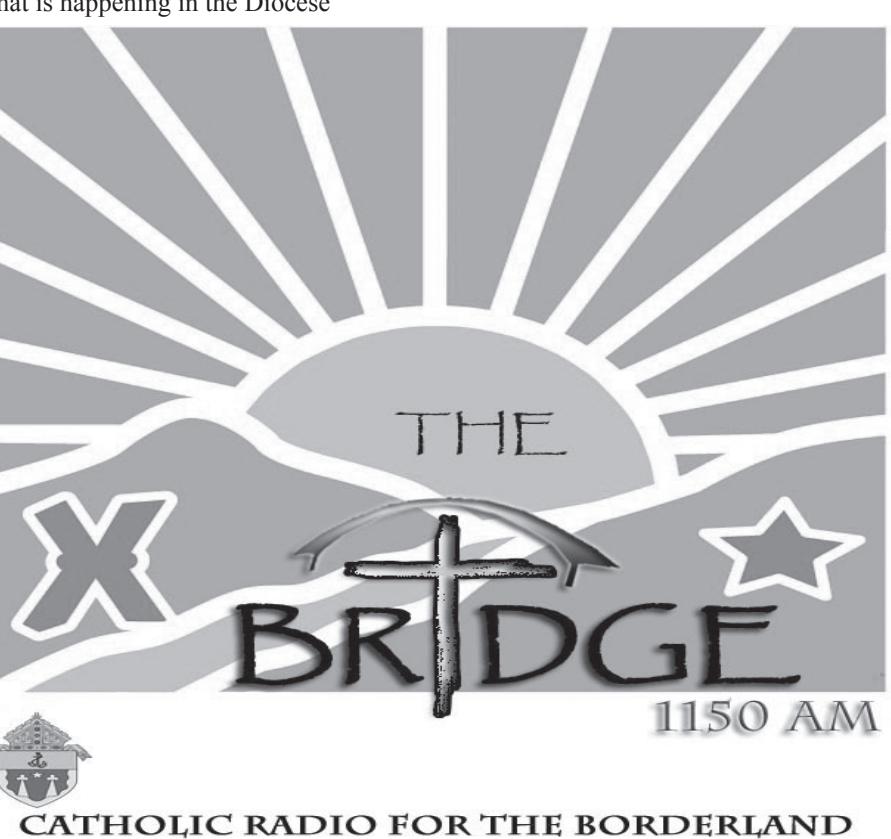


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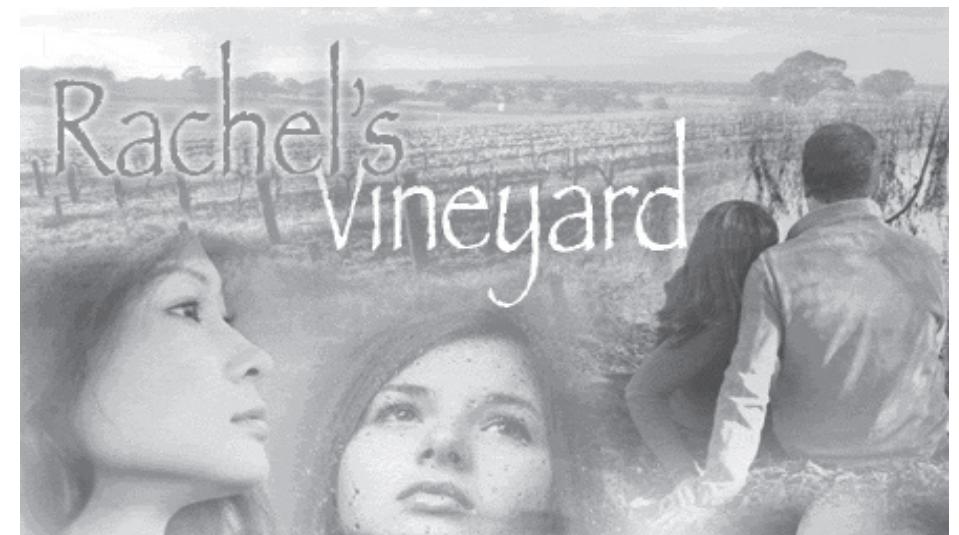


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Pax Christi Film Series presents "Immigration Battle"

Why has it been so hard for Washington to fix our country's broken immigration system? "Immigration Battle," the Pax Christi film for January, explores the political realities surrounding one of our nation's most pressing and divisive issues.

One in an ongoing film series sponsored by Pax Christi El Paso and the Peace and Justice Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso, "Immigration Battle" will be shown at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8, at the Mother Teresa Center, 2400 East Yandell Drive, El Paso. Admission is free. Information: (915) 740-3962.

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Funeral Mass celebrated for longtime educator Loretto Sister Jane (formerly Sister John Dennis) Clark



A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 26 for longtime educator Loretto Sister Jane (formerly Sister John Dennis) Clark, who served at Loretto Academy High School in El Paso for four decades. The Mass took place at the Church of the Seven Dolors on the grounds of Loretto Motherhouse in Nerinx, Ky. Sister Jane died Nov. 17 at Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary. She was 90 and in her 68th year as a Sister of Loretto at the Foot of the

Cross.

Sister Jane was born Sept. 7, 1926, in Lebanon, Ky., the daughter of Lucy (Thomas) and J.D. Clark. She entered the Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross in 1948. She was received into the Loretto Novitiate April 25, 1949, when she took her father's name, John Dennis, as her religious name. Sister Jane made her first vows Aug. 15, 1951, and her final vows Aug. 15, 1954. She earned a bachelor's degree in English, with minors in Spanish and philosophy, in 1948 from Webster College (now University) and a master's in education in 1960 from Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Sister Jane arrived at Loretto Academy in 1964. She first served as assistant principal and counselor, in addition to being the head of the English Department and boarders. In 1967, she was named high school principal. She served in this capacity for nine years, then as assistant principal and counselor again. From 1976 until 2004, she served the school and the El Paso Loretto Community, doing whatever was needed doing. She provided great support to whomever was in charge. Always interested in computer developments, Sister Jane brought Loretto Academy into the computer world, initially doing school scheduling through computer punch cards and later teaching herself new computer applications to organize the scheduling and create report cards.

One of Sister Jane's Loretto Academy colleagues, Johanna Brian, recently wrote of Sister Jane, "What a gift! I'll never forget her unflappable cool, her elegant stride, her ghost of a smile, her explosive on-time laugh, her expertise with all things electronic."

Elsewhere, Sister Jane's first teaching assignment was at Loretto Academy in St. Louis, where she taught English for one year. The next eight years she taught English and Spanish at Immaculate Conception High School in East Las Vegas, N.M. She was assigned to Machebeuf High School in Denver for one year in 1960 and to St. Agnes High School in Springfield, Mo., from 1961 to 1964.

Sister Jane retired to Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary in 2004, where she served her community until her death. Her cremains were buried at Loretto Motherhouse Cemetery. Sister Jane was preceded in death by her parents and her two older brothers, John Dennis Clark Jr. and Father Thomas Clark of the Louisville, Ky., Archdiocese. She is survived by her younger sister Lucy Salot of Louisville. Memorials in Sister Jane's name may be sent to the Loretto Community, care of the Loretto Development Office, 4000 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton, CO 80123-1308.

Misa Fúnebre celebrada en honor de la educadora y Religiosa Jane Clark, (ex Hermana de John Dennis), de la Academia Preparatoria "Loretto"

Una Misa fúnebre se celebró el 26 de noviembre en honor de la educadora de la Academia "Loretto", la Religiosa Jane Clark, (ex-hermana de John Dennis), quien prestó sus servicios en la Academia Preparatoria "Loretto Academy", en El Paso, durante cuatro décadas. La Misa tuvo lugar en la Iglesia de los Siete Dolores, la cual se encuentra en los terrenos de la Academia "Casa Madre", en la ciudad de Nerinx, Kentucky. La hermana Jane murió el 17 de noviembre en la Enfermería de la Casa Madre de Loretto. Tenía 90 años y llevaba 68 años como Hermana de Loretto al Pie de la Cruz.

Una colega de la Hermana Jane, Johanna Brian, escribió recientemente acerca de la Hermana Jane, "¡Qué gran regalo! Nunca olvidaré su inquebrantable frescura, su elegante zancada, su fantasmal sonrisa, su explosiva y justo a tiempo carcajada, su experiencia con todas las cosas electrónicas".

En otra parte, la primera misión de la Hermana Jane fue en la Academia Loretto de San Luis, donde enseñó inglés durante un año. Durante los siguientes ocho años, impartió clases de inglés y español en la Escuela Secundaria Inmaculada Concepción en el Este de Las Vegas, NM. Fue asignada a la Escuela Preparatoria de Machebeuf en Denver por un año en 1960 y a la Preparatoria Santa Agnes en Springfield, Mo., de 1961 a 1964.

La Hermana Jane se retiró a la enfermería de la Casa Madre de Loretto en el 2004, donde sirvió a su comunidad hasta su muerte. Sus restos ya cremados fueron enterrados en el Cementerio de la Casa Madre de Loretto. La Hermana Jane fue precedida en la muerte por sus padres y sus dos hermanos mayores, John Dennis Clark Jr. y el Padre Thomas Clark de la Arquidiócesis de Louisville, Kentucky. Le sobrevive su hermana más joven Lucy Salot de Louisville. Los memoriales conmemorativos en nombre de la Hermana Jane pueden ser enviados a la Comunidad de Loretto, a cargo de la Oficina de Desarrollo de Loretto: 4000 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton, CO 80123-1308.

