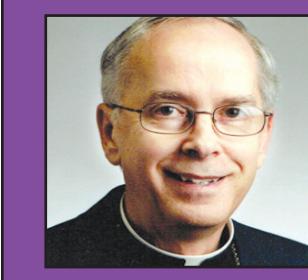


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The Season of Lent – Transformation

By Rosa Thorpe
Religious Formation Dir. of St. Patrick Cathedral

The Paschal Candle is lit. We are about to enter the holiest of nights. We have nothing else to do; nowhere else to go. For tonight we will welcome new members into our Catholic community. They will become one with us through baptism. The long journey they have traveled thus far is about to bring them to a new life. It is the Easter Vigil. In this glorious night, they will hear our story. The story of God's creation of which they and we are certainly a part. We will hear repeatedly that what God created was good and, that, as his creation, we are created very good. We will hear the story of God's promise to Abraham; rejoice in the triumphant story of how the slaves escaped right through the sea; ponder Isaiah's poems that woo an oppressed people who in seeking consolation are invited to the feast; be summoned by Baruch to hear and obey God's voice; called by God through Ezekiel to the promise of a new heart. Right before the Gospel reading, Paul calls for our complete change of life by asking, "Are you not aware that we who were baptized in Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" That transformation occurs only if we choose to allow God to transform us; it is our choice. As we stand in the darkness of the night, illuminated and feeling the warmth elicited by that enormous candle, we ponder the last forty-three days that have led to this holy night.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. We stand in seemingly never-ending lines to receive smudges of ashes placed on our foreheads; a grim reminder of our limitations and the church's call to transformation. During these forty days of Lent, we remember and become what God created when we were baptized. On Ash Wednesday, Matthew reminds us that our almsgiving, prayer and fasting must spring from internal conversion of mind and heart.

On the first Sunday of Lent, like Jesus, we, too, are led out into the desert to be tempted and to ponder who we are, who do we worship and who do we really serve. Jesus knows who he is. Do we? If we understand that we belong to God and to God alone, Jesus gives us a glimpse of what we will become in the Gospel reading on the second Sunday of Lent. Jesus is transfigured and "shines like the sun and his clothes became white as light." To be transfigured, we must listen to the voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him." Are we listening? Are we listening to Jesus; if not, why not? Are we willing to be transfigured, to put on Christ, and to live out your baptismal promises so that everything we do is the for glory of God?

On the third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the story of the encounter of the Samaritan woman with Jesus. She has probably come to this well for years to draw water; on this day, Jesus is waiting for her. He challenges her; she resists. She finally listens as he tells her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." She asks for that water. For what do we thirst? To what well(s) do we keep going that

leaves us lifeless? After accepting Jesus' offer, the woman is given the mission to go and tell the others of her encounter with Jesus. What encounter with Jesus will make us listen to him so that we may become a spring of water welling up to eternal life; so, that we, too, may share our encounter with Jesus?

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, Jesus cures a blind man from birth. In this story, the blind man is open to his encounter with Jesus and by obeying to go "wash in the Pool of Siloam" is granted sight. But his sight goes beyond just seeing things, the man gains insight. Through his obedience, the blind man progresses from seeing "the man called Jesus" to full insight and acceptance of Jesus as the one sent from God. The blind man goes from sight to insight to faith. What are the blindness's in our lives? Has our lack of obedience to our baptismal promises caused us to lose faith? What do we need to wash away so that our encounter with Jesus will allow us to believe in him?

On the fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus rises Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. Not even Martha, Lazarus' sister, wants the tomb opened because "by now, there will be a stench." Jesus cries "out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'" And "the dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial band and his face was wrapped in a cloth." What is tying us down and preventing us from forming a living relationship with Jesus? What has died in us that prevents us from living as that creation God formed at our baptism? What does Jesus need to do in our life so that you may "come out!"

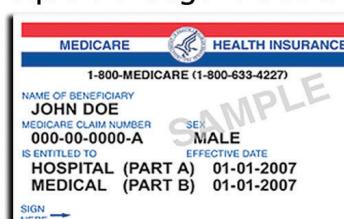
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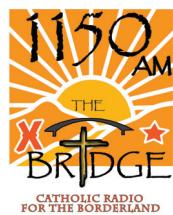
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Radio Programing Update

I am excited to announce several programs and the fact that we are now accepting sponsorships on The Bridge/El Puente 1150am....

As you know we began with "InSeitz to The Faith" with Bishop Mark Seitz as well as our programing efforts with EWTN, Ave Maria Radio and Cadena ESNE. I am glad to announce several more coming in the near future!

Mondays at 10am will be filled with one of the "Legends" of Catholic Radio en Español here locally in El Paso, "Catequesis y Liturgia" con Padre Raul Trigeros of Sts. Peter and Paul. Wednesdays after "InSeitz to the Faith" is "Power to The Migrant/El Poder del Migrante" hosted by Executive Director of Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services ("D.M.R.S") Melissa Lopez, answering questions and informing us on all issues concerning Immigration.

Then beginning Wednesday March 1, Ash Wednesday, at 11:50 am we will broadcast Mid-Day Prayer and The Angelus at 12 noon, thereafter broadcast daily Monday through Friday at 11:50 am. Next up will be "La Casita de Maria" con Diana Ceniceros, a show designed to give you a more in depth look into the life of "Maria, La Virgen" from her childhood, family and aspirations. On Fridays, beginning at 1pm, Gabriela Federico-Cuellar of the Reverence for Life Office and Deacon Frank Segura Director of the Marriage and Family

Life Office will focus on current issues, take your questions and provide updates.

The Month of March will be filled with new programs from our Youth ministries to shows with our Seminarians hosted by The Bridge Radio Liaison Fr. Rolando Fonseca of San Juan Diego Parish and Vocations Assistant to Fr. Mariano Lopez, Rector of St. Charles Seminary and the voice of the Vocations Office. We will announce the date of this show soon. The Bridge/El Puente 1150am will also offer programs on Liturgy, Catechesis, Prayer and Music, but that is not all, plenty more to come!

I invite you to keep track of El Puente visit us on Facebook or online at www.elpasodiocese.org, you may view our daily schedule and feel free to email us at thebridge@elpasodiocese.org. Our new "Bridge" Lines for our radio shows are 915-872-8416 and 872-8417. Hoping and praying we enter the season of Lent with an open heart and a helping hand. God Bless!!



Jojo Garcia
Guest Editor

ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA DE RADIO



Estoy muy emocionado de anunciar varios programas, además del hecho de que ahora estamos aceptando patrocinios para la Radio "The Bridge/El Puente", en el 1150am...

Como ustedes ya saben, iniciamos con "InSeitz to The Faith" (Percepción de la Fe del Obispo Seitz), presentado por el Señor Obispo Mark Seitz, así como nuestros esfuerzos de programación con

EWTN, la Radio Ave María y la Cadena ESNE. ¡Me alegraré de anunciar algunos más en un futuro muy próximo!

Los lunes a las 10 am la programación se llenará con una de las "Leyendas" de la Radio Católica en Español, aquí localmente en El Paso, "Catequesis y Liturgia" del Padre Raúl Trigeros, quien presta sus servicios en San Pedro y San Pablo. Los miércoles después de "InSeitz to the Faith" se difundirá el programa; "El Poder del Migrante", auspiciado por la Directora Ejecutiva del Ministerio de Servicios para Migrantes y Refugiados Diocesanos ("D.M.R.S"), Melissa López, quien responderá preguntas y nos informará sobre todas las cuestiones relativas a la inmigración. Luego, a partir del miércoles 1 de marzo, miércoles de Ceniza, a las 11:50 am, transmitiremos la Oración de mediodía y el Ángelus a las 12 del mediodía, el cual se difundirá diariamente de lunes a viernes a las 11:50 am.

Luego seguirá "La Casita de María" con Diana Ceniceros, un espectáculo diseñado para darle una mirada más profunda a la vida de "María, La Virgen" sobre su infancia, familia y aspiraciones. Los viernes a partir de la 1:00 pm, Gabriela Federico-Cuellar del Ministerio Reverencia para la Vida y el Diácono Frank Segura, Director del Ministerio de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar se centrarán en temas actuales, contestando preguntas y actualizaciones.

El mes de marzo se llenará con nuevos programas de nuestro Ministerio de la Juventud y actuaciones de nuestros seminaristas, organizado por nuestro enlazado compañero de la "Radio del Puente". Rolando Fonseca de la Parroquia San Juan Diego y Asistente de Vocaciones del Padre Mariano López, Rector del Seminario de San Carlos y voz del Ministerio de Vocaciones. Anunciaremos la fecha de este programa muy pronto. La Radio "The Bridge/El Puente", 1150 am también ofrecerá programas sobre Liturgia, Catequesis, Oración y Música, pero eso no es todo, ¡mucho más está por venir!

Le invito a que siga la transmisión de "El Puente", que nos visitarnos en Facebook, o en línea en: www.elpasodiocese.org, donde usted podrá ver nuestro horario diario – también, no dude en enviarnos un correo electrónico a: thebridge@elpasodiocese.org. Nuestras nuevas líneas telefónicas para el "Bridge" son: 915-872-8416 y 872-8417. Esperamos en oración entrar en la temporada de Cuaresma con un corazón abierto y una mano amiga. ¡Dios le bendiga!

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First Anniversary of the Papal Visit to the Border Region

It is with great joy and wonder that I think back to this week one year ago when our border region was blessed with the presence of Pope Francis among us. We remember how an invitation sent by the three Bishops of this region, the Bishops of Ciudad Juarez, Las Cruces and El Paso, prior to the Pope's visit to the United States, gave way to what seemed like an unlikely hope that the Pope might visit us when he came to Mexico, which in turn led to announcement that in only nine weeks he would indeed visit us. We remember those amazing days when the whole community of our region came together for this common cause, preparation for the visit of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Civil leaders, along with law enforcement on both sides of the border, came together with leaders of the Church, Catholics laity and many other people of faith.

We worked together to raise funds, to prepare logistics, to welcome visitors, to celebrate with this man who is not only the leader of the Catholic Church, but also the most respected moral leader in the world.

I personally will never forget the honor that I had to greet the Holy Father as he arrived in Ciudad Juarez, along with the other Bishops of the border region. I will never forget his warm words to me thanking us in El Paso for the way we were sharing in his visit from our side of the border showing our unity. When he climbed the ramp near the Rio Grande and prayed in silence, then blessed the Pope Francis VIP's: unaccompanied children, refugees and homeless people, gathered on the United States side of the fence, I was filled with joy. And when, during his homily at Mass, he greeted those thousands gathered in the Sun Bowl, as well as mentioning my name, I thought I had died and gone to heaven! In that personal word of greeting I heard the Pope's desire to call each of us by name.

Everyone in El Paso has a story about where they were on that day and I often hear about the impact the Pope's visit had on their lives. In the person of the Pope they felt that God noticed us here--that God drew close to us here. People in Juarez, particularly, felt that Pope Francis' visit marked a new beginning. The Mayor of Ciudad Juarez commented to me that he saw that day as one that would open a new chapter in the life of the city after those dark years when Juarez came to be known only for violence and fear. I think he spoke for many. On that day we showed the world a different face for our border region. Those many Cardinals, Bishops, civic leaders and the thousands of people who came, as well as those millions who watched on television came away struck by the friendliness and hospitality they witnessed here.

It is difficult to measure the long term impact of an event such as the visit of Pope Francis. It really can't be measured in dollars and cents or even numbers of people in the pews. I think we would all agree, events, both good and bad, help shape our lives, but no quantitative measure can easily tell the impact.

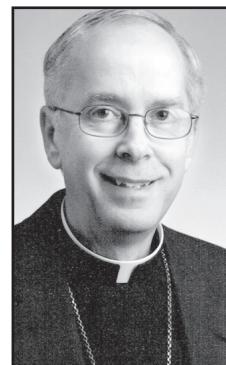
Who can know the full benefits of a day when our region was revealed before all the world in its beauty and goodness? Only God really knows the stories of faith renewed, hope restored, healing of wounds, love enkindled for God and the Church, that had its source in that day?

All I know is that February 17, 2016 will long live in my memory as a day when, in the person of the Holy Father, God drew near.