La hermana Jane llegó a la Academia Loretto en 1964. Primero sirvió como subdirectora y consejera, además de ser jefa del Departamento de Inglés y pensionistas. En 1967, fue nombrada directora de la escuela secundaria. Ella sirvió en esta capacidad durante nueve años, luego como subdirectora y consejera de nuevo. Desde 1976 hasta el 2004, sirvió a la escuela y a la comunidad de Loretto en El Paso, haciendo lo que era necesario hacer. Posteriormente proporcionó un gran apoyo a quien estaba a cargo. Siempre interesada en los desarrollos informáticos, la Hermana Jane atrajo a la Academia Loretto hacia el mundo de la informática, inicialmente haciendo

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A Diocesan Commitment to Protecting God's Children and Vulnerable Adults

By: Diana Bulko

Most Reverend Bishop Mark Seitz has received a letter of compliance stating that the Diocese of El Paso is in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. This letter from Stone Bridge Business Partners, an independent auditing firm hired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will be forwarded to the Secretariat of Youth and Child Protection for use in the 2016 Audit Report.

The Diocese of El Paso's commitment is to protect God's children and to create safe and healthy environments for everyone in our homes, workplaces, and places of worship, throughout the faith community and throughout all of society. In keeping with our commitment, the Diocesan Safe Environment Office is accountable for integrating the approved standards of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People with our Catholic values and teachings. The Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator is responsible for facilitating contact with and outreach for victims of sexual abuse by clergy.

The Safe Environment Office will continue to offer programs that teach and bring awareness to our families in the Diocese of El Paso. Success stories shared at our monthly Parish and School Safe Environment Coordinator meetings exemplify how our safe environment program has helped and changed the lives of many in our community. Parents of children of Religious formation and Catholic Schools are thankful for our safe environment program that educates both the parent and children in awareness.

For further information, please visit the Safe Environment page at www.elpasodiocese.org or contact Diana Mendez Bulko, MPS, Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator at 915-872-8427 or via email at dbulko@elpasodiocese.org.
For Victims Assistance, please visit www.elpasodiocese.org/victims-assistance.html or contact Susan Martinez, LCSW, Victims Assistance Coordinator, at (915) 872-8465

Conferencia Litúrgica del Suroeste llega a El Paso (cont. página 1)

Hay incluso una pista para músicos con algunos de los principales compositores de hoy, como Jaime Cortez y el artista nominado al Grammy, Pedro Rubalcava.

Haga planes para asistir a la Semana de Estudio de SWLC registrándose en línea en www.swlc.org. Las opciones de registro incluyen una conferencia completa (de miércoles a sábado), día único o día local (sábado) con el complemento del miércoles, todo a un precio asequible.

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Compromiso Diocesano para Proteger a los Niños de Dios y a los Adultos Vulnerables

By: Diana Bulko Traducción: Martha Marmolejo

El Obispo Mark Seitz recibió una carta de cumplimiento que indica que la Diócesis de El Paso cumple con la "Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes". Esta carta de Stone Bridge Business Partners (Compañía que ofrece servicios especiales de auditoría de cumplimiento, fraude y forense, asesoramiento sobre valuación de negocios, fusiones y adquisiciones, soporte de litigios), una firma de auditoría independiente contratada por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB). Se remitirá a la Secretaría de Protección de la Juventud y del Niño para su uso en el Informe de Auditoría del 2016.

El compromiso de la Diócesis de El Paso es proteger a los niños de Dios y crear entornos seguros y saludables para todos en nuestros hogares, lugares de trabajo y lugares de culto, a través de la comunidad de fe y en toda la sociedad. De acuerdo con nuestro compromiso, la Oficina Diocesana de Medio Ambiente Seguro es responsable de integrar los estándares aprobados de la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes con nuestros valores y enseñanzas católicas. El Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia a las Víctimas es responsable de facilitar el contacto con las víctimas de abuso sexual por parte del clero.

La Oficina de Medio Ambiente Seguro continuará ofreciendo programas que enseñan y concientizan a nuestras familias en la Diócesis de El Paso. Las historias de éxito compartidas en nuestras reuniones mensuales del Coordinador de Ambiente Seguro de la Parroquia y la Escuela ejemplifican cómo nuestro programa de ambiente seguro ha ayudado y cambiado las vidas de muchos en nuestra comunidad. Los padres de niños de formación religiosa y escuelas católicas están agradecidos por nuestro programa de ambiente seguro, el cual educa a los padres y a los niños en la concientización.

Para obtener más información, visite la página de Medio Ambiente Seguro ingresando a:

www.elpasodiocese.org o, comuníquese con Diana Méndez Bulko, MPS, Coordinadora Diocesana de Ambiente Seguro al 915-872-8427 o por correo electrónico a dbulko@elpasodiocese.org.

Para asistencia a víctimas, visite www.elpasodiocese.org/victims-assistance.html o, comuníquese con Susan Martinez, LCSW, Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas al (915) 872-8465

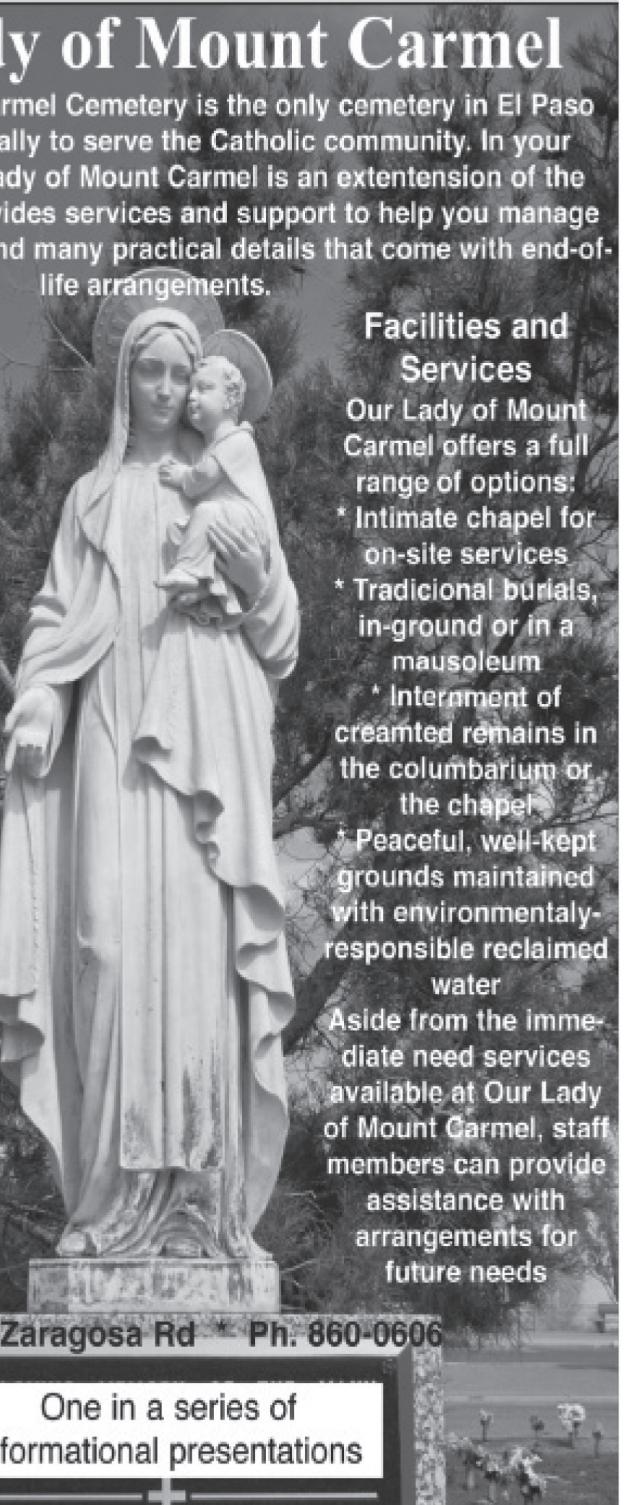
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Saint Pedro de Jesus Maldonado

Deacon Jesus A. Cardenas, PhD

Bishop Mark J. Seitz and the Tepeyac Institute invite you to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to commemorate 80 years since the Martyrdom of Saint Pedro de Jesus Maldonado in Chihuahua City. We are going to visit the places where he was arrested, where he celebrated masses with the faithful, where he was beaten, and to the place where his sanctuary will be built in the near future.

Saint Pedro de Jesus is the first Saint from the state of Chihuahua, and he is very close to our Diocese because he was ordained a priest by the Bishop of El Paso, Monsignor Anthony J. Schuler on January 25th 1925 at St. Patrick's Cathedral. As we enter into our Cathedral, we can hear in the silence of such a magnificent building, the testimony of a holy priest that laid down and promised obedience and love to the people of God that would be assigned to him later.

Saint Pedro's parents were Apolinar and Micaela Maldonado, who had eight children. Pedro was born in Chihuahua city on June 15th 1892 and lived a healthy infancy, close to the faith of his parents, until he was 17 years-old and decided to join the seminary under the care of Saint Vicente de Paul's priests.

At the beginning of the Mexican Revolution in 1910, the seminarian had to flee to El Paso, Texas, but Pedro stayed in Chihuahua City making a living by playing the violin. In this vocational parenthesis, a seminarian saw him and told him that he was called to the altar, not to be playing music.

Pedro continued his preparation and as his ordination was close, the Bishop of Chihuahua had health problems, so he came to El Paso to receive the Sacred Order at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He celebrated his first masses here in

El Paso. He celebrated his first solemn mass at the Holy Family Parish in Chihuahua City on February 11th 1925, the day of Our Lady of Lourdes.

He was assigned as priest to the Diocese of Cuauhtémoc. He had a short time at the Santo Cristo de Burgos parish in Jiménez, where after a conflict with the masons, he returned to exercise his ministry at Santa Isabel. He defended the Tarahumara Indians because they were trapped in the vice of alcohol. He used to spend long hours contemplating the Blessed Sacrament, and then he went long distances to take communion to his parishioners.

The Cristeros' war worsened in 1926 and the Bishop of Chihuahua prohibited Catholics from joining the Cristeros in Chihuahua, or they would be excommunicated. As many of the priests were deported to El Paso, Saint Pedro said: "I was not ordained to be here comfortably, but to serve my parishioners."

In 1929 worship was allowed again in the country and the Cristeros laid down their guns. This was a temporary peace period because persecutions were still happening. In 1934, tension came back up and Fr. Pedro de Jesus was detained, beaten, jailed, and they even simulated his execution in the middle of the night to scare him off so that he would never come back. He opened his arms and shouted "Viva Cristo Rey" as he was expecting his death. The executioners recognized his courage and deported him to El Paso, Texas with just a few coins. Later, Saint Pedro was back at Santa Isabel where he continued taking care of his parishioners.

On Ash Wednesday 1937 (February 10th), Father Pedro distributed ashes and celebrated mass at Boquilla del Rio. At the beginning of the Mexican Revolution in 1910, the seminarian had to flee to El Paso, Texas, but Pedro stayed in Chihuahua City making a living by playing the violin. In this vocational parenthesis, a seminarian saw him and told him that he was called to the altar, not to be playing music.

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San Pedro de Jesus Maldonado

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El Obispo Mark J. Seitz y el Instituto Tepeyac les hacen una cordial invitación a la Peregrinación Diocesana para conmemorar los 80 años del Martirio de San Pedro de Jesus Maldonado en la ciudad de Chihuahua. Vamos a visitar los sitios donde fue detenido, donde celebraba misas con sus feligreses, donde murió, y donde se edificara su santuario en próximas fechas.

San Pedro de Jesús es el primer Santo Chihuahuense y está muy cerca de nuestra Diócesis ya que fue ordenado sacerdote por el Obispo de El Paso, Monseñor Anthony J. Schuler el 25 de Enero de 1925 en la Catedral de San Patricio. Al entrar a nuestra Catedral, podemos escuchar en el silencio del magnífico edificio, el testimonio de un sacerdote santo que se postró y prometió obediencia y amor al pueblo de Dios que le sería encomendado.

Los padres de Pedro fueron Apolinar y Micaela Maldonado, quienes tuvieron ocho hijos. Pedro nació en la ciudad de Chihuahua el 15 de Junio de 1892 y vivió una infancia sana y cercana a la fe de sus padres, hasta que cumplidos sus 17 años de edad, decidió ingresar al seminario de los padres de San Vicente de Paul.

Al estallar la Revolución Mexicana en 1910, los seminaristas tuvieron que huir a El Paso, Texas, pero Pedro se quedó en la ciudad de Chihuahua viviendo de lo que ganaba tocando el violín. En este parenthesis vocational, se encontró con un seminarista quien le comentaba que él estaba llamado a los altares, no a quedarse en la música.

Continuó Pedro su preparación y al acercarse su ordenación, el Obispo de Chihuahua tuvo problemas de salud, por lo que se trasladó a El Paso a recibir el Orden Sacerdotal en la Catedral de San Patricio. Aquí en El Paso celebró sus primeras misas. Su primera cantamisa o misa solemne, la celebró en la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia en la Ciudad de Chihuahua el 11 de Febrero de 1925, el día de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes.

Como sacerdote fue asignado a la Diócesis de Cuauhtémoc y luego tuvo una breve estancia en el Santo Cristo de Burgos en Cd. Jiménez, donde a raíz de un conflicto con los masones, regresó a ejercer su ministerio a Santa Isabel. Defendía a los indios Tarahumaras, a quienes alejaba del vicio del alcohol. Pasaba largas horas contemplando el Santísimo, y luego recorría grandes distancias a llevar comunión a sus feligreses.

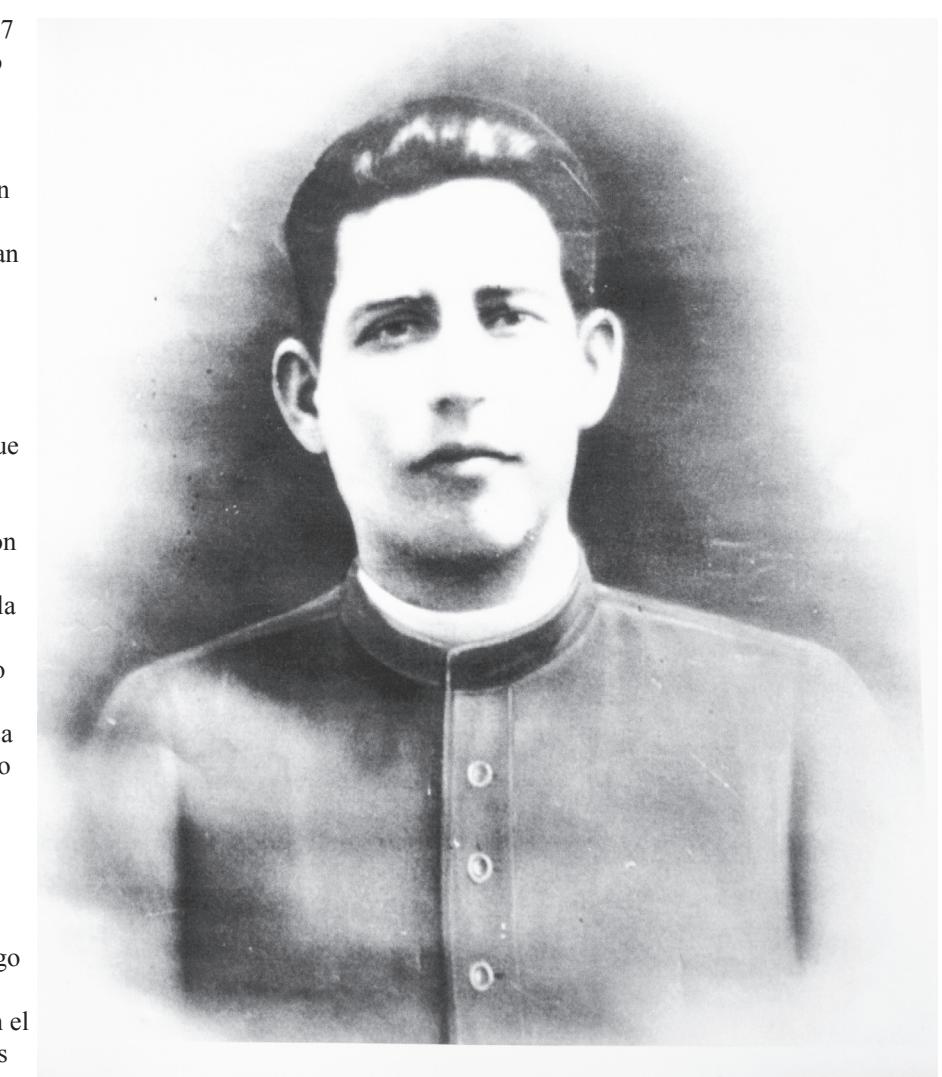
Pasó la noche ahogándose en su propia sangre, mientras sus verdugos se embriagaban. Luego fue trasladado a la ciudad de Chihuahua en ambulancia, y en el camino San Pedro decía "yo los

Later that day, the police came to arrest him, and they threatened to burn the house where he was hiding if he did not surrender. Saint Pedro came out carrying the pix with the Eucharist, and he surrendered. They pushed him for 3 kilometers, barefoot, all the way to the city hall. He was praying the rosary and the group following him was responding.

They took him to the second floor of the city hall where they brutally hit him with their guns. They broke his cranium and removed his left eye. The consecrated hosts that he was carrying fell on the floor, and one of the executioners put them into Saint Pedro's mouth, who had asked God the grace of receiving communion before dying.

He spent most of the night drowning in his own blood, as his executioners were getting drunk. He was moved to Chihuahua City in an ambulance, as he was murmuring "forgive them." He died in the central hospital where the doctors could not save his life. When he died, his closed fist opened, and the empty pix fell to the floor. He died on February 11th 1937, in the 12th Anniversary of his first solemn mass. We remember Saint Pedro de Jesus Maldonado on February 11th, the date of his death and on May 21st, when we celebrate the Mexican Martyrs.

To Learn more about the pilgrimage of San Pedro de Jesus Maldonado look at the Ad on Page 15.



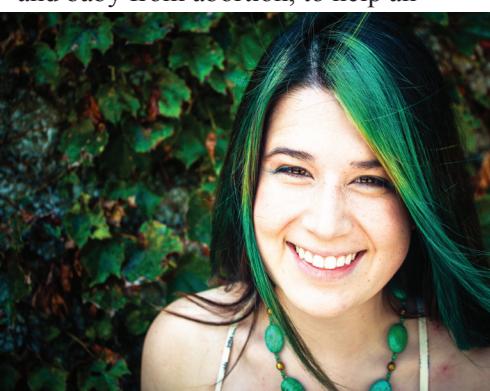
El Paso's March for life

By Gabriela Avila

El Paso's March for life is around the corner! This year we are excited to invite Aimee Murphy from Life Matters Journal! Amy will be speaking about having a consistent life ethic. What does that mean? We may say that we are in favor of respecting all life or that all life is sacred. Or we believe in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. But what about pregnancy in cases of rape? Is abortion ok? What about the death penalty? Should they die because of the severity of their fault? Aimee comes as a breath of fresh air to our community to help clear up many of the misunderstandings that we face as Catholics when it comes to end of life issues. We hope that you feel the excitement we feel when we gather with more than 7,000 people to march for life. Expect great music from the Queen of Peace Life Teen band, games, dancing and we are also excited for a special surprise during the event! So you will not want to miss it!