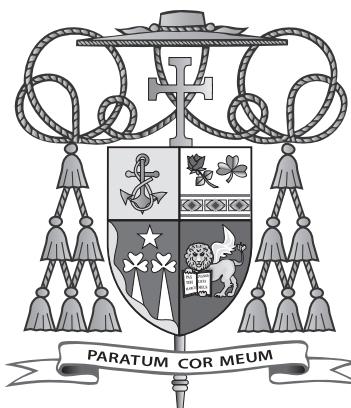
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Declaración sobre el Primer Aniversario de la Visita Papal a la Región Frontera

Es con gran alegría y admiración que recuerdo esta semana de hace un año, cuando nuestra región fronteriza estuvo bendecida con la presencia del Papa Francisco, entre nosotros. Recordamos cómo una invitación enviada por los tres obispos de esta región; el Obispo de Ciudad Juárez, el de Las Cruces y un servidor de El Paso, hecha antes de la visita del Papa a los Estados Unidos, dio paso a lo que parecía una esperanza muy poco probable de que el Papa pudiese visitarnos, cuando pudiese el venir a México, lo que a su vez, nos trajo el anuncio de que en ¡sólo nueve semanas nos visitaría! Hoy recordamos aquellos maravillosos días en que toda la comunidad de nuestra región se unió a esta causa común, preparándose para la visita de Nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco. Los líderes civiles, junto con agentes de la ley en ambos lados de la frontera, se reunieron con líderes de la Iglesia, católicos laicos y muchas otras personas de fe.

Trabajamos juntos para recaudar fondos, preparar logística, dar la bienvenida a los visitantes y celebrar con este hombre que no sólo es el líder de la Iglesia Católica, sino también el líder moral más respetado del mundo.

Yo personalmente nunca olvidaré el honor que tuve al saludar al Santo Padre cuando llegó a Ciudad Juárez, junto con los otros Obispos de la región fronteriza. Nunca olvidaré sus cálidas palabras para agradecerlos en El Paso por la forma en que compartimos su visita desde nuestro lado de la frontera, mostrando así nuestra unidad. Cuando subió a la rampa cerca del Río Grande y oró en silencio y luego bendijo a los VIP's (personas muy importantes) del Papaishop Francisco, quienes entre otros incluía a niños inmigrantes no acompañados, refugiados y personas sin hogar, reunidos en el lado estadounidense de la valla - yo estaba lleno de alegría. Y cuando durante su homilía en la Misa, saludó a los miles de reunidos en el Tazón del Sol, además de mencionar mi nombre, ¡pensé que había muerto y subí al cielo! En esa, su muy personal forma de saludo, oí el deseo del Papa de llamar a cada uno de nosotros por su nombre.

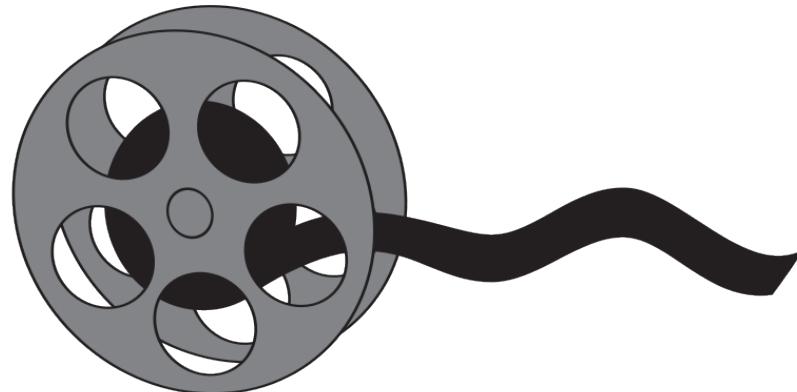
Todo el mundo en El Paso tiene su propia historia de en dónde estaban ese día y con frecuencia oigo hablar del impacto que la visita del Papa tuvo en sus vidas. En la persona del Papa, ellos sintieron que Dios notó que estamos aquí - que Dios se acercó a nosotros, aquí. La gente en Juárez, en particular, sintió que la visita del Papa Francisco marcó un nuevo comienzo. El Alcalde de Ciudad Juárez me comentó que él veía a ese día como el día en que se abriría un nuevo capítulo en la vida de la ciudad, después de esos oscuros años en que Juárez llegó a ser conocido sólo por la violencia y el miedo. Creo que él habló por muchos con ese mismo sentimiento. Ese día mostramos al mundo una cara diferente sobre nuestra región fronteriza. Aquellos muchos cardenales, obispos, líderes cívicos y miles de personas que vinieron, así como los millones que nos vieron en la televisión, resultaron impresionados por la amabilidad y la hospitalidad que presenciaron aquí.

Es difícil medir el impacto a largo plazo de un evento tan importante como fue la visita del Papa Francisco. Realmente no se puede medir en dólares y centavos, o incluso en un número de personas en las Misas. Pero creo que todos estaríamos de acuerdo que los acontecimientos, tanto buenos como malos, ayudan a moldear nuestras vidas, pero ninguna medida cuantitativa puede decir fácilmente el impacto.

¿Quién podría conocer todos los beneficios de un día en que nuestra región se reveló ante todo el mundo en su belleza y bondad? Sólo Dios conoce realmente las historias de fe renovadas, la esperanza restaurada, la curación de las heridas, el amor encendido por Dios y la Iglesia, que tuvo su fuente en ese día. Todo lo que yo sé es que el 17 de febrero del 2016 vivirá en mi memoria como un día en que en la persona del Santo Padre, Dios se nos acercó.

Excmo. Rev. Mark J. Seitz
Obispo de El Paso

Pax Christi film is about a Palestinian village



Pax Christi's film for March is the story of a Palestinian leader who unites Fatah, Hamas and Israelis in an unarmed movement to save his village from destruction. Success eludes them until his 15-year-old daughter jumps into the fray. "Budrus" is the name of the village and the name of the film.

Show time is 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, in the St. Joseph School auditorium. Entrance to the school parking lot is across from the church rectory at 1315 Travis Street, El Paso. Admission is free.

Sponsors of this series of documentary films are Pax Christi El Paso and the Peace and Justice Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso. Information: (915) 740-3962.

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El Cirio Pascual está encendido. Estamos a punto de entrar en la noche más santa. No tenemos nada más que hacer; ningún otro lugar a donde ir. Porque en esta noche, le daremos la bienvenida a los nuevos miembros a nuestra comunidad Católica. Ellos serán uno con nosotros a través del bautismo. El largo viaje que han recorrido hasta ahora está a punto de llevarlos a una nueva vida. Es la Vigilia Pascual. En esta noche gloriosa, ellos escucharán nuestra historia. La historia de la creación de Dios, de la cual ellos y nosotros formamos ciertamente parte de ella. Escucharemos repetidamente que lo que Dios creó fue bueno y que, como su creación, somos creados muy buenos. Escucharemos la historia de la promesa de Dios a Abraham; regocijarse en la historia triunfante de cómo los esclavos escaparon a través del mar; ponderen los poemas de Isaías que convoca a un pueblo oprimido que en busca de la consolación, son invitados al festín; ser convocado por Baruc para escuchar y obedecer la voz de Dios; ser llamado por Dios a través de Ezequiel a la promesa de un nuevo corazón. Justo antes de la lectura del Santo Evangelio, Pablo nos llama a un cambio total de nuestra vida al preguntarnos: “¿No saben que todos los que hemos sido incorporados a Cristo Jesús por medio del bautismo, hemos sido incorporados a él en su muerte?” Esta transformación ocurre sólo si nosotros permitimos que Dios nos transforme; es nuestra elección. Cuando nos encontramos en la oscuridad de la noche, iluminados y sintiendo el calor suscitado por esa enorme vela, reflexionamos sobre los últimos cuarenta y tres días que nos han llevado a esta noche santa.

La Cuaresma comienza con el Miércoles de Ceniza. Nos encontramos en líneas aparentemente interminables para recibir manchas de cenizas colocadas en nuestras frentes; un sombrío recordatorio de nuestras limitaciones y el llamado de la iglesia a la transformación. Durante estos cuarenta días de Cuaresma, recordamos y nos convertimos en lo que Dios creó cuando fuimos bautizados. En el miércoles de ceniza, Mateo nos recuerda que nuestra limosna, oración y el ayuno deben surgir de la conversión interna de la mente y del corazón.

En el primer domingo de Cuaresma, como Jesús, nosotros también somos llevados al desierto para ser tentados y reflexionar sobre quiénes somos, a quién adoramos y a quien realmente servimos. Jesús sabe quién es. ¿Y, nosotros? Si comprendemos que pertenecemos a Dios y a Dios solamente, Jesús nos da una idea de lo que seremos en la lectura del Santo Evangelio en el segundo domingo de Cuaresma. Jesús es transfigurado y “brilla como el sol y sus ropas se hacen blancas como la luz”. El ser transfigurado, debemos escuchar la voz que dijo: “Este es mi Hijo amado, con quien me complazco, escúchenlo”. ¿Estamos escuchando? ¿Estamos escuchando a Jesús? Si no, ¿Por qué no? ¿Estamos dispuestos a ser transfigurados, a ponernos en Cristo, y vivir sus promesas bautismales para que todo lo que hagamos sea para la gloria de Dios?

En el tercer domingo de Cuaresma, escuchamos la historia del encuentro de la mujer samaritana con Jesús. Probablemente ha venido a este pozo por años para sacar agua; en este día, Jesús la está esperando. Él la desafía; ella se resiste. Ella finalmente lo escucha mientras Él le dice, ““El que bebe de esta agua vuelve a tener sed. Pero el que beba del agua que yo le daré, nunca más tendrá sed; el agua que yo le daré se convertirá dentro de él en un manantial capaz de dar la vida eterna”. Ella pide de esa agua. ¿De qué estamos sedientos? ¿A qué pozo(s)

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On Palm Sunday, we enter with Jesus into our Jerusalem – that holy place we have created. We enter with Christ into that internal place in our hearts where we are willing to die to ourselves so we may be transformed by Christ. On Holy Thursday, Jesus prepares us for our mission by washing our feet and invites us to the sacrificial table. Are we willing to drink of his cup? Will we take up our cross and carry it? Are we willing to die to ourselves? Are we ready to enter through the torn curtain and become part of the new temple? Will our new lives reflect the risen savior?

As we watch our newest members being baptized and as we renew our baptismal promises on that most holy night, we pray that this active time spent during Lent has helped us become what God created at our baptism. We pray that God guide us to live out our baptismal promises daily. We pray that our daily lives reflect God's mission in this world.

seguimos yendo que nos deja sin vida? Después de aceptar el ofrecimiento de Jesús, se le da una misión a la mujer de ir a contarles a los demás de su encuentro con Jesús. ¿Qué encuentro con Jesús nos hará escucharlo para que nosotros seamos un manantial capaz de dar la vida eterna; para que, nosotros también, podamos compartir nuestro encuentro con Jesús?

El cuarto domingo de Cuaresma, Jesús cura a un hombre ciego de nacimiento. En esta historia, el ciego está abierto a su encuentro con Jesús y por obedecerlo, “Ve a lavarte en la piscina de Siloé” y se le concede la vista. Pero su vista va más allá de sólo ver las cosas, el hombre adquiere una visión. A través de su obediencia, el hombre ciego progresó de ver “al hombre llamado Jesús” a la plena comprensión y aceptación de Jesús como el enviado de Dios. El ciego va de la vista a la visión de la fe. ¿Qué ceguera tenemos en nuestras vidas? ¿Acaso, nuestra falta de obediencia a nuestras promesas bautismales nos ha hecho perder la fe? ¿Qué necesitamos lavar para que nuestro encuentro con Jesús nos permita creer en Él?

En el quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, Jesús resucita a Lázaro de entre los muertos. Lázaro había estado en la tumba durante cuatro días. Ni siquiera Marta, la hermana de Lázaro, quiere que la tumba se abra porque “Señor, ya huele mal, porque lleva cuatro días”. Jesús grita “¡Lázaro, sal de allí!”. Y “salió el muerto, atados con vendas las manos y los pies, y la cara envuelta en un sudario”. ¿Qué nos está atando y nos impide formar una relación viva con Jesús? ¿Qué ha muerto en nosotros que nos impide vivir como la creación que Dios formó en nuestro bautismo? ¿Qué tiene que hacer Jesús en nuestra vida para que usted pueda “¡salir!”?

En el Domingo de Ramos, entramos con Jesús en nuestra Jerusalén, ese lugar santo que nos hemos creado. Entramos con Cristo a ese lugar interno de nuestros corazones, en donde estamos dispuestos a morir por nosotros para que podamos ser transformados por Cristo. Durante el Jueves Santo, Jesús nos prepara para nuestra misión al lavarnos los pies y nos invita a la mesa del sacrificio. ¿Estamos dispuestos a beber de su copa? ¿Tomaremos nuestra cruz y la cargaremos? ¿Estamos dispuestos a morir por nosotros? ¿Estamos listos para entrar a través de la cortina rota y convertirnos en parte del templo nuevo? ¿Reflejarán nuestras vidas nuevas al salvador resucitado?

Mientras observamos cómo nuestros nuevos miembros son bautizados y al renovar nuestras promesas bautismales en la noche más santa, oremos para que este tiempo vivido durante la Cuaresma nos ayude a convertirnos en lo que Dios creó en nuestro bautismo. Oremos para que Dios nos guíe para vivir nuestras promesas bautismales diariamente. Oremos para que nuestra vida cotidiana refleje la misión de Dios en este mundo.





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Sisters Celebrate Consecrated Life

By Sister Janet Gildea, SC

Women religious of the diocese gathered at the Pastoral Center on February 18 to celebrate our calling to the vowed life. We represented fourteen of the twenty-four congregations serving the people of God in the borderland. With the encouragement of Pope Francis during the Year of Consecrated Life to “remember the past with gratitude”, the three previous Vicars/Liaisons for Women Religious offered their perspective of how religious life has evolved in our diocese over the last four decades. Sister Elisa Rodriguez, SL served women religious with Bishops Metzger, Flores and Peña. “I visited the Sisters in El Paso, West Texas and Southern New Mexico,” she reflected. It was a lot of territory to cover and she responded in particular to the need for initial and ongoing formation of the Sisters who were themselves serving in schools, parishes and social service agencies sponsored by their congregations.

Sister Helen Santamaria, SL included ministry to women religious in her role as Vice-Chancellor of the diocese with Fr. Rick Matty before and during the episcopate of Bishop Ochoa. “I first looked at the directory and quickly realized that it needed to be updated because I saw that many of the Sisters of Loretto had already died!” She began exploring around the diocese and discovered many women religious who had arrived in ones, twos and threes to serve at the border but they were not in the directory at all. Mapping out the locations

where all the women religious ministered she noted that they were in the most needy areas. “I showed the map to Bishop Ochoa and I said, “Look where the Sisters are serving. You aren’t paying them anything- but you get the credit for all they are doing!”

Sister Isabel Fierro, DC was appointed Liaison for Women Religious in 2005. A former missionary in Bolivia, the borderland was “home” for the native of Tortugas, NM and graduate of the Hotel Dieu School of Nursing. She was particularly sensitive to the needs of many women religious who found their way to the diocese after years of service in foreign missions. “They asked me to help them connect with other women religious and to acclimate to the border reality. Many of the Sisters were drawn here because of the needs. Some had Spanish and others hoped to learn it here. But they were often far from their own religious congregations and they wanted opportunities to socialize, reflect and advocate together.”

These recollections created a common ground for us to consider how we “live the present with passion”, the second recommendation of Pope Francis for the Year of Consecrated Life. During an extended time of introductions we learned which Sisters belonged to the same congregation and heard briefly about the ministries in which they are engaged. We have a wonderful representation of religious charisms, cultures and ministerial gifts in our diocese. There are seven “flavors” of Franciscans alone, not to mention several from the Dominican and St. Joseph families. We have congregations



founded for the foreign missions and many that came to the diocese during the time of religious persecution during the Mexican revolution. We are parish catechists and school teachers, social workers and counselors, therapists and spiritual directors, as well as every kind of medical professional. Sisters laughed as they talked about how often they have “retired” from one ministry only to pick up two or three other ministries!

Living the present with passion also means accepting the limitations that come with age and declining numbers. Many Sisters balance the responsibilities of full-time ministry with care of frail elders, Sisters or family members, and congregational leadership demands. Being at a distance from our places of central administration or “motherhouses” we have the challenges of staying connected with peers in community. We are involved in vocation promotion and formation of new members even as we respond to our personal call to grow in the consecrated life. Like our sisters and brothers in the laity, we struggle to balance all these competing responsibilities!

So we need to help each other, finding more effective ways to collaborate as Sisters across the diocese. This is how we respond to the third encouragement of Pope Francis: “Embrace the future with hope!” We spent the last segment of our gathering discussing what would help us to connect and support each other. In former times in

the diocese as all over the Church, religious congregations were more self-sufficient. Each had their own particular institution to administer and those schools, hospitals and agencies were staffed primarily with Sisters from the sponsoring congregation. Today, even in those sponsored institutions there are few Sisters and many are in administrative positions. More commonly the Sisters in this diocese serve in a wide variety of religious and secular organizations, making the love of Christ visible in the “existential peripheries” that Pope Francis encourages us to find. Future articles in the Rio Grande Catholic will take you to those venues with the Sisters!

Bishop Mark Seitz joined us as we concluded our day with a prayer known as lectio divina in which we steeped ourselves in the words of the Sunday gospel: “Love your enemies...turn the other cheek...be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect...” In the silence between repetitions of the gospel message we allowed the Spirit to speak in our hearts and we shared what we heard. It was an experience of the living Word among us: challenging, enlightening, nourishing and blessing. With a rousing chorus of “Vayan al Mundo” we “went out to the world” and across the grounds of the Pastoral Center to Bishop Mark’s home for a social and supper. Fed in body, soul and spirit we were full of gratitude for the gift of consecrated life that we share in the Diocese of El Paso.

Hermanas Celebran la Vida Consagrada

Por Hna. Janet Gildea, SC

Las religiosas de la diócesis se reunieron en el Centro Pastoral el 18 de febrero para celebrar nuestro llamado a la vida consagrada. Representamos catorce de las veinticuatro congregaciones que sirven en el pueblo de Dios en la frontera. Con el estímulo del Papa Francisco durante el Año de la Vida Consagrada de “recordar el pasado con gratitud”, las tres Vicarias / Enlaces para Mujeres Religiosas ofrecieron su perspectiva de cómo la vida religiosa ha evolucionado en nuestra diócesis en las últimas cuatro décadas. La Hermana Elisa Rodríguez, SL, sirvió a las religiosas con los obispos Metzger, Flores y Peña. “Visité a las hermanas en El Paso, el oeste de Texas y el sur de Nuevo México”, reflexionó. Era una gran cantidad de territorio para cubrir y ella respondió en particular a la necesidad de formación inicial y continua de las Hermanas que estaban sirviendo en escuelas, parroquias y agencias de servicio social patrocinadas por sus congregaciones.

La hermana Helen Santamaria, SL, incluyó el ministerio a las religiosas en su papel de vice-canciller de la diócesis con el Padre Rick Matty antes y durante el episcopado del Obispo Ochoa. “¡Primero miré el directorio y rápidamente me di cuenta de que necesitaba ser actualizado porque vi que muchas de las Hermanas de Loretto ya habían muerto!” Ella comenzó a explorar alrededor de la diócesis y descubrió que muchas de las religiosas que habían llegado en grupos de uno, dos o tres para servir en la frontera, no estaban en el directorio. Localizando los lugares donde todas las religiosas trabajaban, ella señaló que estaban en las áreas más necesitadas. “Le mostré el mapa al obispo Ochoa y le dije:” Mire dónde sirven las hermanas. La Diócesis no les paga nada, ¡pero obtiene el crédito por todo lo que están haciendo! “

La hermana Isabel Fierro, DC, fue designada como Enlace para Mujeres Religiosas en 2005. Ex-misionera en Bolivia, la frontera fue “hogar” para la nativa de Tortugas, NM y alumna de la Escuela de Enfermería del Hôtel Dieu. Ella era particularmente sensible a las necesidades de muchas religiosas que encontraron su camino en la diócesis después de años de servicio en misiones extranjeras. “Me pidieron que les ayudara a conectarse con otras religiosas y a aclimatarse a la realidad fronteriza. Muchas de las Hermanas fueron atraídas a esta región debido a las necesidades. Algunas hablaban español y otras esperaban aprenderlo aquí. Pero a menudo estaban lejos de sus propias congregaciones religiosas y querían oportunidades para socializar, reflexionar y abogar juntas.”

Estos recuerdos crearon una base común para considerar cómo “vivimos el presente con pasión”, la segunda recomendación del Papa Francisco para el Año de la Vida Consagrada. Durante un tiempo prolongado de introducciones aprendimos cuales Hermanas pertenecían a la misma congregación y escuchamos brevemente acerca de los ministerios en los cuales están comprometidos. Tenemos una maravillosa representación de carismas religiosos, culturas y dones ministeriales en nuestra diócesis. Hay siete “sabores” de los franciscanos, por no mencionar varios de las familias dominicanas y de San José. Tenemos congregaciones fundadas para las misiones extranjeras y muchas que



llegaron a la diócesis durante la época de la persecución religiosa durante la revolución mexicana. Somos catequistas parroquiales y maestras de escuelas, trabajadoras en servicios sociales y consejeras, terapeutas y directoras espirituales, así como todo tipo de profesionales médicos. ¡Las hermanas se rieron mientras hablaban de cuántas veces se habían “retirado” de un ministerio sólo para recoger dos o tres ministerios más!

Vivir el presente con pasión también significa aceptar las limitaciones que vienen con la edad y la disminución de los números. Muchas hermanas equilibran las responsabilidades del ministerio a tiempo completo con el cuidado de ancianos débiles, hermanas o familiares, y demandas de liderazgo congregacional. Estar a una distancia de nuestros lugares de administración centrales o de la “casa maternal de la congregación” tenemos los desafíos de permanecer conectados con las compañeras en la comunidad. Participamos en la promoción vocacional y la formación de nuevas

miembros, aun cuando respondamos a nuestro llamado personal para crecer en la vida consagrada. ¡Como nuestras hermanas y hermanos en el laicado, luchamos para equilibrar todas estas responsabilidades competidoras!

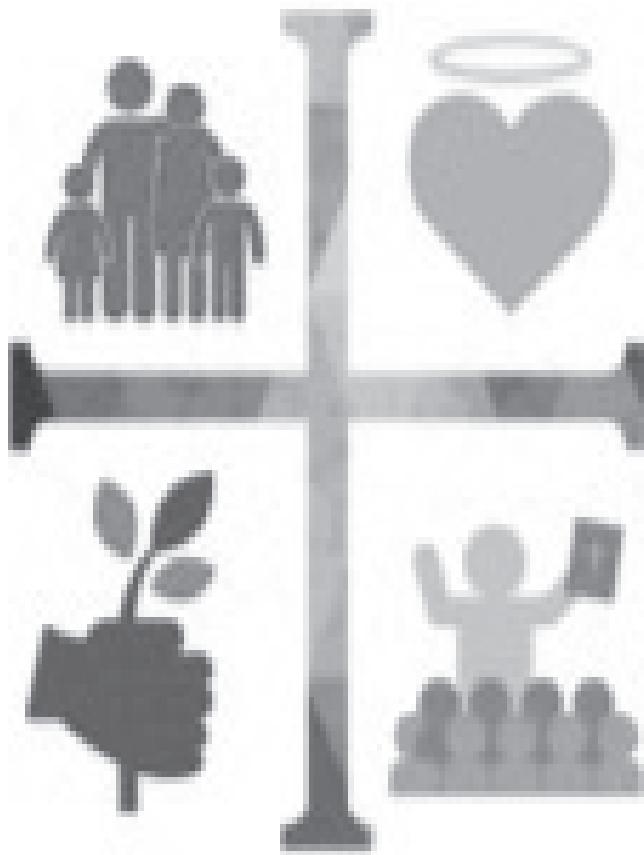
Así que necesitamos ayudarnos mutuamente, encontrando formas más efectivas de colaborar como Hermanas a través de la diócesis. Así es como respondemos al tercer estímulo del Papa Francisco: “¡Abrace el futuro con esperanza!” Pasamos el último segmento de nuestra reunión conversando sobre lo que nos ayudaría a conectarnos y apoyarnos mutuamente. En tiempos pasados en la diócesis como en toda la Iglesia, las congregaciones religiosas eran más autosuficientes. Cada uno tenía su propia institución particular para administrar y aquellas escuelas, hospitales y agencias eran atendidos principalmente con Hermanas de la congregación patrocinadora. Hoy en día,

incluso en esas instituciones patrocinadas, hay pocas Hermanas y muchas están en cargos administrativos. Más comúnmente las Hermanas en esta diócesis sirven en una amplia variedad de organizaciones religiosas y seculares, haciendo visible el amor de Cristo en las “periferias existenciales” que el Papa Francisco nos anima a encontrar. ¡Los artículos futuros en el Río Grande Catholic las hermanas nos llevarán a esos lugares!

El Señor Obispo Mark Seitz se unió con nosotras cuando concluimos nuestro día con una oración llamada lectio divina en la cual nos empapamos en las palabras del evangelio dominical: “Ama a tus enemigos ... haz que la otra mejilla ... sea perfecta como tu Padre celestial es perfecto ...” En el silencio entre las repeticiones del mensaje del evangelio permitimos que el Espíritu hablara en nuestros corazones y compartiésemos lo que oímos. Fue una experiencia de la Palabra viva entre nosotros: desafiante, iluminador, nutritivo y bendecido. Con un coro animado de “Vayan al Mundo” salimos al mundo “y por los terrenos del Centro Pastoral a la casa del Obispo Mark para una cena social. Alimentados en cuerpo, alma y espíritu, estábamos llenas de gratitud por el don de vida consagrada que compartimos en la Diócesis de El Paso.

Stewardship Certification Course to be offered through Tepeyac Institute

By: Karina Sandoval, Stewardship Coordinator



The Stewardship Office at the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso will offer a Stewardship Certification Course in English and Spanish on the weekends of March 4 and 11 through Tepeyac Institute.