The Reverence for Life Ministry is excited for a new year to keep working to change our culture by first changing our hearts and choosing to love first. I believe that if we do that, specially as Catholics, we will see each other as humans with dignity and value. That is why prayer is the central focus of our ministry. If we pray to end abortion, miracles do happen! We see that during 40 Days for Life! 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign where we unite as Christians to pray and fast, participate in 12 hour peaceful prayer

vigils outside the abortion clinic and are involved in community outreach to spread the word about the value and beauty of life. We go to these clinics to pray, not protest. The next campaign starts March 1st and ends April 9. This is the perfect opportunity to offer our sacrifices of Lent to help save a mom and baby from abortion, to help an



abortion clinic worker find a better job, help someone find healing after abortion and most importantly, make an impact on someone's soul. We invite your parish to participate! At the prayer vigils outside the abortion clinics, we see women's prayer groups, youth groups, ACTS groups, Knights of Columbus, parish groups, homeschooled groups, Baptist groups, priests, pastors and the list goes on. Something moves in your soul when you drive by the abortion clinic and you see people praying! If you want to get involved, or want more information about 40 Days for Life, call us at 915-872-8405 or email gfederico@elpasodiocese.org . We hope to see you at the March for Life and don't forget to bring a friend!

Stewardship

Lord, Teach us to be Generous

The season celebrations just came to an end, a new year has just begun, and we are back into our daily routine, what is next now? Maybe tax season. But no, God keeps reminding us to not forget about the poor and the ones who need our help here in El Paso and throughout the world.

It is truly beautiful to have a deep relationship with God, serve in parish ministry and give to your parish offering every Sunday, but what if we try something different this 2017? What if we walk an extra mile in our relationship with God?

Take a moment and imagine in what other ways you can become closer to God in this New Year. Activities are endless but I believe God wants us to leave our comfort zone "Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just, for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. (Isaiah 56, 1-3)" It seems that God wants us to always practice justice in the midst of our lives. Here are some ideas for you to walk an extra mile in your stewardship way of life.

1. Collect food items for St. Ignatius Parish or St. Mark Parish's Immigrant Shelter.
2. Donate your time to Annunciation House located at 1003 East San Antonio, El Paso, TX 79901.
3. Visit the sick. Check with hospitals, assisted living facilities or nursing homes in the area to see if there are volunteer opportunities to visit with patient or residents.
4. Increase your offering by \$1, \$5 or \$10 to the Sunday Collection.
5. Take a walk every day. Find a place to enjoy God's gift of creation. Invite family, friends or others to share the experience too.

MARCHA POR LA VIDA

By Gabriela Avila

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¡La Marcha por la Vida en El Paso está a la vuelta de la esquina! Este año estamos muy contentos de invitar a Aimee Murphy de "Life Matters Journal"! Amy hablará sobre como tener una vida consistente con la ética. ¿Qué es lo que eso significa? Podemos decir que estamos a favor del respeto por la vida, o que toda vida es sagrada. O que creemos en la santidad de la vida desde la concepción, hasta la muerte natural. Pero ¿qué pasa con el embarazo en casos de violación? ¿Está bien el aborto? ¿Y la pena de muerte? ¿Deben morir por la severidad de su culpa? Aimee traerá consigo un soplo de aire fresco a nuestra comunidad para ayudar a aclarar muchos de los malentendidos que enfrentamos como católicos cuando se trata de temas del fin de la vida. Esperamos que ustedes también sientan la emoción que nosotros sentimos cuando nos reunimos con más de 7,000 personas para marchar por la vida. Espere también escuchar muy buena música por parte de la banda juvenil de la Parroquia Queen of Peace, juegos, baile y también estamos muy emocionados por una sorpresa especial durante el evento. ¡Así que no querrá perdérsela!

El Ministerio de Reverencia por la Vida está muy emocionado por un nuevo año trabajando para cambiar nuestra cultura, primero nuestros corazones, eligiendo amar primero. Creo que si lo hacemos, especialmente como católicos, nos veremos como seres humanos con dignidad y valor. Y es por eso que la oración es el centro de nuestro ministerio. ¡Si! oremos para acabar con el aborto, los milagros suceden! ¡Eso es lo que vemos durante 40 días por la vida! 40 Días por la Vida es una campaña de oración donde

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nos unimos como cristianos para orar y ayunar, participamos en vigencias de oración pacífica de 12 horas fuera de la clínica de aborto y estamos involucrados en la comunidad para difundir la palabra sobre el valor y la belleza de la vida. Vamos a estas clínicas a orar, no a protestar.

La siguiente campaña inicia el 1 de marzo y termina el 9 de abril. Esta es la oportunidad perfecta para ofrecer nuestros sacrificios de Cuaresma y ayudar a salvar a la madre y al bebé del aborto, ayudar a un trabajador de la clínica de abortos a encontrar un trabajo mejor, ayudar a alguien a sanar después de un aborto y lo más importante; lograr un gran impacto en el alma de alguien. ¡Invitamos a su parroquia a que participe! En las vigencias de oración fuera de las clínicas de aborto, vemos a grupos de mujeres, de jóvenes, grupos de ACTS, Caballeros de Colón, grupos parroquiales, grupos de niños/jóvenes que se educan en casa, grupos bautistas, sacerdotes, pastores y la lista continúa; todos ellos en continua oración. Algo se mueve en nuestra alma cuando conducimos por la clínica de abortos y vemos a la gente orando! Si desea involucrarse, o desea más información acerca de "40 Days for Life" (40 Días por la Vida), llámenos al 915-872-8405 o envíe un correo electrónico a gfederico@elpasodiocese.org . ¡Esperamos verte en la Marcha por la Vida y no olvides traer a un amigo!



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Our Lady of Guadalupe

By Jojo Garcia

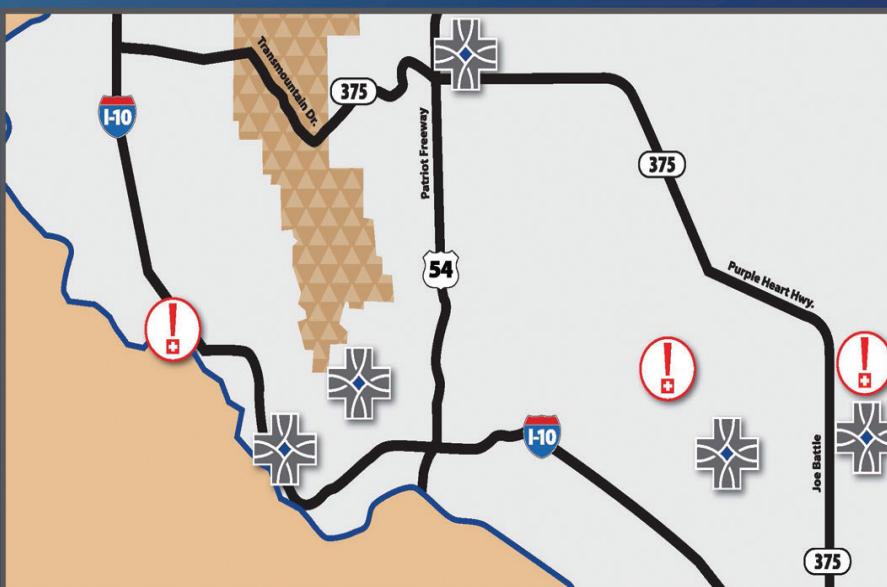
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El Paso's Faithful celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe with great festivity on Dec. 12th. Celebrations were heard, felt and seen all over the city including this year's Unveiling of Our 30ft tall Virgen de Guadalupe Statue located at St. Mark's Church. Bishop Mark Seitz blessed the shrine, as mariachis, matachines and amazing entertainment was celebrated by all parishioners throughout the city. The joyful words heard Sunday and Monday were in her honor.... "Que Viva La Morena", Que Viva La Guadalupana"



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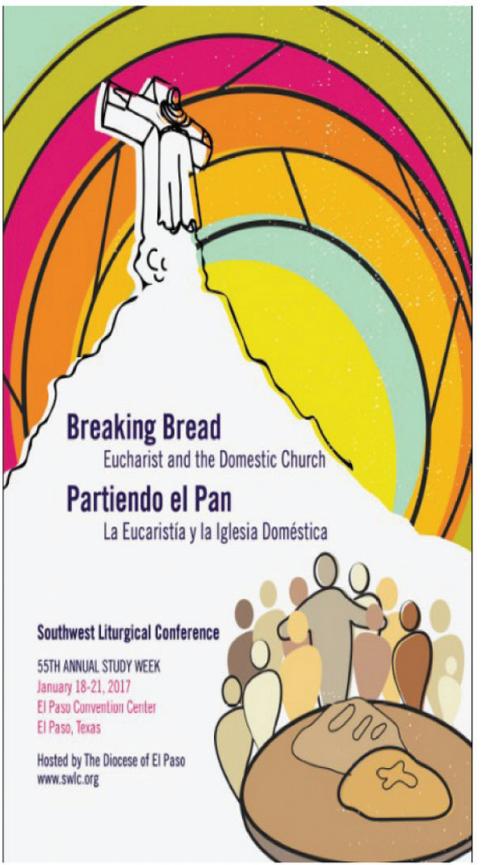
- Problemas respiratorios
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Breakout Sessions/Sesión de Talleres

Thursday	A	11:00 am
	B	2:30 pm
Friday	C	11:00am
	D	2:00 pm
Saturday	E	9:30 am (Español)
	F	11:00 am (English)
	G	1:30 pm
	H	3:00 pm

Payment/Pago

Pre Conference Tour \$15 _____

Early Registration (ends Dec 16) \$135 _____

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Banquet Meal Choose one

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Single Day Registration Wednesday \$15 _____

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Conference Schedule

Wednesday, Jan 18th

8:00 am Exhibitor Set-up
 9:00 am Historic Tour of Oldest Missions in Texas
 12:00 pm SWLC Board Meeting & Lunch
 4:00 pm Check-in & Registration Opens
 5:00 pm Exhibits Open
 6:00 pm Opening Prayer @ Civic Center
 6:30 pm Keynote: Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI
 7:30 pm Exhibits/ Reception
 9:00 pm Close