The certification course will provide a theological understanding of a stewardship way of life, living as disciples in our world today by being conscious of the different challenges that our parishes face and how we, as stewards of our faith, can grow in our faith in order to help our parish. This course is designed for both individuals interested in working in Stewardship Ministry in their parishes, as well as individuals seeking a deeper understanding of the spirituality of stewardship for personal growth.

The courses will be given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 499 St. Matthews Street on Saturday, March 4 and 11 from 8 am-12 pm in English and from 1-5 pm in Spanish. The Stewardship Certification Course will give you the opportunity to better serve in your parish with an informed conscience of living a discipleship life of praying, serving and giving. Students completing the course as well as the Basic Christian Formation Course through Tepeyac Institute are eligible to be certified as Stewardship Ministers and will be installed by Bishop Seitz for ministry in their parishes.

To register please contact the Tepeyac Institute at 915-872-8420 or you can visit their webpage www.tepeyacinstitute.com for more information. The registration fee is \$20.

For more information from the Office of Stewardship or how to create a Stewardship Ministry in your parish, please contact Karina Sandoval at 915-872-8412, or by email at ksandoval@elpasodiocese.org



Certificación en Corresponsabilidad

Escrito por: Karina Sandoval, Coordinador en Corresponsabilidad



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Other Persons Are a Gift

By Sister Constance Veit, I.s.p.

A few days ago I met a very little girl who made a big impression on me. Grace and her older brother Benedict suffer from a rare genetic disorder that has resulted in serious hearing impairment and limited physical growth. The two come to our home for the elderly each week with their mother to pray the rosary with our Residents. Watching Grace and Benedict interact with the elderly, I was amazed by their maturity and graciousness. I almost felt that I was in the presence of angels – such was the radiance of these two beautiful little ones in the midst of our frail seniors.

In all likelihood, Grace and Benedict will never make an impact on the world scene, and yet I believe that they, and so many other little, hidden souls, make a huge difference in our world spiritually. This is what our Holy Father is suggesting by his Lenten message this year. The theme he has proposed for our 2017 journey through Lent is The Word Is a Gift. Other

Persons Are a Gift

Using the parable of Lazarus and the rich man from St. Luke's Gospel, Pope Francis turns our attention to those whom we might usually ignore. He compares the anonymity of the rich man, who is never named in Scripture, with Lazarus, who appears with a specific name and a unique story. Lazarus "becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast."

The Holy Father continues, "Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their

value." Lent, he says, is a favorable season for recognizing the face of Christ in God's little ones. "Each of us meets people like this every day," says the pope. "Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable."



Sister Constance Viet, I.s.p.
Guest Columnist

to the least of his brothers and sisters we do to him, she opened her heart and her home definitively to the needy elderly of her day. She often counseled the young Little Sisters, "Never

forget that the poor are Our Lord ... When you will be near the poor give yourself wholeheartedly, for it is Jesus himself whom you care for in them."

Jeanne Jugan looked upon each elderly person with the loving gaze of Christ and so she saw each one as a treasure worthy of reverence and loving care. She knew that despite outward appearances, each person to whom she offered hospitality was someone for whom Christ died and rose again; each one was someone worthy of the gift of her own life.

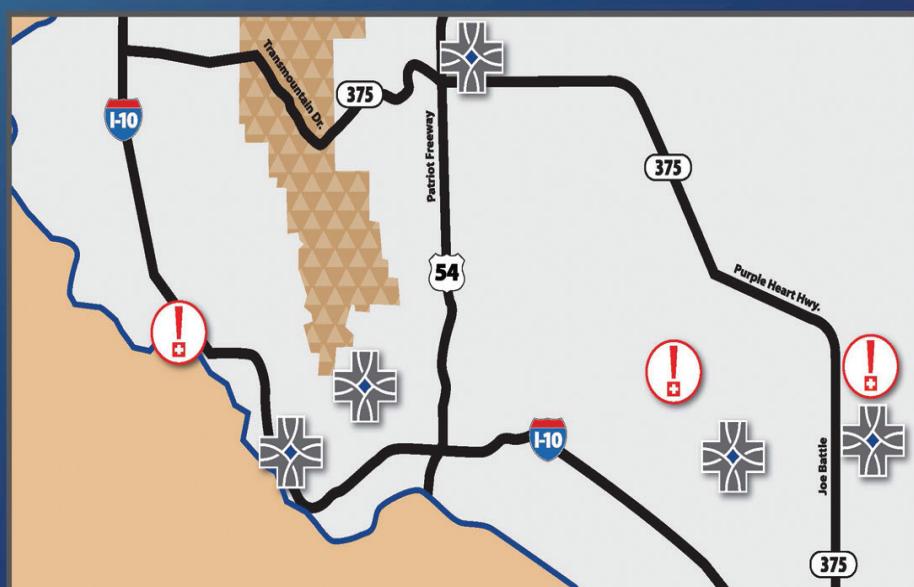
Pope Francis' prayer this Lent is that the Holy Spirit will lead us "on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need." Let us pray for one another, he concluded, "so that by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and the poor. Then we will be able to share to the full the joy of Easter."

I thank God for my recent encounter with Grace and Benedict, for they opened my eyes anew to the beauty in each human person. My wish for you this Lent is that God lead might you to a similar life-changing encounter.

Sister Constance Veit is the director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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- Desmayo o mareos repentinos
- Cambios en la visión
- Hemorragia incontrolable
- Tos o vómitos con sangre
- Confusión o cambios en el estado mental
- Huesos rotos

Cuando buscar un centro de atención urgente:

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- Esguinces o distensiones
- Tos, resfriados o dolores de garganta
- Infección de oídos
- Reacciones alérgicas (sin amenaza de vida)
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- Asma leve
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Our Pilgrimage to Chihuahua

By Deacon Jesús A. Cardenas, PhD

Last week, Bishop Mark J. Seitz with a group of 70 laity, three priests, a deacon and seven seminarians had a marvelous experience when we went to Chihuahua city and surrounding towns to see those roads that St. Pedro de Jesus Maldonado walked some time ago, the first saint from Chihuahua.

The pilgrimage began on Thursday morning when the pilgrims gathered outside the Pastoral Center to board the buses that would take us to this beautiful colonial city founded in 1709. Upon our arrival to the city, we were welcomed at the hotel by representatives of the host parish, by the coordination group and many people who treated us very friendly during our stay there. In the afternoon, we attended the pilgrimage opening mass at the Cathedral of Chihuahua, a beautiful baroque construction from 1725. Because San Pedro Maldonado was a Knight of Columbus himself, this organization guards the relics of the saint, consisting on his bones. Fathers Arturo Bañuelas, Fabian Marquez and Elvis Granados celebrated the mass. The knights processed into the cathedral carrying the beautiful urn with the relics of the saint that were placed at the front of the altar, so that at the end of the celebration, all pilgrims were able to approach and touch the urn, a great experience!

Father Maldonado died in times of religious cult prohibition, and his body was carried on the shoulders of over 7,000 people who were tired of the government prohibiting cult, and they went out to the streets, and rang the bells of the cathedral and all temples, to force the stop of the government's cult prohibition.

On Friday, we visited the church of St. Charbel, a Maronite community church claimed to be the largest in the world. The place is beautiful! Monks and Lebanese descendants who make most of this congregation have kept their tradition throughout the years. Later in the afternoon, we went to visit the place where the community is meeting while they build the temple for the saint. Bishop Seitz celebrated mass with the assistance of four priests; two from Chihuahua and two from El Paso. Relics of the saint as well as papers, stoles and other objects that belonged to him were shown to us there. We even had the opportunity of meeting an old man who knew San Pedro and shared with us some of his anecdotes.

That night, a group of talented young people presented the drama of the saint's life. We learned so much about his life and ideas, presented all in a very simple but powerful presentation.

Saturday was a very busy day, as we started early participating in the pilgrimage to the future site of the sanctuary; we walked that long path from the "El Reliz" park to the hill where the sanctuary will be built. There was a large number of priests, laity, mactachines, and a long line of youth to protect the participants. At the top of the hill, the Archbishop of Chihuahua Constancio Miranda Weckmann and our bishop concelebrated a special mass. The subject of the union of both dioceses was brought about, admitting that faith unites us, but now we have something more uniting us: we are sharing a Saint.

That afternoon we drove for 30 miles to Boquilla del Rio, the place where Father Maldonado was arrested. Upon arrival, the community was waiting for us to celebrate mass together. The church is beautiful and they brought many relics, like to booth where Padre Maldonado used to hear confessions, as well as his vestments. Some relics of the saint were also present there, inside a beautiful urn. After mass we had the opportunity of sharing with some locals who met Father Maldonado or received a sacrament from his hands. It was a moving experience to realize that the saint touched them when he was still with them.

After sharing with this beautiful people, we follow the path of martyrdom of Father Maldonado, all the way to the city hall where he was brutally beaten and left almost dead. There is a beautiful plaza in front of the city hall, and also a beautiful church built in 1815, where Father Maldonado used to minister the surrounding communities. The priest who takes care of Santa Isabel is also responsible for other 21 communities around this county.

On Sunday, we drove 77 miles to the town of San Francisco de Borja, a place where the saint exercised his ministry with the local and surrounding Tarahumaras' communities. Bishop celebrated Sunday mass there, and we had the opportunity of enjoying warmth welcome by a group of women who cooked for us. In the afternoon, before coming back to El Paso, we went to the Namurachi Canyon, where Father Maldonado celebrated masses hiding from the government spies. With the perfect acoustics of the place, all pilgrims praised God with hymns and prayers, ending our journey praying for the seminarians, which we placed under the intercession of Padre Maldonado.

It was a really marvelous experience for all of us who for four days followed the footsteps of San Pedro Maldonado. Now we can say: Viva Cristo Rey! Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! Viva el Padre Maldonado!



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Nuestra Peregrinación a Chihuahua

Por Deacon Jesús A. Cardenas, PhD

En febrero, el obispo Mark J. Seitz con un grupo de 70 laicos, tres sacerdotes, un diacono y siete seminaristas tuvimos una maravillosa experiencia cuando fuimos a la ciudad de Chihuahua y pueblo circunvecinos para ver esos caminos que recorrió hace algún tiempo San Pedro de Jesús Maldonado, el primer santo de Chihuahua.

La peregrinación inició en jueves en la mañana cuando los peregrinos nos reunimos afuera del Centro Pastoral para abordar los camiones que nos llevarían a esta hermosa ciudad colonial fundada en 1709. A nuestro arribo a la ciudad, nos dieron la bienvenida en el hotel representantes de la parroquia anfitriona, por el grupo coordinador y mucha gente que nos trató muy amigablemente durante nuestra estadía allí. En la tarde, participamos en la misa de apertura de la peregrinación en la Catedral of Chihuahua, una Hermosa construcción barroca del 1725. Debido a que San Pedro Maldonado fue Caballero de Colón, esta organización resguarda las reliquias del santo, que consisten en sus huesos. Los padres Arturo Bañuelas, Fabián Márquez y Elvis Granados celebraron la misa. Los caballeros procesaron en la catedral llevando una hermosa urna con las reliquias del santo, la cuales fueron colocadas en frente del altar, así que al final de la celebración, todos los peregrinos pudieron acercarse a tocar la urna, ¡fue una gran experiencia!

El Padre Maldonado murió en tiempos de prohibición del culto religioso, y su cuerpo fue llevado en hombros por más de 7,000 personas que estaban cansadas de que el gobierno los prohibiera el culto, así que salieron a las calles y sonaron las campanas de la catedral y de todos los templos, para forzar el alto a la prohibición del gobierno al culto.

El viernes, visitamos la iglesia de San Charbel, una iglesia de la comunidad Maronita que dicen es la más grande del mundo. ¡El lugar es hermoso! Monjes



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y descendientes de libaneses forman principalmente esta congregación que ha mantenido su tradición a través de los años. Luego en la tarde visitamos el lugar donde se reúne la comunidad mientras construyen el templo para el santo. El obispo Seitz celebró misa con la asistencia de cuatro sacerdotes; dos de Chihuahua y dos de El Paso. Nos enseñaron allí reliquias del santo, así como papeles, estolas y otros objetos que pertenecieron a él. Hasta tuvimos la oportunidad de conocer a un hombre que conoció a San Pedro y que compartió con nosotros algunas de sus anécdotas.

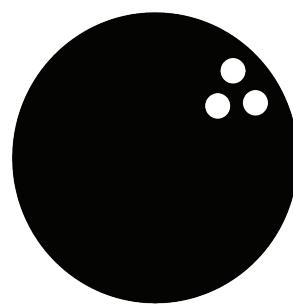
Esa noche, un grupo de jóvenes talentosos presentaron el drama de la vida del santo. Aprendimos mucho de su vida e ideas, presentadas todas ellas en forma de una simple y poderosa presentación.

El sábado fue un día muy ocupado, ya que empezamos temprano en la peregrinación al sitio del futuro santuario; caminamos ese largo trecho desde el parque "El Reliz" hasta el cerro donde se construirá el santuario. Había un gran número de sacerdotes, laicos, matachines, y una larga línea de jóvenes que protegía a los participantes. Arriba del cerro, el Arzobispo de Chihuahua Constancio Miranda Weckmann y nuestro obispo concelebraron una misa especial. El asunto de la unión entre ambas diócesis fue presentado, admitiendo que la fe nos une, pero ahora tenemos algo que nos une más: compartimos un Santo.

Esa misma tarde, viajamos 30 millas a Boquilla del Rio, el lugar donde el Padre Maldonado fue arrestado. Al llegar allí, la comunidad nos estaba esperando para celebrar misa juntos. La iglesia es Hermosa y ellos trajeron muchas reliquias, tales como el confesionario donde el Padre Maldonado escuchaba a sus feligreses, así como sus vestiduras. Algunas de las reliquias del santo también estaban allí presentes, dentro de una hermosa urna. Después de misa tuvimos la oportunidad de compartir con algunas de las personas locales que conocieron al Padre Maldonado o recibieron algún sacramento de sus manos. Fue una emotiva experiencia darnos cuenta de que el santo los tocó a ellos cuando todavía estaba con ellos. Después de compartir con esta bella gente, seguimos el camino del martirio del Padre Maldonado hasta la presidencia municipal donde fue brutalmente golpeado y dejado casi por muerto. Hay una bella plaza enfrente de la presidencia municipal, y también una Hermosa iglesia construida en el año 1815, donde el Padre Maldonado ejercía su ministerio a las comunidades vecinas. El sacerdote que se encarga de Santa Isabel también es responsable de otras 21 comunidades alrededor de este municipio.

El domingo, viajamos 77 millas hasta el pueblo de San Francisco de Borja, un lugar donde el santo ejerció su ministerio con las comunidades locales y vecinas Tarahumaras. El obispo celebró la misa dominical allí, y luego tuvimos la oportunidad de disfrutar la cálida bienvenida de un grupo de mujeres que cocinaron para nosotros. Ya en la tarde, antes de regresar a El Paso, fuimos al Cañón de Namúrachi, donde el Padre Maldonado celebró misas a escondidas de los espías del gobierno. Con la acústica perfecta del lugar, todos los peregrinos alabamos a Dios con himnos y oraciones, finalizando nuestro viaje orando por nuestros seminaristas, a los que pusimos bajo la intercesión del Padre Maldonado.

Fue realmente una maravillosa experiencia para todos los que por cuatro días seguimos los pasos de San Pedro Maldonado. Ahora podemos decir: ¡Viva Cristo Rey! ¡Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! ¡Viva el Padre Maldonado!



BOWLING for SEMINARIANS

For 100 years, the Catholic Church has served the people of El Paso and the surrounding West Texas communities. Today, we remain a strong community of faith built on the convictions of our predecessors and the many faithful who today call the Diocese of El Paso home.

One of our greatest areas of focus is the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund, created to ensure continual resources for the recruitment and training of seminarians to serve as the future leadership of our diocese. Recruiting and educating seminarians is a significant and critical investment and the responsibility of providing priests for the Diocese of El Paso, both spiritually and financially, belongs to all of us.

We have 22 seminarians in formation, a 100% increase from 2008 with more men entering next fall. They are good men: dedicated, intelligent, joyful, generous and committed. Each man has his own story, his own set of gifts that he brings to our diocese.

Because the number of seminarians is increasing, so is our need to raise money for their education and living costs. The average cost to train one seminarian exceeds \$30,000 annually. Each year, we need more than \$900,000 to assist our seminarians with tuition, room and board, health care and other expenses—including inviting more men to consider the priesthood. Your gift to the endowed fund or a direct gift for a scholarship fund



Please reflect upon the many blessings and gifts you have received from God, and remember that we are all called to be good stewards, by sharing our gifts with others in a meaningful way. By supporting the needs of today, we will carry on the rich heritage of those who came before us.

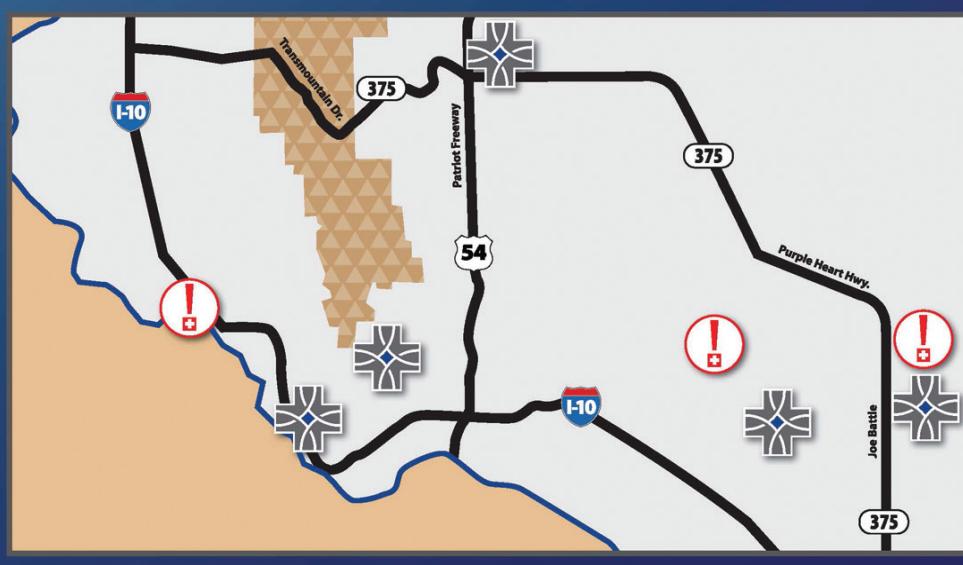
Become part of the Bishop's Legacy Circle by creating a Named Fund with a gift of \$10,000 or more. Consider a gift or pledge of \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000 over 5 years and help us ordain more priests for our children and grandchildren.

Visit the Catholic Foundation's website at elpasodiocesefoundation.org to learn more about the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund and to set up your gift on our secure website or contact Major Gifts Officer Sofia Larkin Appleby. To learn more about seminarian education and vocations to the priesthood, contact Fr. Mariano H. López, Rector of St. Charles Seminary at the Vocations Office at 915.872.8460 or mlopez@elpasodiocese.org.

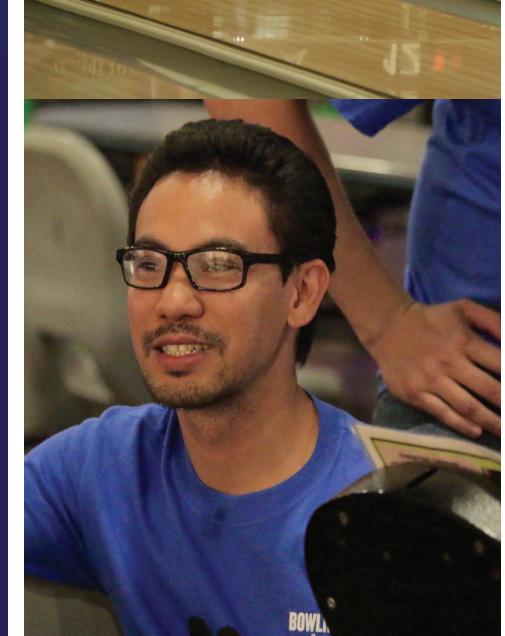
You can reach Major Gifts Officer Sofia Larkin Appleby at 915.872.8412 or slappleby@elpasodiocese.org. The Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso is located at 499 St. Matthews Street and office hours are Monday – Friday, 9-12, 1-5, and by appointment.

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- Coughing or vomiting blood
- Confusion or changes in mental status
- Broken Bones

When to seek an urgent care center:

- Minor burns or injuries
- 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Cathedral High School

Cathedral High School is now accepting Online Applications for Admission. Application period is going on now through August 2017. The Online Application Link is: <http://cathedral-elpaso.org/admissions-2/freshman-registration/>. Scholarships are also available. For the 2016-2017 school year, Cathedral awarded over \$300,000 in aid. Deadline for scholarships vary. Please contact Mario Vazquez, Director of Admissions, at 915-532-3238 ext. 686 or via email at mvazquez09@cathedral-elpaso.org for scholarship applications, tours, information, etc. For more information call 915-532-3238.

Father Yermo Schools

Our mission is to provide children with a family environment; the best academic preparation, the most affordable rates to help children become successful in this multicultural and complex society affirming their dignity and Catholic values. Father Yermo Schools is a Pre-K to 12th grade co-education school. Registration fee for Pre-K to 8th grade & LEP is \$350 (Early Bird is \$300) and 9th to 12th grade is \$450 (Early Bird is \$400). Early Bird registration expires April 28. For more information about tuition and admission requirements, please call Father Yermo Schools at 915-532-6875.

Most Holy Trinity School

Registration will begin at Most Holy Trinity School on March 13, 2017. Registration Fee is \$190 and Tuition is \$4,200 per year. For more registration information or to set up a tour, please contact Most Holy Trinity School at 915-751-2566.

Our Lady of the Valley School

Our Lady of the Valley School is currently open for registration. The school serves children from 4K through 8th grade. For more information call 915-859-6448.

St. Joseph School

Registration is now being accepted by St. Joseph School. Monthly Tuition is automatically drafted on a monthly basis from July-April through FACTS. All families must register with FACTS. Tuition is: \$400 per month – Pre-K; \$470 per month – Kinder; \$570 per month – One Child; \$980 per month – Two Children; \$1,370 per month – Three Children; \$1,820 per month – Four Children; and \$2,275 per month – Five Children. St. Joseph School offers a Military Discount and Parishioner Discount. There are also other fees that apply (please see school for more information) and an After-School Care Program. Information: 915-566-1661.

St. Matthew Catholic School

St. Matthew Catholic School is currently registering students in grades 4K

News Around The Catholic Schools

Office of Education: 2017 SEED Awards

Elizabeth Carreon, a third-grade teacher at St. Patrick Cathedral School, has been selected as the Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 for the El Paso Catholic Schools. The announcement was made at the annual SEED Award Banquet held recently at the El Paso Museum of Art. The other Teacher of the Year nominees were: Yvonne H. Fraire, Our Lady of Assumption; Yolanda Guevara, St. Pius X; Susan Garcia, St. Raphael; and Amanda Murillo-Estrada, St. Matthew. During the awards banquet, the outstanding Faculty/Staff member, Volunteer, Benefactor and Alumnus for each of the 11 Catholic schools were also named and presented with awards. They are:

Cathedral High:

Mari Flores (Faculty/Staff), Trisha Brittain (Volunteer), Gabriel & Stephanie Nathan (Benefactor), Luis Lujan (Alumni)

Father Yermo:

Anabel Gonzalez and Jesus Ruvalcaba (Faculty/Staff), Armida Leyva (Volunteer), Gary Paul Porras (Benefactor), Claudia Posada-Raymond (Alumni)

Loretto:

Dr. Susannah Aquilina, PhD and Liza Harvey (Faculty/Staff), Concepcion & Ruben Perez (Volunteer), Rosa & Art Saenz (Benefactor), Sandra Almanzan (Alumni)

Most Holy Trinity:

Martha Cortez (Faculty/Staff), Mary Lopez (Volunteer), Knights of Columbus (Benefactor), Nannette Gonzalez (Alumni)

Our Lady of Assumption:

Christy Hernandez (Faculty/Staff), Veronica Luevano Amparan (Volunteer), LOLA's (Benefactor), Oscar Villalba (Alumni)

Our Lady of the Valley:

Mirta Anchondo (Faculty/Staff), Sandra Caro (Volunteer), Ricardo Estrada (Benefactor), Eddy Cardona (Alumni)

St. Joseph:



through 8th for the 2017-2018 academic school year. Interested students must interview with the school principal and be accepted in order to enroll. A recent report card must accompany the student to the interview. There is limited space in all grades. Tuition for the 2017-2018 academic year will be \$4,700.00 with a \$400 registration fee. Financial aid is available for families who qualify. St. Matthew Catholic School is currently in its 11th year and is located in El Paso's west side. It is a school rich in catholic identity, community, and offers a rigorous academic curriculum. Please go to our school web site at [www.stmatthewelpaso.org](http://stmatthewelpaso.org) and read about a few highlights that make our school special. We look forward to hearing from you. Information: 915-581-8801.

St. Patrick Cathedral School

St. Patrick Cathedral School's goal is to assist in the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of its students in a safe, positive and supportive environment. Open registration is on-going. 2017-2018 Registration Fee is \$500 and Tuition is \$4,560 per student. St. Patrick Cathedral School also offers discounts for multiple student families, referrals, first responders and active military. The school offers After School Care from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at \$4 per hour. For more information or to set up a visit to the school, please call 915-532-4142.