Thursday, Jan 19th

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Registration & Check-in open
 Exhibits Open
 9:30 am Keynote Address | Bishop Ramirez
 10:30 am Break & Exhibits
 11:00 am Breakout Session A (English & Spanish)
 12:15 pm Lunch
 2:30 pm Breakout Session B
 3:45 pm Break
 4:15 pm Panel Discussion | Sally Gomez-Jung, Mary Frances Reza, Diana Macalintal, Pedro Rubalcava
 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
 6:00 pm Exhibits Close
 Registration & Check-in close
 Free Evening
 8:30 pm Taize Prayer

Friday, January 20th

8:00 am Registration & Check-in Open
 Exhibits Open
 9:00 am Morning Prayer
 9:30 am Keynote Address | Rev. Dempsey Rosales
 11:00 am Breakout Session C
 12:15 pm Lunch
 2:00 pm Breakout Session D
 3:15 pm Break
 4:30 pm Mass
 6:00 pm Social @Camino Real Hotel
 7:00 pm Banquet Dinner

Saturday, Jan 21st

8:00 am Registration Begins
 Exhibits Open
 8:30 am Morning Prayer & Welcome
 9:30 am Keynote Address | Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller (English)
 Breakout E (Español)
 10:30 am Break
 11:00 am Keynote Address Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller (Español)
 Breakout F (English)
 12:00 pm Lunch/Music Showcase
 1:30 pm Breakout Session G
 2:30 pm Break
 3:00 pm Breakout Session H
 4:30 pm Closing Mass

A1 Spirituality of the Liturgical Musician: Disciples first and only then Ministers | Pedro Rubalcava (sponsored by OCP)
 A2 Unraveling the Mystery of Mystagogoy | Dr. Jerry Galipeau (sponsored by WLP)
 A3 Parish Building Track: Pt 1| Paul Baribeau

Tour of Oldest Spanish Missions in Texas

You may enjoy a preconference tour of the oldest Spanish Missions in Texas on Wednesday, Jan 18th at 9am for the cost of \$15 per person. The Mission Valley in El Paso County is one of the oldest settlements in the United States and home to three historic Spanish missions under the stewardship of the Diocese of El Paso. The Ysleta, Socorro, and San Elizario Missions have served as the social as well as the religious centers of their Mission Valley communities since the 1680s. Tour the missions and marvel at the original ceiling beams or vigas in the Socorro Mission, the original bell of the Ysleta Mission, and the beautiful tin ceilings in the San Elizario Mission.

Hotel Information

Room blocks have been selected at two different hotels in close proximity to the Judson F. Williams Convention Center. Attendees must call to register for the hotel. Hotel accommodations are not included in the registration.

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Camino Real Hotel

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E4	Dando Gracias en Familia y la parroquia Rep. David Garcia
E5	Llamados a practicar Misericordia con los que viven marginalizados Sally Gomez-Jung
E6	Formación Espiritual del lector usando la espiritualidad Ignaciana Rev. Ron Gonzalez
E7	El testimonio del laico católico en la sociedad actual Padre Eduardo Hayes

ENGLISH

F1	What Every Musician Needs to Know About Liturgy Barbara Gunther
F2	Celebrating the Scrutinies: The Conjunction of Liturgy and Catechesis Dr. Jerry Galipeau (sponsored by WLP)
F3	From Mass to Mission: Liturgical Catechesis and Discipleship Victoria Tufano
F4	Communicating with the Sacred: 10 Creative Ways to Use Signs and Symbols in Catechesis Victor Valenzuela
F5	Shaping Seasonal Environment for the Worship Space: Reflecting the Liturgical Calendar, Adorning Our Churches Dr. Patricia J. Hughes
F6	Spirituality in lo Cotidiano: A way of life taught by St. Ignatius and our abuelas Dr. Veronica Rayas
F7	The Bread of life and Eucharistic Ministry Rev. James Burkart

SPANISH

G1	Bilingual The Musical Ensemble: Instrumental Creativity while Encouraging Singing. Los Grupos Musicales: La creatividad de los instrumentos mientras todos cantamos Jaime Cortez (sponsored by OCP)
G2	Introducción al Proceso de RICA: El Catecumenado Sylvia Garcia
G3	Proclamanda la Palabra con autenticidad Sally Gomez Jung
G4	Amoris Laetitia Rev. Leon Streider
G5	Comunicándonos con lo sagrado: 10 ideas creativas usando símbolos de la religión popular para la catequesis Victor Valenzuela
G6	Open Doors to the Spirit: Confirmation Prep and Liturgy that Engages and Transforms Dan Girardot
G7	El Pan de Vida y el Ministerio Eucarístico Rev. James Burkart
G8	Deepening the Faith Through Family Prayer Bishop Ricardo Ramirez
H1	Bilingual Fifteen Soloists or One Choir? Vocal Sensibilities for Singer Dr. Rick Lopez
H2	RCIA – Music for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Michelle Abeyta (sponsored by WLP)
H3	The Scripture is the Heart of Catechesis Sr. Kieran Sawyer
H4	Scripture and the Domestic Church Rev. Dempsey Rosales
H5	Glory & Praise to Our God: Cultivating Youth & Liturgy Rev. J.T. Lane
H6	RCIA & Children Dr. Diana Raiche
H7	LA EUCARISTIA: FUENTE DE LA VIDA Y DEL AMOR DE DIOS" Mons. José René Blanco
H8	La Profundización de la Fe en la Oración Familiar Bishop Ricardo Ramirez

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Pope: Reflections on mercy may be over, but compassion must live on

Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Year of Mercy and its series of papal reflections may be over, but compassion and acts of mercy must continue and become a part of everyone's daily lives, Pope Francis said.

"Let us commit ourselves to praying for each other so that the corporal and spiritual works of mercy increasingly become our way of life," he said Nov. 30 during his general audience in the Vatican's Paul VI hall.

Because the day also marked the feast of St. Andrew, brother of St. Peter and founder of the church in Constantinople, Pope Francis gave special greetings to his "dear brother," Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

Pope Francis, the bishop of Rome and successor of Peter, said he was sending "a big embrace" to the patriarch and "this cousin church."

The Vatican released a letter from the pope to the patriarch, which praised the way Catholics and Orthodox have begun "to recognize one another as brothers and sisters and to value each other's gifts, and together have proclaimed the Gospel, served humanity and the cause of peace, promoted the dignity of the human being and the inestimable value of the family, and cared for those most in need, as well as creation, our common home."

In his main audience talk, the pope ended his yearlong series of talks on mercy with a reflection on the corporal work of burying the dead and the spiritual works of praying for the living and dead.

Catholics particularly remember the faithful departed during the month of November, he said. Praying for those who have died "is a sign of recognition for the witness they have left us and the good they have done. It is a giving thanks to the Lord for having given them to us and for their love and friendship."

By entrusting their souls to God's mercy, "we pray with Christian hope that they are with him in heaven," he said.

While for many burying the dead is an expected, straightforward ritual, there are some parts of the world where this may not be a given, such as places

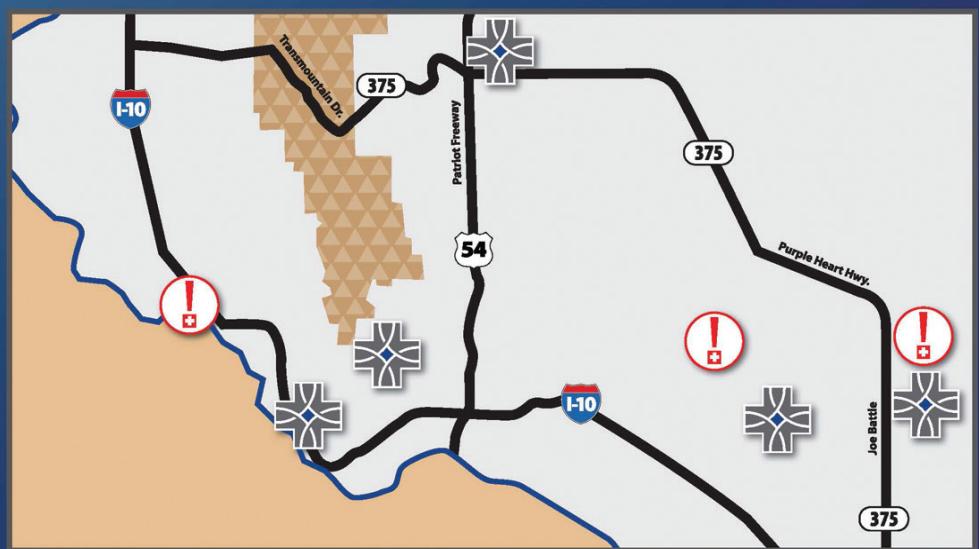


Pope Francis greets a boy while meeting the disabled during his general audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican Nov. 30.



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 - Broken Bones

- When to seek an urgent care center:**
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 - Sprains and strains
 - Coughs, colds, and sore throats
 - Ear infections
 - Allergic reactions (non-life threatening)
 - Fever or flu-like symptoms
 - Rash or skin irritations
 - Mild asthma
 - Animal bites
 - Flu shots and physicals for sports or school

In an emergency, call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room.

For late actress Florence Henderson, Catholic faith was her foundation

Catholic News Service

Photo: Actress Florence Henderson is pictured on the cover of the January 2017 issue of St. Anthony Messenger magazine. (CNS photo/St. Anthony Messenger)

CINCINNATI (CNS) -- In what came to be her final interview, actress Florence Henderson told St. Anthony Messenger magazine that throughout her life, through good times and bad, her Catholic faith was her foundation.

"I don't ever remember not praying. Bedtime prayers, the rosary, praying for friends, relatives, for the sick and for those who had died. It was a natural part of our lives," she told writer Rita E. Piro, who interviewed the popular actress in August. The story appears in the January 2017 issue of the magazine, published by Cincinnati-based Franciscan Media.

Henderson, who died unexpectedly Nov. 24 at age 82, was best known for her role as Carol Brady in the 1970s sitcom "The Brady Bunch." Originally broadcast from 1969 to 1974, the program has never been off the air and has been syndicated in over 122 countries. It remains one of the most beloved and most watched family shows of all time.

"I frequently am contacted by people who want to thank me for 'The Brady Bunch,'" she told Piro. "Whether they grew up during the show's original television run or are brand-new fans of the present generation, they tell me how important 'The Brady Bunch' has been in their lives. I wanted to portray Carol as a loving, fun, affectionate mother, and it seemed to resonate with a lot of people who maybe had the same situation I did growing up. To think that something I was involved in had such a positive effect on the lives of so many people is satisfying beyond words."

Her most important role, though, she said, was Mom to her own four children -- Barbara, Joseph, Robert and Elizabeth. "My children and their happiness have always been my greatest concern," she said.

She described her children to Piro as "the nicest people you could ever meet" and "very spiritual people."

"Being a mom makes you far more compassionate. You have more empathy for people, more love," Henderson added. "I was always taught to say thank you and I'm very grateful. And my kids have that quality, too."

In the interview Henderson said that from time to time, she found herself questioning her faith, mainly in instances unrelated to her career.

As a new mother, the actress experienced repeated bouts of postpartum depression, Piro reported. During the mid-1960s, Henderson was diagnosed with a hereditary bone deformity of the middle ear and needed surgery to prevent deafness. Stage fright and insomnia also were present in her life.

"The loss of family and friends, especially her siblings, weighed heavily upon her, as well as a natural fear of her own mortality," said Piro. Born the youngest of 10 children in tiny Dale, Indiana, across the Ohio River from Owensboro, Kentucky, young Florence later moved with her family about 25 miles away to Rockport, Indiana.

Piro noted that little Florence was a natural at singing from age 2, but she "had

Traducción: Martha Marmolejo

Para la fallecida actriz Florence Henderson, la fe Católica fue su fundación

Catholic News Service

de Ohio en Owensboro, Kentucky, la joven Florence se movió más adelante junto con su familia, cerca de 25 millas de distancia a Rockport, Indiana.

Piro observó que a la pequeña Florence le era natural cantar desde los 2 años, pero "tenía muy poco de que cantar" al tener que crecer con sus nueve hermanos en extrema pobreza durante la Gran Depresión. "Pero eso no le impidió desarrollar un amor profundo por su fe", quien la sostuvo durante toda la vida, escribió Piro.

Henderson fue educada por monjas y sacerdotes Benedictinos en St. Meinrad y Ferdinand, Indiana. (Tenía un sacerdote en la familia; su tío, el padre jesuita Charles Whelan, quien enseñaba leyes constitucionales en la Universidad de Fordham.) En la entrevista del "St. Anthony Messenger", de San Antonio, Henderson habló extensamente sobre su maestra de primer grado - la Hermana Benedictina Gemma.

Después de la escuela secundaria y con la ayuda de una amiga cercana y su admirada familia, Henderson se matriculó en la Academia de Arte Dramático en la ciudad de Nueva York - quien lanzó su larga carrera de actuación.

Hizo su debut en Broadway como la estrella de "Fanny" en 1952. También en Broadway interpretó a María en la versión original de "The Sound of Music". Ella protagonizó varias producciones de gira, incluyendo "South Pacific" y "Oklahoma". Hizo numerosas apariciones en la televisión, películas y programas de música en vivo.

La última actuación televisiva de Henderson fue el 19 de septiembre con Maureen McCormick (quien previamente interpretó a su hija Marsha Brady), en "Dancing With the Stars", (Programa Bailando con las Estrellas) en el canal televisivo ABC y donde McCormick fue una concursante, Henderson participó en ese mismo show actuando con el tema de Brady Bunch. Henderson había competido también en el mismo show en el 2010.

En 1994, en una entrevista con Mark Pattison, editor de medios del "Catholic News Service" (Servicio de Noticias Católicas), Henderson recordó amorosamente su papel como Carol Brady y el legado de "The Brady Bunch".

Dijo que quizás debido a su imagen saludable, los padres se acercaban a ella para preguntar si ciertos programas de televisión eran buenos para que sus hijos los pudiesen ver. "Y es que son responsables de estas pequeñas almas que han traído al mundo y se preguntan qué es lo que les están enseñando", dijo a CNS.

"Muy pocas personas en nuestro medio han sido parte de algo en lo que todo el mundo parece sentir un gran afecto. Ellos realmente aman a los personajes. Ellos aman a Carol Brady y a todos en el programa. Y el hecho de que sigue estando tan fuerte después de tantos años me sorprende absolutamente", dijo.

El programa "representa lo que todos queremos en la vida y esto es una familia amorosa, un amor incondicional, un lugar para cometer errores, para enojarse, para ser perdonado, para perdonar", dijo Henderson.



Office of Education: SEED Awards

The El Paso Catholic Schools created the annual awards dinner to publicly acknowledge the contributions of the many people who, on behalf of Catholic education, have shared their gifts of time, talent and treasure, and have given back to the civic community and the Church. The 2017 SEED Awards presentations will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at the El Paso Museum of Art. Awards will be presented to outstanding faculty/staff, volunteers, benefactors and alumni from all the Catholic schools and to the 2017 SEED Award Teacher of the Year, as well as, Superintendent's Award. Information: (915) 872-8426.

Office of Education: Spring Financial Assistance

The window to apply for Financial Assistance is now open for the Spring. If you would like to apply, you can contact your child's school or the Office of Education. More information will be posted on the El Paso Catholic Schools website (elpasocatholicschools.org). Parents, please look out for deadlines and more information in the coming weeks.

Information: (915) 872-8426.

Father Yermo Schools: Benefactors & Alumni "Mardi Gras" Celebration

Bishop Mark Seitz will celebrate Father Yermo Schools "Benefactors & Alumni" Mass & Reunion. The event will be held on February 26, 2017. The theme chosen for this year is a New Orleans Mardi Gras theme. Benefactors, alumni, parents and friends of the school are being asked to save the date for this yearly tradition. The celebration will begin with a Mass on Feb. 26 at 12 pm in the Father Yermo Chapel. This will be followed by a reception in the gym. There will also be a silent auction of beautiful artistic and religious items. The school is asking graduating classes celebrating special significant anniversaries to contact the school so that their names can be added to the program. Information: (915) 532-6875.

St. Patrick Cathedral: Catholic Schools Week 2017

St. Patrick Cathedral School has planned various activities for the upcoming Catholic Schools Week which takes place January 28-February 4, 2017. Family and friends of the school are invited to join the students and staff at the following events:

Saturday, January 28 – Alumni Mass at 5:15 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. A small reception and tour of school will follow the Mass.

Sunday, January 29 – Re-commissioning Mass for faculty, staff, and school board at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral. A tour of the school will follow.

Monday, January 30 – Service Project. Middle

School students will clean Mt. Carmel Cemetery and grades 3K-5th will collect toiletries for Annunciation House and Ronald McDonald House.

Tuesday, January 31 – School community will participate in the Diocesan-wide rosary. St. Patrick Schools has invited their friends in the Las Cruces Catholic school community to join via Skype.

Wednesday, February 1 – Diocesan-wide Catholic School Week Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral with Bishop Mark Seitz.

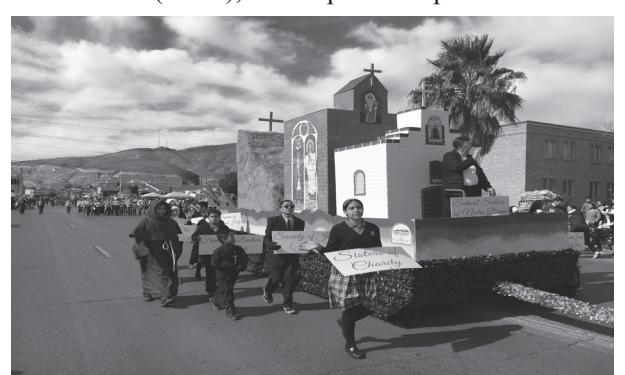
Thursday, February 2 – School Tours from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Friday, February 3 – School-wide cook-out.

Information: (915) 532-6875.

Father Yermo High: Iowa Test places students in**Top 10%**

Catholic school students in the State of Texas take a nationwide standardized test, Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS), which provides parents the



opportunity to examine the progress of their children. For several years now, high school students from Father Yermo High School have obtained recognition in the test. This school year, 23 Father Yermo students were presented with medals and trophies for their advancements in Math, Science, English and Social Studies. Eight of those students received recognition in all four basic areas. Information: (915) 532-6875.

Office of Education: Thanksgiving float received award

The El Paso Catholic Schools entered a float in the Sun Bowl Thanksgiving Day Parade for the third time, and for the third time the entry won an award. The float: "80 Years & More of El Paso Catholic History" won the Judge's Award this year, which honors the float with the best special effects.

Previously, the El Paso Catholic Schools has won the Duchess Award (2014) for first runner-up in the large float category, and the Governor's Award (2015) for best presentation of the parade theme. All schools participate in building and taking part in the float. Students from the 11 Catholic School campuses participated this year by dressing up in 11 religious orders that have taught at the schools. Superintendent Sister Elizabeth Swartz represented her religious order, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, by riding on the float. An All-Diocesan School Band marched behind the float and was made up of students from various campuses playing musical instruments and singing.

Information: (915) 872-8426.

Father Yermo Elementary: Sr. Martha Santamaria transferred to Africa

Sister Martha Santamaria, who has ministered as the principal for the Elementary and Middle School for the past three years, received a call from the General Government of the Congregation that she is being transferred to Africa. She will be the major superior of the Kenya Region. Sister Martha is well prepared for this mission; she holds degrees from Europe and the United States, and has previous experience in the African ministry. Sister Martha has been a part of the Father Yermo Convent community and a previous religion teacher for the high school and elementary. This year marks Sr. Martha's 25th anniversary of consecration.