St. Pius X School

2017-2018 Registration is now open at St. Pius X Catholic School. For over 60 years, St. Pius X School has been an academic excellence of choice to families in our border community. St. Pius X offers elementary instruction with courses beginning with 4-year-old Pre-Kinder through 5th grade. The middle school program is geared for 6 – 8th grades. Our popular Pre-Kinder and Kinder programs are full-day instruction. Many parents take advantage and appreciate the availability of our before and after-school care. If you've been thinking about giving your child a Catholic education, we can make it happen for you. Come experience the difference we are making in the lives of our students. We welcome the opportunity to give you a tour of our campus. No appointment is necessary. Our school hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Visit us on the web to view our virtual tour at elpasostpiusx.org or give us a call at 915-772-6598.

St. Raphael School

Registration information for St. Raphael School. Registration is \$285 per student. Tuition is \$4,500 a year. Parishioner discount is \$4,300 a year. Discount available for additional siblings. Registration begins February 27. For more information call 915-598-2241.



Delia Fernandez (Faculty/Staff), Carla Miranda (Volunteer), Laura Valladares (Benefactor), Alfonso Diaz (Alumni)

St. Matthew:

Amanda Murillo-Estrada (Faculty/Staff), Ofelia Vargas (Volunteer), Rick Barraza (Benefactor)

St. Patrick Cathedral:

Libia Pedroza (Faculty/Staff), Pifas Silva (Volunteer), Miguel Quintana (Benefactor), Tatiana Avila (Alumni)

St. Pius X:

Selena Flores (Faculty/Staff), Cynthia Macias (Volunteer), Sergio Hernandez (Benefactor), Martha Avila (Alumni)

St. Raphael:

Susie Garcia (Faculty/Staff), Mayra Jaquez-Estrada (Volunteer), Bonnie Solis (Benefactor), Stephanie Vasquez (Alumni)

George Yapor, of Popular Mattress, was also presented with the Superintendent's Award for his contribution to the Diocesan schools and the El Paso community. Yapor is a graduate of St. Pius X School and Cathedral High School, class 1966. The award was presented by Sister Elizabeth Anne Swartz, SSND, superintendent of schools.

The 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. This is the 21st year that the awards are presented.



News Around The Catholic Schools

Office of Education: Diocesan Raffle

The Office of Education invites the El Paso community to the Seventeenth Annual Diocesan Raffle Carnival at St. Joseph School's gymnasium, 1300 Lamar, on Saturday, March 4. The festival will be from 12-4pm. The carnival is free and will include food, games, entertainment and the raffle winner announcements.

The raffle prizes include: Grand Prize: \$4,000 VISA Gift Card, 1st Prize: \$3,000 VISA Gift Card, 2nd Prize: \$2,000 VISA Gift Card and 3rd Prize: \$1,000 VISA Gift Card.

The 11 El Paso Diocesan schools raffle sales started during National Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 29-Feb. 4). Tickets for the raffle are available at your local Catholic school and should be available to purchase at the carnival, depending on supply availability. The carnival is held annually to draw the winning raffle tickets and to help raise funds for the schools through the carnival's activities and food booths.

Various food booths will be set up selling carnival food items and will also have plenty of fun games/activities.

This is the 21st year the Office of Education holds the Diocesan Raffle. The raffle is sponsored by the Diocese of El Paso Education Assistance Fund and helps raise funds for schools, with 83% of the proceeds going directly to the schools and the balance after expenses going to the Scholarship Assistance Fund. The schools directly benefitting include: Cathedral High, Father Yermo Schools, Our Lady of Assumption, Our Lady of the Valley, St. Matthew, Loretto Academy, St. Pius X, St. Joseph, St. Patrick Cathedral, St. Raphael and Holy Trinity.

Information: 915-872-8426

St. Joseph School: UTEP Young Achiever's Forum

Sixth grade students from St. Joseph School will attend the Young Achiever's Forum at UTEP on March 4. They were selected to be part of a unique program that inspires students to make a connection between middle school and college/career. A great number of community leaders representing various professional fields will mentor the students. A number of specialized workshops covering areas such as STEM, Business, Medical, and Fine Arts will be made available to the students.

Information: 915-566-1661

St. Patrick Cathedral School: St. Patrick's Day Parade

St. Patrick Cathedral School will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day festivities on Friday, March 17. In addition, St. Patrick Cathedral is celebrating its centennial anniversary. The public is invited to a St. Patrick's Day Mass in the Cathedral at 9 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Seitz, assisted by Fr. Trini Fuentez. A parade kicks off at 11 a.m. near the intersection of Stanton and Arizona, proceeding up Stanton St., onto River St. and down Kansas St. "More parade participants and spectators are expected due to St. Patrick Cathedral's centennial anniversary," said Liliana Esparza, school principal. "We expect more participation from our fellow diocesan schools and the community. We invite all former St. Patrick students and their families to walk or ride in the parade." If you are planning to attend the parade as a participant, please contact Liliana Esparza at lesparza@stpatrickelpaso.org or Jessica Brito at mbrito@stpatrickelpaso.org. Both can be reached at 915-532-4142. For more information regarding the cathedral parish's centennial activities, sponsored by St. Patrick Cathedral, you can call 915-533-4451.

Information: 915-532-4142

St. Matthew Catholic School: Diocesan Academic and Speech & Drama Tournament

St. Matthew will host the Diocesan Academic and Speech and Drama Tournaments on March 30 and April 1, 2017. The tournament is for all 7th and 8th grade students in our Diocesan Schools. We look forward to hosting this event for the first time.

Information: 915-581-8801

St. Patrick Cathedral School: Movie Club

What started off as a fun idea and an interest club has become the "coolest teaching tool." Elizabeth Carreon, third-grade teacher at St. Patrick Cathedral School, came up with the idea of starting a movie club to give younger students an option for extra-curricular activities. "Most extra-curricular activities such as sports are limited to middle school students. I wanted to give third through fifth grade students another option," said Carreon. Don't be fooled. This club isn't just about sitting around and watching movies. "I want the children to learn about and appreciate the art of film, story-telling, production and distribution," explained Carreon. Skyler Carreon, a film student at UTEP, and Mia Carreon, actor/director at Kids-N-Co., have also lent a hand in making this club fun and educational. "I want to share with them the structure of a movie in terms of acts and how the hero grows within those acts," said Skyler. "It helps them to see a movie from a different perspective and hopefully enjoy it more." Students are inadvertently transferring the knowledge they acquire from the movie club to the classroom. "I have noticed that my son is being more creative and thoughtful when he writes his essays," said parent, Libia Pedroza. "He talks about developing his story and making it interesting for the reader. I think this one of the coolest teaching



tools I've seen a teacher use in a while." In February, club members and their families enjoyed an interactive viewing of "The Princess Bride" at the Alamo Draft House. More field trips are planned for the coming months as well. "We are planning a tour of the Plaza Theatre in hopes that at the start of the 2017-2018 school year we can attend the El Paso Film Festival," said Mrs. Carreon. "I think the club members would really enjoy that."

Information: 915-532-4142

Our Lady of the Valley: Anniversary Celebration

OLV School closed out Catholic Schools Week with a celebration of their 65th Anniversary. An anniversary mass, followed with a reception, was held Saturday, February 4, at Our Lady of the Valley Church. In attendance were the pastor, Fr. Cyprian Uline, staff, current OLV School families and students, school board members, parishioners, and alumni. The school's National Junior Honor Society members assisted as hosts, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, provided music, served the guests, and helped with the door prizes and raffle. The school principal, Cynthia Vargas, gave the welcome and opening prayer, and school board members addressed guests. After everyone in attendance was served, a power-point presentation was shown with photos from every decade. The highlight of the evening was viewing photos of when the school was built in 1951 and following the changes of the school through the decades. The evening ended with cutting and serving of the anniversary cake.

Information: 915-859-6448

Most Holy Trinity: Students provide artwork for calendar

Three MHT students had their artwork featured in the Texas Floodplain Association 2017 Calendar. Ariana Rodriguez, Cesar Solis and Cassandra Sanchez, all sixth-grade students, submitted colored drawings last Spring which were chosen

in a statewide contest to become theme pictures for the months of January (Ariana), April (Cesar) and October (Cassandra). Rodriguez said, "I entered because I knew it would be a good cause. I



knew it was happening, but I didn't know people were drowning." The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drowning occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous floodwater. When the students found out their pictures had been chosen, they were very excited. "I was very surprised I won, because I thought about all the people who entered," said Sanchez. "My mother said I had to get all the calendars I can once they came out." The students also said that their families were very proud of them.

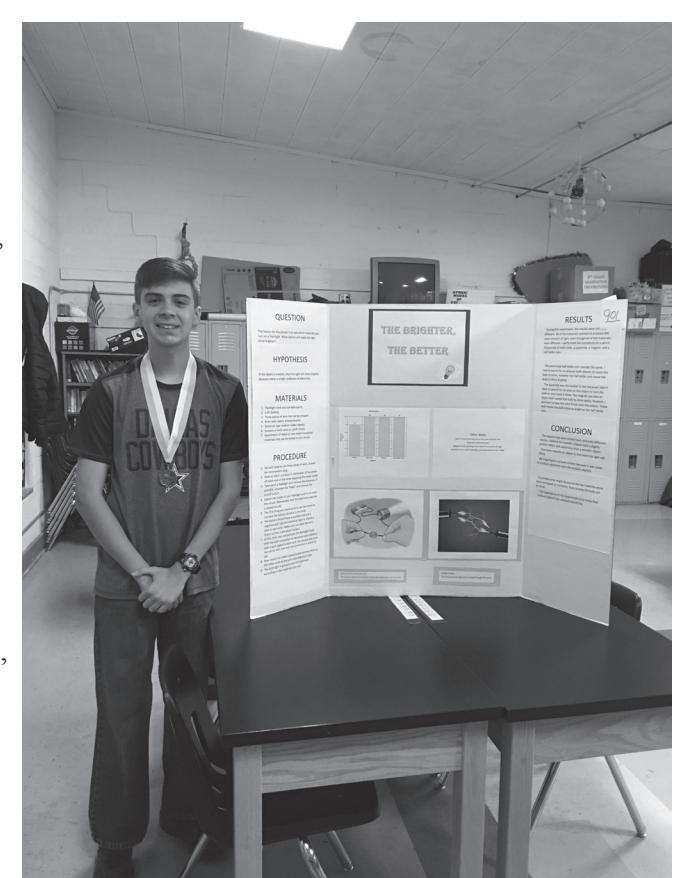
Information: 915-751-2566

Our Lady of the Valley: Science Fair Winner

On February 11, the Diocesan Science Fair was held at St. Joseph School. OLV School sent several students to the fair and one student received an award. Seventh-grader, Alex Chavez, received a second place award under the Engineering category. His project dealt with electricity and was titled: "The Brighter, the Better." His science teacher, Myra Lujan, school principal Cynthia Vargas, his parents, Luis and Anita Chavez, and the school were very proud of his accomplishment.

Chavez will go on to compete at the Sun Country Science Fair this month.

Information: 915-859-6448



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Maria Margarita Baca-Gomez

Name: Maria Margarita Baca-Gomez M. Ed. LPC, LPCs, LSW

Married to Carlos Gomez for 33 years. Have three children, Carlos Gomez, presently attends St. Mary's Law School at San Antonio, Texas; Margarita Gomez, presently attends Loretto Academy; and Anai presently attends St. Pius X School.

Current Occupation/Job Title: Recently retired as of January 31, 2017, from the Education Service Center Region 19 Head Start Program after working in this agency for over 28 years as an administrator primarily as an Assistant Director of Comprehensive Services. Presently working towards obtaining a School Psychology Specialist in Education and a Doctorate with specialization in autism.

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Master in Education in Counseling and Guidance, License Professional Counselor for Private Practice (LPC),

License Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPCs), and License Social Worker (LSW).

Interest, Activities, Clubs, and Professional Organizations: I am presently actively involved within the community by being a St. Pius X School Board Member and a parent volunteer, Loretto Academy-Women Empowering Women Club Volunteer and Alumni, member of the Rio Grande Council of Governors Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, presenter for Department of Health & Human Services Commission, and presenter and trainer regarding different educational, parent involvement and mental health topics within the community.

Greatest Professional Accomplishment:

My greatest professional accomplishment has been able to retire from the Education Service Region 19 Head Start in January 31, 2017, after working in this agency for over 28 years. Within this time, I had the privileged to obtain an exemplary status within the department of comprehensive services and our Head Start Program was recognized as one of the top Head Start programs in the nation. Through my years as an administrator primarily as an assistant director, I maintained an exemplary status throughout the federal, state and local reviews within comprehensive services as well as leading programs such as the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Home Instruction

Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), Responsible Fatherhood, Family Development Centers, Healthy Marriages, Male Involvement, and the Family Literacy Program that were highly recognized among the best programs locally, statewide, and nationally. My legacy throughout my career has been the delivery of high quality educational opportunities and services to enhance the quality of life for economically challenged children and their families within the El Paso and Hudspeth Counties.