Sr. Yamila Trejo, SSHJP, an experienced principal for 16 years is filling in for Sister Martha at the elementary school as the principal. Information: (915) 532-6875.

Father Yermo High School: Beloved teacher passes away

Alfredo Palacio, a teacher in the Father Yermo Schools for 35 years, passed away on Dec. 13. Palacio celebrated his 60th this year and recently joined alumni from the school on Dec. 3, for an alumni celebration gathering. During the event, his 35 years as a teacher and leader were recognized throughout the event. Alfredo Palacio, or "Mr. P." as he is called by alumni, was very moved by the recognition and said that he had been honored to touch so many souls in his years of teaching.

Information: (915) 532-4142.

Most Holy Trinity: Prayer Blanket Ministry

Seventh and eighth graders from Most Holy Trinity

have formed a prayer blanket ministry by making blankets for people who are suffering from long-term illnesses or for others who have lost a loved one. Two students, Maya Andow and Leslie Chavez, had the idea for the ministry from Miss Jolen Confer, middle school math and science teacher, and Mrs. Sharon Vass, school library manager. "I wanted to begin this for Mrs. Vass, whose daughter was ill at the time," said Andow. "By the time we got started, her daughter had died, but we ended up making three blankets, one for her and one each for her grandson and granddaughter." Chavez added, "I wanted to do this because my nephew passed away. It's emotional to make a blanket, because we first learn who the blanket is for, then we learn about their situation. We pray about this before we begin."

Luke Lopez, another member of the group, said, "You feel like you are giving a physical prayer because of the work and time it takes. We get the fleece, cut strips and corners, then we pray and then we tie the strips. Depending on how many people we have working and how late we stay, we can get one or two blankets done per meeting."

The group has distributed several blankets to staff members who have lost loved ones at the end of school masses, as well as, to fellow students who have experienced loss or have relatives who are dealing with illnesses. Students get a good feeling each time a blanket is presented. "The best thing is knowing that we are doing good for someone else," said Andow. Information: (915) 751-2566.

St. Patrick Cathedral School: Garcia Brothers working for their community

Sebastian and Christian Garcia, brothers attending St. Patrick Cathedral School, challenged themselves and their schoolmates to collect 100 blankets for the elderly and disadvantaged children of El Paso after attending a task force meeting with their mother. "At first it was a little slow, but then we got a big rush of donations," said third-grader, Christian. "I think the posters, the daily announcements, and the TV station that interviewed me and my brother helped to send the message that we needed blankets. I didn't count them, but I know we have way more than 100 blankets," he said.



Grace Ortiz, a specialist for Adult Protective Services and head of the blanket collection task force, presented the brothers with certificates of appreciation and thanked them for their efforts to protect the vulnerable of El Paso. She called the boys "champions" for their hard work and dedication. If you or anyone you know needs blankets this winter season, please call the local office of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at 915-834-5772.

Information: (915) 532-4142.

Father Yermo High: Iowa Test places students in**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:
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What Catholic school(s) did you attend?

Cathedral High School, Class of '06.

What was the most valuable lesson – inside or outside the classroom – you learned while attending Catholic school(s)?

Cathedral has taught me a lot of things that I continue to pursue today in my everyday life. The

deep connection we have with our school, classmates, and the true meaning of brotherhood has helped shape me into the man I am today. Living a life of faith, honesty, and Integrity are values that Cathedral and my parents have instilled in me. They have helped mold me into the man I am today, with daily prayers, all school masses, retreats, it all helped to create an unbreakable connection with God and my faith.

What teacher/staff member/classmate most influenced you?

I had numerous instructors who inspired me and made me want to become a better man. One that did stand out for me was my Business instructor my senior year, Mr. Tim DeNezza. I was so intrigued with his class and the knowledge he had of the business world. Ever since I was small I always knew I wanted to become an entrepreneur and the idea of offering a unique service was a calling for me.

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Mr. DeNezza did broaden my business mindset and helped me establish a vision that I continue to follow today. **How did your Catholic School Education prepare you for what you are doing today?**

The business world could be cruel and unjust, at times, and your values, morals, and ethics are tested many times. At Cathedral, our education and work were based on our faith in God and to always trust in His plan for us. Becoming into men of faith, we were prepared to face the challenges that come in the real world. Staying true to myself and my faith, I have had a strong foundation to where I could make the best decisions. Being taught core values and morals at an early age definitely helped me continue to be a man of God.

Why do you think Catholic Education is so important?

I believe a Catholic education is important in shaping young men into men of God, through discipline, faith, and integrity. Learning to live and serve for others with respect, honesty, and good will is a motto I live up to each day. My mother, Yolanda Gardea, and my father, Jose L. Gardea, went through tremendous sacrifices to get me the best Catholic education in El Paso. Today, they are able to see the rewards with the work and determination I have had to excel in their names. I will continue this tradition by one day enrolling my children in Catholic education and further enriching our great community.

How are Catholic Schools shaping the future?
Catholic schools, such as Cathedral, create men who look beyond themselves in order to help others in need. As a Cathedral alum, my goal is

to continue to excel both professionally and personally in order to give back to my community. If more students could have the opportunities as I did, then they could contribute and give back as well.

What advice do you have for current students?

The world is just about to open up to you all and it's ready for you to grab it. Use everything you have learned so far, stay true to yourself, believe in God's plan, and most importantly believe in yourself. As long as you have faith in God and yourself, there really is nothing you cannot accomplish. Dream big, live big, follow your faith and God will continue to bless you for the years to come. There will be times when you will doubt yourself, but always remember that your family and faith will always have your back.

What was your favorite Catholic School experience/moment?

Looking back now, some of my most cherished memories come from my experience at Cathedral High. I will forever remember the times my parents came to Mass with me, or how happy and proud my mother was at my graduation. She was taken back at how beautiful the graduation ceremony and Mass were. For that, I will forever be grateful to them. It truly is a one-of-a-kind school that will always live in my heart and soul. I don't think anyone else will understand the connection we have with the school and its people unless you go through it yourself. I am grateful to my parents for giving me this opportunity, and to my mom, who is no longer with us, I know she would be so proud of the man I am today. RIP, my Queen, for one day we will all be together again.

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A New Deacon for the Whole Diocese

By Fr Mariano Lopez

Deacon Cong Vo expressed his gratitude and joy to all who were present for his diaconate ordination. There were approximately 300 people from the cities of Van Horn, San Antonio and El Paso who gathered to celebrate the event. Cong expressed that he was surprised when Father Mariano, the director of seminarians, informed him Bishop Mark had chosen Van Horn as the location for his ordination. "I asked Father, whose idea it was to ordain me in Van Horn and he responded, 'Bishop Mark'."

For several years the faithful of the diocese have seen the rural parishes as a place of difficulty and have intuited that clerics are assigned to these regions as a result of a conflict in their ministry. Recently, the bishop has mentioned that he is interested in providing better pastoral care to these regions of the diocese. His first pastoral visit after his installation was to Santa Teresa Parish in Presidio and at a recent presbyteral assembly he announced to those priests with greater experience that they are to be aware that their ministry as priests of the diocese implies they should be prepared to transfer to these regions, even after having served larger parishes in the city of El Paso. Cong's ordination in Van Horn is part of this movement to more intentionally serve those who might easily be forgotten. The community chosen for the ordination has the privilege of being acknowledged as an important contributor to the formation of the candidate. Our Lady of Fatima Parish had the important role of advising, accompanying and motivating Cong during his internship year in seminary. This could not be ignored simply because of its distance to the city of El Paso.

Furthermore, the diaconate has a special role of serving others, especially those who might be forgotten by society. Similarly, Pope Francis, has asked for this to remain a



Un Diácono Nuevo Para La Diócesis Entera

By Fr Mariano Lopez

El Diácono Cong expresó su gratitud y alegría a todos los que lo acompañaron en su ordenación diaconal. Aproximadamente unas 300 personas de la Ciudad de Van Horn, San Antonio y El Paso estuvieron presentes en Nuestra Señora de Fátima en Van Horn, Texas para celebrar el acontecimiento. Cong expresó que fue una sorpresa que el Padre Mariano, director de seminaristas, le comunicara que el Obispo Mark escogió a Van Horn como sitio para que se efectuará la ordenación. "Le pregunto al Padre, de quien es esa idea de ordenarme en Van Horn y el respondió, 'del Obispo Mark'."

Por varios años los fieles en la diócesis han visto las zonas rurales como un lugar de dificultad y se ha intuido que los clérigos en estas zonas sirven allí como resultado de alguna problemática. Recientemente el obispo ha mencionado que le interesa prestar mejor servicio pastoral a esta porción de la diócesis. Su primera visita pastoral después de su instalación fue a la Parroquia de Santa Teresa en Presidio y recientemente en una asamblea presbiteral le anunció a los sacerdotes que tienen mayor experiencia que ellos también deben estar conscientes de que su ministerio como sacerdotes de la diócesis implica que deben estar listos para estar asignados a servir en las zonas rurales, aún después de haber servido varios años en parroquias grandes en la ciudad. La ordenación de Cong, en Van Horn, es parte de este deseo de servir a los que fácilmente pueden pasar desapercibidos. La comunidad escogida para la ordenación tiene el privilegio de ser testigo de primera mano del acontecimiento y de reconocerse como parte del proceso formativo del candidato. Nuestra Señora de Fátima en Van Horn tuvo parte fundamental en la preparación de Cong cuando lo aconsejaron, acompañaron y motivaron durante su año de servicio y formación pastoral. Esto no pudo permanecer en el olvido simplemente por su distancia de la ciudad de El Paso.

Más aun, el diaconado tiene un significado muy especial de servir a los demás, especialmente a los que pueden permanecer en el olvido por la sociedad. De igual manera, el Papa Francisco, ha invitado que esta sea parte central del sacerdocio: servir a las ovejas como el pastor que se reúne con ellas al grado de tener él mismo olor de oveja.

El Obispo Mark le comentó a Cong durante su homilia que su historia y cultura son un don para toda la diócesis. Cong ha comenzado desde sus primeros segundos como diácono ha compartir este don con los demás de manera inclusiva. "Es la primera vez que veo una ordenación y me pareció tan emocionante," comentó una adolescente originaria de Van Horn durante la recepción.

La comunidad de Nuestra Señora de Fátima en Van Horn, Texas celebró que la diócesis tiene un nuevo diácono con alabanzas preciosas, matachines, ricos platillos de comida y ante todo con un espíritu de afecto y de servicio. Todos se alegran que el próximo Mayo será ordenado sacerdote. Le pedimos a Dios que la diócesis entera siga celebrando los dones que Dios le da y que le ayude a los jóvenes a descubrir y cuidar estos dones de manera que den gloria a Dios por medio del servicio y entrega total.

DICIENDO Y HACIENDO

Si quiere conocer a una persona no te fijes en lo que dice sino en lo que hace. Porque los seres humanos hablamos prometemos muchos y hacemos pocos. Todos necesitamos hacer el esfuerzo por pensar mejor lo que decimos o lo que nos comprometemos porque es muy fácil hablar pero cuesta más hacer... Somos lo que hacemos, porque eso es lo que se halla dentro de nuestro corazón ansioso encontrar en el espejo del mundo exterior y aunque no nos demos cuenta ello, somos nuestro corazón.

El Maestro fue a ver a un discípulo enfermo y le dijo que para curarse solo tenía que hacer una cosa: Quer estar sano! Mientras regresaban, uno de los discípulos que lo acompañaba le preguntó su consejo, a lo cual el Maestro respondió: Debes comprender que cualquiera de nosotros, sea quien sea, se halle donde se halle, está inseparablemente ligado a lo que busca. El hombre es lo que busca, porque siempre a través de la búsqueda, se está buscando a sí mismo. Si busca la salud, no le afectará la enfermedad; si busca la Verdad, no le afectará la mentira. Este es el secreto de la búsqueda: Si alguien está en búsqueda de Dios, difícilmente caerá en las garras del enemigo. Cuando buscamos a Dios es que El se está buscando a Sí mismo a través de nosotros. Como iban a afectarnos las acechanzas del Demonio? El adversario solo puede actuar sobre nosotros si nuestra vida no está orientada a Dios. Si buscamos su Reino, todo lo demás se nos dará por anididura y con facilidades! Recuerda lo que nos dice Jesús en Mateo 7,7 "Quien busca encuentra, quien pide, recibe y el que llama de se abrira" ... Dime que haces? Que buscas? Donde lo estás buscando?

No te crees imposible. No te habitues a invertir excusas a poner pretextos en las cosas que quieras hacer o lograr. Todo es posible para el que cree. La fe mueve montañas y la perseverancia logra milagros. En cualquier campo de nuestra vida en la que sean aplicables, fe y perseverancia nos conducirán infaliblemente hasta el éxito. En la empresa que nos hemos propuesto, en la búsqueda que nos hallamos, la fe y perseverancia son como las dos piernas en las que se apoya nuestro caminar. Nuestra fe debería ser tan grande que no nos impida tachar de imposible aquello que no cuadra con los esquemas lógicos de la realidad. Nuestra perseverancia en la búsqueda de Dios debería llegar a aburrir al Tentador.

El Maestro era capaz de los milagros más asombrosos, que realizaba con la mayor simplicidad. Ante una de sus proezas, impresionado los discípulos, le preguntaron como lo había logrado, el Maestro les respondió simplemente: Lo conseguí porque nadie me había avisado de que era imposible. Lo contrario, desgraciadamente, también es cierto. Cuando nos dicen que algo es imposible, cuando la duda se instala en nosotros, automáticamente se convierte en imposible. Con razón decía un sabio: "Alimenta tu fe y las dudas se morirán de hambre" ... Usted, hace lo que dice o solo lo dice? Lewis en su libro Cartas de Screwtape, cuenta que en su esfuerzo para tentar al buen hombre: "La gran cosa es evitarle el hacer algo".

Mientras no lo ponga en acción no importa lo mucho que piense, diga o recé, sobre este nuevo arrepentimiento... mientras mas sienta que no actua, menos estará capacitado para hacerlo y al pasar el tiempo menos lo sentirá". Hablar sin actuar es evidencia de falta de sinceridad. UNO DE LOS MEDIOS MAS FACILES DE SER BUENO ES HACER EL BIEN. La fe sin obras esta muerta (Santiago, 2,26). Si los cristianos nos propusieramos hacer lo que decimos y rezamos revolucionariamente este mundo en cuestión de horas y días... Me sorprende que una invitación a los 15 años de Ruby, causarían tanta atención e interés en tanta gente en pocas horas... como no sería si comunicáramos acción que estamos listos y decididos a hacer para ayudar y servir a otros sin miedo a identificarnos como cristianos. Por que preferimos que nos consideres buenas personas y no buenas cristianos? Por que en la familia o los amigos podemos hablar de todo, menos de Jesucristo? Que nos impide, que nos avenguenza, cual es el temor...?

Todos anhelamos ser felices. Tenemos hambre de felicidad. Me doy cuenta que todos buscamos ser felices de una de estas dos maneras: con Dios y contra Dios. El hombre que busca la felicidad fuera de Dios, seguirá el camino seguro de la desdicha, ya que sin Dios no hay "camino al cielo", no hay una vida verdaderamente feliz. El camino de Dios conduce a la felicidad y al cielo. Las personas más felices son las más santas, ya que están más cerca de Dios, Fuente y Dador de toda felicidad. Si realmente quieres ser feliz este año, debe hacer un esfuerzo por estar más cerca a Dios y ser santo este año. La mejor acción es la que proporciona mayor felicidad al mayor número posible de personas. (Francis Hutcheson). FELIZ AÑO NUEVO 2017



It's easy to learn how to share the light

"Mom, would it be okay to show the Life Training Institute's website to someone who is not pro-life?" asked Laurie.

"Sure, why not? Oh, I see, because you think it would be giving away the strategy we have been using for the past few months – telling our secrets or showing our combat tactics, so to speak," her mother chuckled. Laurie laughed nervously. "Yeah, kind of like that. It's just that, well, you know how my friends and I have been discussing the humanity of the preborn child with another girl named Susie who is a strong abortion advocate?"

"Yes, of course," replied her mother, "and you hosted a baby shower for the preborn babies whose mothers go to House of Hope for help with their unplanned pregnancies. You girls hung up posters at your high school and lots of students brought in little outfits, blankets and baby supplies. We completely filled the van with donated baby gifts and took them to House of Hope right before Christmas. It was like a baby shower for Jesus!"

"Right, and, apparently, some kids brought in gifts after school started again this month. I had just picked them up from the school office when Susie walked up to me," Laurie paused. "Mom, she picked up a little newborn outfit and shook it in my face and almost yelled at me, 'Why do you keep insisting that a fetus is a person? And don't give me any of your science junk about life beginning at conception. Something that small doesn't even look human.'"

"So," Laurie's mother asked, "what did you do?"

"Well," Laurie took a deep breath and continued, "before she could say any more, I pulled out my laptop and opened up a website with prenatal photos that I have been using for my confirmation project. I asked her to look at the pictures."

"I'll bet she was amazed," Mom said.

"At first, she was sort of surprised, especially at the one where the baby looks like he's about to suck his thumb," said Laurie. "But then she seemed to toughen back up again and said, 'Okay, so right before birth, it looks like

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Laurie's mother hugged her daughter and agreed, "Both Susie and her friend will need to heal so encourage them to follow up with the Project Rachel program. The Life Training Institute will help them learn, just as it helped us to know how to share the truth and dispel the pro-death lies. You've given her the gifts of truth and healing. Good job, sweetheart."

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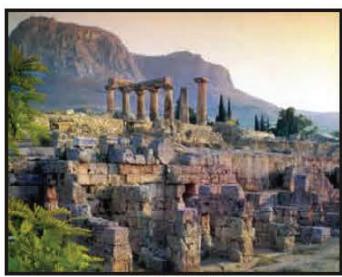
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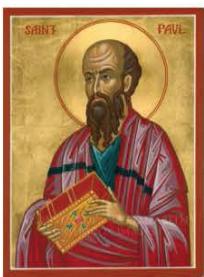
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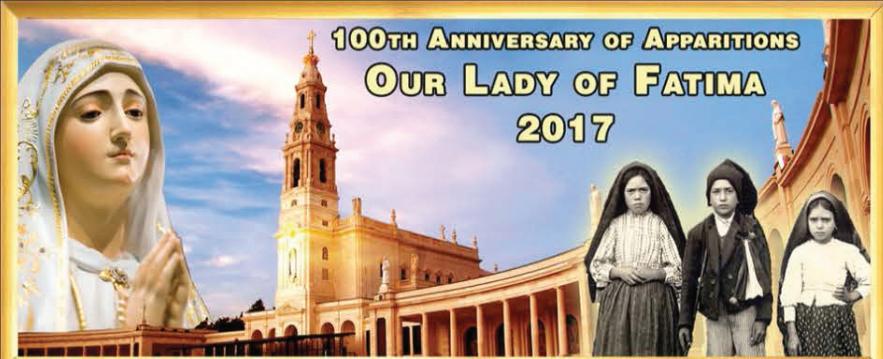
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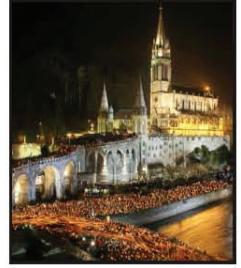
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