What Catholic school(s) did you attend?

I attended Institute Teresa de Avila up to third grade in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua; St. Pius X School from fourth grade up to eighth grade and Loretto Academy from 9-12th grade.

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

I believe the most valuable lesson I learned while attending Catholic Schools has been to make a difference in the lives of others through the God-given skills and abilities in me. I learned this lesson at the beginning of my catholic education and as of now I still continue to assure that through my actions, I am able to impact and empower others. This lesson is so ingrained in me that no matter where I go and/or I do, I will continue with the mission of servitude.

What teacher/ staff member/ classmate most influenced you?

The teacher that mostly influenced me was Sister Josefina. Sister Josefina not only taught me the value of making a difference in the lives of others but she also taught me the importance of an education, to believe in me, and the importance of holding to my faith regardless of what I encountered throughout my life.

How did your Catholic School Education prepare you for what you are doing today?

My Catholic School Education prepared me for what I have accomplished and continue to accomplish in my daily life by instilling in me the core values of

faith, community, justice, and respect. Through my faith, I have been able to maintain hope and a positive inspire vision towards the future that has enable me to accomplish my many goals in my personal and professional life. It has also helped me to unveil my potential as a woman of faith through the guidance of the Lord. Regarding the community, I have dedicated my life in making a difference in the empowerment of others. I believe helping others has truly been embedded in me, therefore it is part of my daily regimen; Advocating and fighting for justice has also been a core value throughout my life. I have dedicated my life in being an advocate for justice and education primarily for the economically challenged children and their families. And, finally, the importance of respecting through fostering in others dignity, self-esteem, and the integrity of each person.

Why do you think Catholic Education is so important?

I believe Catholic Education is very important because students are exposed on a daily basis to the beliefs, values, practices, traditions, and academic achievements within a faith community. Furthermore, on a daily basis, I validate my belief of the value of a Catholic Education through my own children as I observe how through their actions they exemplified men and women of faith. To me, Catholic Education is priceless. It provides a foundation towards a better tomorrow due to the development of human beings who are raised in believing in living a spiritual life, in which they recognize that Jesus Christ is central in their lives, the importance of serving others, advocating for justice and equality, and in treating every human being with respect and dignity thus following the Golden Rule.

How are Catholic Schools shaping the future?

Catholic Schools are shaping the future by developing Christian character in students on a daily basis. This Christian character is exemplified by their mutual respect among each other, human dignity, love for their neighbor, through promoting peace and justice, and compassionate service. Furthermore, students are academically challenged on a daily basis in order to unveil their

full potential and a promising future. Through this efforts, the Catholic Schools embraces the opportunity to impact not only each student that they have the blessing to work with but more importantly in developing a community of faith which strives to bring new hope to the world.

What advice do you have for current students?

Don't ever underestimate the value of your Catholic Education. To have the opportunity to attend a Catholic School is truly a blessing that the Lord has provided in addition to the many sacrifices that your parents and others have made in order for you to attend a Catholic School. Therefore, it behooves you to truly embrace this opportunity by being an example of women and men of faith through your actions primarily in making a difference in the life of others and by living a spiritual life with a sense of peace and purpose.

What was your favorite Catholic School experience/ moment?

Through my years of my Catholic Education one of my fondest memories was when I would go to mass every Friday with my classmates. This experience meant so much because we were all together and we would pray and sing to the Lord holding hands thus creating a stronger bond among each other. It was also more meaningful when we were selected to assist during the mass.

Furthermore, as a parent, my fondest Catholic School Memories have been when my son Carlos graduated from St. Pius X School, Cathedral High School, and St. Mary's University; and my daughter, Margarita, graduated from St. Pius X School. As the legacy continues of a catholic education within my family and through the blessing of God, I look forward to many more memories to come as my daughter, Margarita, graduates from Loretto Academy this May, my daughter Anai graduates from St. Pius X School, and my son Carlos graduates from St. Mary's Law School.



Courageous Consecrated Life

By Fr.Mariano López, Dir., Vocations Office

"Nuns, sisters and friars, oh my!" What are these men and women and where did they come from? Their identity is rooted in our history and tradition and ultimately in the life of Jesus himself.

The first Christians held on to their faith in Christ amidst persecution and opposition. The first three centuries of Christianity are crowned by the tough jewel of martyrdom. Saint Felicity and Saint Perpetua walked into their martyrdom in a coliseum with the lions to be released on them. The tradition says that they did not enter with gloom and defeat, but instead confident that they were walking into the glory of Christ. After the Edict of Milan in 313A.D. the early Christians stopped facing persecution and eventually their faith became main stream in the expanding Roman Empire. There were some who longed for the radicality of the faith; they wanted to love Christ intensely and beyond fear and death. The monastic movement began as a result of this, as men and women fled from society into the dessert to be one with Christ. Eventually, great reformers in the Church began movements based on this sentiment which developed into what we now call consecrated life.

We celebrated World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life this past February 2nd. Last year, as we finished an entire year of consecrated life, the pope exclaimed that where there are consecrated men and women there is joy. Their lifestyle is one of true joy, in contrast to mundane pleasure. Mundane pleasure brings gratification for an instant and then leaves, often leaving a sense of corruption behind. The joy that consecrated men and women bring is the joy of Jesus who lived chastely, poorly, and obediently. Jesus did not marry or have a family and he lived in purity as he dedicated himself to the things of God. He did not have affiliations with material possessions or with wealth and was free to proclaim the good news where he went. Obedience to the Father was primary for him; so much that he was willing to face death as a consequence of maintaining himself rooted in the Father's will. Jesus was completely free to joyfully love the Father.

Our consecrated men and women include the Christian Brothers who serve at Cathedral High School, the Father Yermo Sisters, the Daughters of Charity and the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, the Franciscan Seminarians and Priests from Saint Anthony's Seminary, Saint Francis and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and many more. Some of the men, in addition to being brothers are also priests in order to serve the sacramental needs of their community and in order for their community to administer the sacraments to the larger Church.

Very often consecrated men and women make vows of poverty, chastity and obedience through which they become the presence of Jesus which brings true and lasting joy to the world.

Some of our friends and family members are being called to this vocation and there are opportunities to discover signs of the calling and to listen to the voice of God. In addition to the night of discernment for young adult men that is currently taking place the first Wednesday of the month at 6PM at Saint Patrick Cathedral, the diocese has begun a night of discernment for young adult women at Saint Charles Seminary's Vocation Office the first Wednesday of the month at 6PM. Please follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter @epvocation for details. You may also contact the Vocation Office Directly. May the joy of Jesus continue for years to come as many make it their response to live as consecrated men and women for years to come!



Los Valientes Consagrados

Padre Mariano López, Director, Oficina de Vocaciones

Monjas, hermanas y frailes...que son estas personas y de donde vienen? Su identidad está arraigada en nuestra historia y tradición y en el fondo en la visa misma de Jesus.

Los primeros Cristianos mantuvieron su fe en Cristo en media de persecución y oposición. Los primeros tres siglos de la Cristiandad fueron coronados por la piedra preciosa del martirio. Santa Felicita y Santa Perpetua entraron en su martirio en un coliseo donde las devorarían los leones. La tradición dice que no entraron con desánimo y derrota, más bien entraron confiando que estaban entrando en la gloria de Cristo. Despues del Edicto de Milán en el año 313D.C. los primeros Cristianos dejaron de encontrarse con persecución y eventualmente su fe se volvió común en el creciente Imperio Romano. Hubo algunos que anhelaban la radicalidad de la fe...ellos querían amar a Cristo intensamente y más allá del miedo y de la muerte. El movimiento monástico surge de este sentir, cuando hombres y mujeres huyeron al desierto para estar en unión con Cristo. Eventualmente, grandes reformadores en la iglesia comenzaron movimientos basados en esta noción y eventualmente se convirtieron en lo que llamamos vida consagrada.

Nuestros hombres y mujeres consagradas incluyen los Hermanos LaSallistas que sirven en la Preparatoria Catedral, las Hermanas de Padre Yermo, las Hijas de la Caridad y las Hermanas de la Caridad de San Vicente de Paul, los Seminariasta y Padres Franciscanos del Seminario San Antonio, San Francisco de Asís y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, y muchos más. Algunos de los varones, aparte de ser hermanos también son sacerdotes para servir las necesidades sacramentales de su comunidad y para que su comunidad administre los sacramentos a la Iglesia más amplia. Frecuentemente los hombres y mujeres consagradas hacen votos de pobreza, castidad y obediencia por los cuales se convierten en la presencia de Jesus quien comparte alegría verdadera y duradera con el mundo.

Algunos de nuestros amigos y familiares están recibiendo el llamado a esta vocación y hay oportunidades para descubrir el llamado y escuchar la voz de Dios. Aparte de la noche de discernimiento para hombres mayores de 18 años el primer miércoles de cada mes a las 6PM en San Patricio, la diócesis ha comenzado una noche de discernimiento para mujeres mayores de 18 años en la Oficina de Vocaciones del Seminario San Carlos a las 6PM el primer miércoles del mes. Por favor sigannos en Instagram, Facebook y Twitter @epvocation para más detalles. También puede comunicarse directamente a la Oficina de Vocaciones. !Que la alegría de Jesus continúe por siglos sin termino mientras muchos los hacen su respuesta vivir como

hombres y mujeres consagradas por años sin termino!



Activities of St. Charles Seminary

March

Mass & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament -Wed. 1st @ 5:15pm at St. Patrick Cathedral

Discernment Night for Young Adult Men - Wed. 1st @ 6pm at St. Patrick Cathedral

Discernment Night for Young Adult Women - Wed. 1st @ 6pm at St. Charles Seminary

Pre-Seminario for High School Men Sunday 5th 1-6pm

Mass with Friends of St. Charles Saturday 25th at 9am



April

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Discernment Night for Young Adult Women - Wed. 5th @ 6pm at St. Charles Seminary

Pre-Seminario for High School Men Sunday 2nd 1-6pm

Bienvenidos!!!

St. Charles Borromeo, 8330 Park Haven,
El Paso TX 79907
For details call 872-8403

LOS DIEZ MANDAMIENTOS EN LA FAMILIA

Cuando se nos aconseja algo acorde a nuestro parecer o nuestro gusto, nos parece y muy conveniente. Cuando el consejo no coincide con lo que uno quisiera oír: "no hay que hacer caso a todo" Cual es mi criterio para distinguir lo conveniente de lo inconveniente? El propio gusto? El que una cosa guste o deje de gustar no significa no significa que sea buena o mala. El gusto no es criterio de bondad ni de utilidad. En medicina lo razonable es hacer caso al médico, que aunque pueda equivocarse, sabe más. Siempre será más fácil que nos equivoquemos los que no sabemos. Pues Dios nuestro Padre sabe infinitamente más y por encima, no puede equivocarse.

No dudo que resulte emocionante leer los Diez Mandamientos en el monte Sinaí. Pero lo que nos salva es meditarlos y cumplirlos. Jesús nos lo ha dicho. Con claridad, respondiendo a aquel joven rico que le preguntaba: "Maestro, que cosa buena debo hacer para alcanzar la vida eterna? Él le respondió. Porque me preguntas acerca de lo bueno? Uno solo es bueno. Si quieras entrar en la vida eterna, guarda los Mandamientos." (Mt. 19,16-17). Ese es el camino y no hay atajos. Ni por el Sinaí.(Ex. 20, 1ss).

Dios nos dio los Diez Mandamientos, porque nos ayudan a ser felices, libres y que haya paz y orden en la tierra. (Deut. 5,10). Los Diez Mandamientos se refieren, los tres primeros a los deberes que tenemos con Dios y los otros siete a los deberes que tenemos con nuestros prójimos (Mt. 22,40). Dios le dio los Diez Mandamiento al Pueblo, cuando el pueblo era libre, los Diez Mandamientos no son para que vivamos en libertad no en la esclavitud. Si se te hace difícil vivir estos Diez mandamiento, sabes por qué? porque eres un esclavo de tus pasiones y malas costumbres... Los Diez Mandamientos están dados para preservar la vida, para que el pueblo viva bien, viva feliz. Dios nos dio los Diez mandamientos para que vivamos libres y muchos siguen viviendo como esclavos. Cuando en USA, se proclamo la libertad de los esclavos, 1863 por el presidente Lincoln, se dieron casos de esclavos que no supieron que ya estaba abolida la esclavitud y tres años después seguir viviendo como esclavos y otros que sentían miedo de ser libres y preferían seguir siendo esclavos... Los Diez Mandamientos tienen referencia a los deberes con Dios y a los deberes con nuestros prójimos, tienen una dimensión vertical y horizontal, los Diez Mandamientos tienen una referencia a la cruz. Si no hay buenas relaciones no tendrás buenas relaciones con las personas. Sabes porque es difícil la relación con tu esposa? con tus padres? con tus hijos?... Porque no tienes buenas relaciones con Dios. La base es tener buenas relaciones con las personas y con Dios.

Sabes cómo tener unas buenas relaciones con Dios? No tengas relaciones con otros dioses no adores ídolos. Dios es Único! No hay otro igual que El. Comparable con El. No les estoy diciendo que tienen que ir a Misa todos los días o rezar Diez Rosarios diarios o leer varias páginas de la Biblia. El punto de énfasis es: Reconocer que él es el Único Dios, que no hay otro fuera de Él, ni en la política, ni en la economía, ni en la religión, ni en la tecnología. Ni en el deporte, ni en arte, ni en la música... No dejes que nada ni nadie ocupe su lugar. No endioses artistas, deportistas, instituciones, negocios, sexo, dinero, tu cuerpo, tus diversiones... En el momento que reconozcas otros dioses,

How can a mouse fight a lion?

A fearful roar echoed across the grasslands. Animals fled in terror. One tiny creature, however, scampered toward the sound rather than away. "Are you crazy?" animals shouted. "He'll chomp you before you can escape."

Disregarding their warnings, the mouse continued toward the menacing beast. Fear grew within him but still he rushed onward.

Finally, face to face – tiny mouse whisker to ghastly lion whisker – the mouse stopped. Another immense growl tumbled the mouse paw over tail across the grass. Ignoring the dreadful jaws, he climbed up and began gnawing on the ropes trapping the beast.

It was slow progress for one small creature but, eventually, he freed the lion. Only a slight bow of the lion's head acknowledged the mouse's efforts before the jungle cat stalked away. But the mouse had not done it for a reward. It was simply the right thing to do.

Today, we are the mouse. We are small fearful creatures against a multi-million-dollar abortion industry. Every task we undertake to save an unborn child's life, rescue a trapped woman from pro-choice deceit, or even possibly free one of the industry's workers from the snares of their own propaganda will gnaw through the trappings that ensnare our society in a culture of death.

What can one small mouse of a person actually do? Change the world one bit of love at a time. This Lent let us sacrifice a little of our time and offer love to those in need.

For example, despite our children's groans, my family once gave up restaurant dining as our Lenten sacrifice. But my husband didn't feel that saving money by eating at home was really an offering for Lent until he came up with the idea to donate the price of at least one restaurant dinner each week. Our children did not make any connection to the sacrifice, since they had no personal part in paying for meals, until they asked to spend the donations on items to give to a pregnancy help center. Each week they excitedly selected baby outfits, bibs, booties, and blankets and enjoyed helping a pregnant woman visualize the humanity of the child already living within her womb. A small sacrifice became both a gift to a woman in crisis and a character-building experience for our teenagers.

A friend regularly purchases brochures illustrating prenatal development to give to her parish's confirmation and catechism classes. Another wears a Precious Feet pin on her blouse to share the scientific truth of a preborn baby's size at ten weeks old. When someone asks about the little feet, she happily presents them with a pin of their own which nibbles away at pro-choice lies. How can a fetus not be a human child when you can hold a model of her tiny feet in your hand?

te haces esclavos de ellos o de ti mismo. Cuando comiences a darle a Dios el primer lugar comienzas a ser libre. Por eso toda sociedad que quita a Dios, se vuelven esclava, por eso la política, institución (civil o religiosa), tecnología, deporte, ciencia, arte, etc.

esa sociedad se vuelve atea, esclava y nunca podrán darnos libertad, porque solo Dios nos da la Verdadera Libertad. Por eso la familia que no reconoce el Señorío de Dios, la Internet, los centros educativos, los empresarios y hombres de negocios... Que no reconoce que el primer lugar es para Dios, terminan fabricando sus propios ídolos, amos que los esclavizan sin compasión y que los destruyen...

Dios no es manipulable, no es abarcable en ideas, pensamientos, imágenes, instituciones, creencias, religiones. Por eso no debemos hacer mal uso del nombre de Dios, para controlar, para ejercer poder, para enriquecerse, para producir miedo, para hacernos lo que queremos o nos interesa, para manipular a otros... La libertad del hombre? Destruyendo ídolos: Cuerpo, dinero, Instituciones, diversiones, ideologías, nacionalismos, racismo y todos los "ismos..." En el nombre de Dios se han cometido muchas barbaridades y atropellos, el que ataca y el que se defiende, ponen a Dios en medio. Dios no creo nada malo, ni feo ni inútil, ni crea basura... Dios todo lo creo bueno y útil... No se haga esclavo del trabajo ni del deporte o cualquier otra diversión, haga tiempo para convivir con su familia, con sigo mismo, con sus amigos, con su iglesia, con la naturaleza. Honra a tus padres, respétalos, trátalos con cariño y paciencia, reconoce que por medio de ellos Dios te dio la vida, agradéceles, hacer sentir que te alegras de gozar de su presencia, que estén vivos. Tú no eres dueño de tu vida, el Único Dueño es Dios. Por eso no tienes derecho a quitarle la vida a un niño que has concebido, porque el Único Dueño es Dios! No Mates porque la vida viene de Dios. Quien mata se mata. Si quieres ser feliz no mates. No cometas adulterios, respeta el matrimonio que es sagrado, es fundamento para la familia. No robes, se nos ha hecho fácil robar y justiciar diciendo que ese hombre es empresario rico, que esa cadena de tiendas tiene de sobras, que ese viejito no necesita todo lo que tiene... La mayoría de la gente los mueve la codicia, el afán de ser rico a como sea, traficando drogas, prostituyéndose, clonando tarjetas, robando identificaciones. No mientas, la peor mentira son las excusas, mentiras deliberadas, no inventes cosas, chismes... Jesucristo nos resumió los mandamientos en dos: Amar a Dios con todo el corazón, inteligencia y fuerzas y al prójimo como a nosotros mismos. El que AMA, reconoce que hay un solo Dios, no miente, no mata, no roba, no codicia lo ajeno... La falta de amor es la raíz de todos los males. Señor que en esta Cuaresma nos enseña y nos guie para vivir y crecer en el compromiso de una verdadera vida cristiana. Así sea!



Vida del Espíritu
por el Padre
Wilson
Cuevas

Sidewalk Jesus
by
Janet M.
Crowe



My niece places pro-life sticker on the envelope of each bill she pays. A real person opens those envelopes and will see the message that a baby's heart beats only eighteen days after conception. If he has a heartbeat, how can anyone say he is not alive? Others buy pro-life return address labels, checks or bumper stickers. Before anyone can turn away from the message, they will have read it and the seed is planted in their mind.

One parish held a baby shower for Jesus and delivered two van-loads full of diapers, baby outfits, maternity clothes, and hand-crocheted baby blankets to pregnancy centers. The Annunciation celebrates the conception of Jesus becoming human within Mary's womb. What better Lenten project to celebrate His life as well as His Easter resurrection than by caring for the least of His children?

Pennies for Life is an economical way to honor life. Decorated boxes collect contributions of one penny for each year of a person's age. Children delight in plunking in five or ten pennies and even those of us on strict budgets can spare sixty-three or so cents to mark the years we have enjoyed life. It sounds minimal, but multiply your family's ages by the number of families in your parish – even a dollar per family provides a tidy sum for House of Hope who does so much to help pregnant mothers.

Our pastor once agreed to give one inch of space in the weekly bulletin for a series of announcements. Beginning Annunciation weekend, parishioners shared in life's miracle from conception to birth from the perspective of an infant whose life parallels Christ's development in Mary's womb. I heard of no complaints but at least two mothers said the bulletin baby's journey helped them with unplanned pregnancies in their own families.

The mouse didn't break the lion's bindings in one bite. Neither can one action rescue all endangered children, comfort all at-risk mothers, or eliminate the culture of death that traps our families in its web of lies. However, consistent small actions performed with love and prayer will free us, rescue babies facing death, save mothers from physical harm as well as emotional trauma, and eventually liberate our society from deceit by shining God's light into the darkness.

Can one person rescue himself and others with a little love? Yes, we can. Will we?

Get to Know Catholic Campus Ministry

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports 17 ministries; one of those ministries is the Catholic Campus Ministry. Catholic Campus Ministry has been serving Catholic students at UTEP since 1927, as well as Sul Ross State University in Alpine. The Catholic Campus Ministry gives students a friendly and welcoming place to come and practice their faith as well as meet students who share their love of God and Church.

Between both campuses the ministry serves more than 1,150 students, with activities that are not only limited to mass and prayer services but include leadership training, retreats and allowing the students to be involved in social justice projects. The students also take trips, such as to White Sands, and participate in diocesan events, like the Chrism mass.

Your donation to Progress, The Bishop's Annual Appeal, ensures that our young students will be able to continue to have a close connection to their faith. Your donation ensures that our future parishioners will be able to continue to attend mass and have a place where they can talk about their faith and let their relationship with God strengthen.

Donations can be made at www.progress2017.org or by calling 915.872.8412.



Conozca el Ministerio Universitario Católico

La Campaña Anual del Obispo apoya a 17 ministerios; Uno de esos ministerios es el Ministerio Universitario Católico. El Ministerio Universitario Católico ha sido parte de UTEP desde 1927 y ha sido también parte de la universidad de Sul Ross. El Ministerio Universitario Católico brinda a los estudiantes un lugar amistoso y acogedor para que puedan practicar su fe, así como para reunirse con estudiantes que comparten su amor a Dios y a la iglesia.

Entre ambos campus el ministerio presta sus servicios a aproximadamente 1,150 estudiantes, con actividades que no sólo se limitan a servicios de oración y Misas, sino que incluyen entrenamiento para liderazgo y retiros, los cuales permiten que los estudiantes participen en proyectos de justicia social. Los estudiantes también han hecho viajes a las arenas blancas y han participado en eventos diocesanos y la Misa Crismal.

Su donación a Progreso, La Campaña Anual del Obispo, asegura que nuestros jóvenes estudiantes puedan continuar teniendo una conexión cercana a su fe. Su donación asegura que nuestros futuros parroquianos puedan continuar yendo a Misa y tener un lugar donde puedan hablar sobre su fe permitiendo que su relación con Dios se fortalezca.

Las donaciones se pueden hacerse en www.progress2017.org o llamando al 915.872.8412

Catholic Campus Ministry



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Make Plans to Mark the 100th Anniversary of St. Patrick Cathedral



Thursday, March 16
Clergy Celebration Dinner

Friday, March 17
Mass, 9am
Parade, 11am
Mass, 6:30pm
Reception Follows

Saturday, March 18
St. Patrick Cathedral Centennial Celebration Run
St. Patrick Cathedral, 8am
5k run/1mile walk
First 250 that register get a t-shirt (10 years old & up)
T-shirt Sponsors: \$250 & \$500
Silver Sponsor: \$2,500
Gold Sponsor: \$5,000

Saturday & Sunday, March 18-19
Guided Tours
10am to 3pm on Saturday
2:30pm to 4:30 pm on Sunday

These events are free & open to the public.
For more information please contact St. Patrick Cathedral at 915.533.4451

Planning for the End of Life: Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts

By: Sofia Larkin Appleby, Major Gifts Officer, Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso

The Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso cordially invites you to End of Life Planning Seminars at St. Luke on Thursday, April 6, Blessed Sacrament on Monday, April 24, Mother Cabrini on Monday, November 6, and Queen of Peace on Thursday, November 9 from 6-8 p.m. Refreshments and registration begin at 5 p.m.

Attendees will learn the basics of modern estate planning. A panel of experts will co-present at the seminar, offering their expertise on topics of discussion that include wills, trusts, power of attorney for health & finance, probate court, and end-of-life decisions. There will be a Question & Answer session following the presentation and resources will be made available. The

seminar is FREE and all are welcome.

Bishop Mark J. Seitz, D.D. will discuss the Church's teaching on cremation, life support and end-of-life decisions every Catholic should know.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP two weeks prior to the seminar date by contacting Javier Zamarripa at 915.872.8412 or jzamarripa@elpasodiocese.org.



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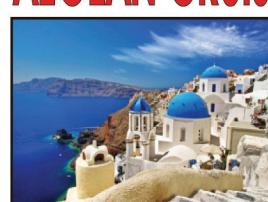
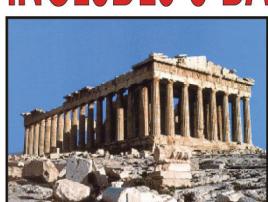
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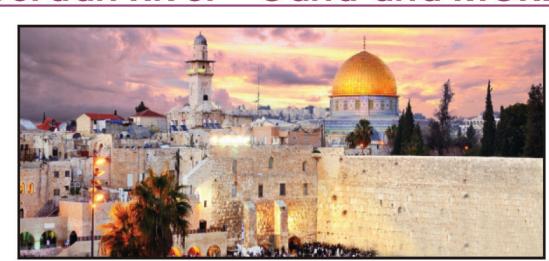
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