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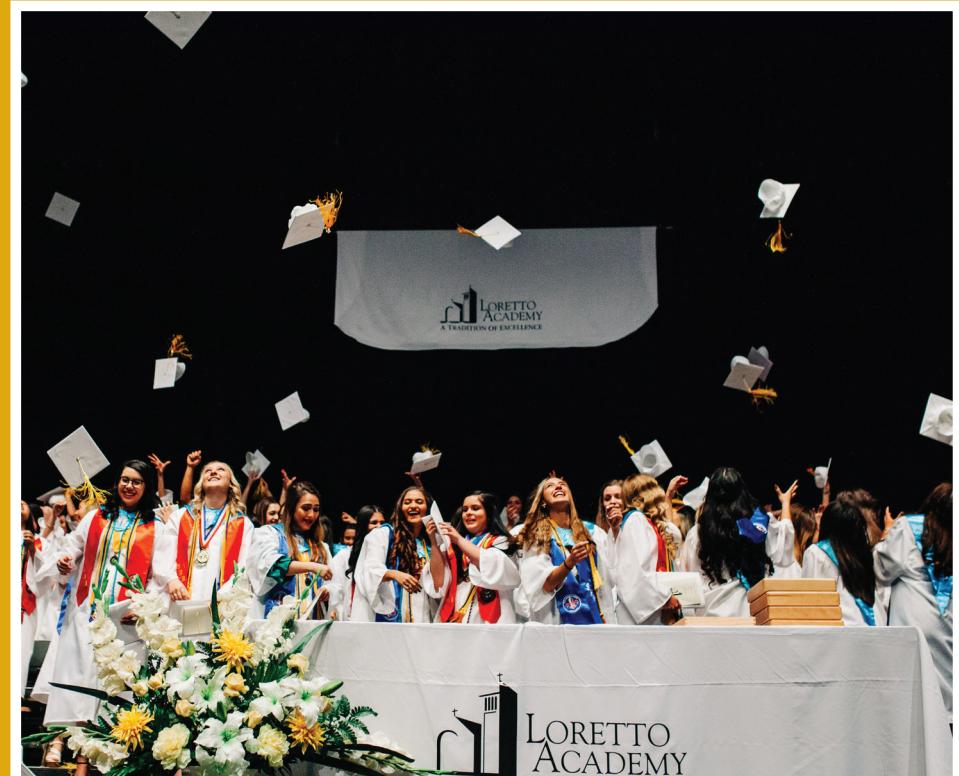
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## Graduations 2019



## Happy 50th Anniversary Fr. Trigueros



# Humility is a Great Teacher

When I was a young child, around the age of 9 or 10, I watched my brother Victor get ready to leave the house at eleven o'clock at night. He'd fill a travel cup with coffee and stand by the door, waiting for my dad to come pick him up. Together we'd sit, waiting, for the bright headlights to pour through the dark windows. Victor would head out, sitting in the passenger seat of my dad's old station wagon, making their way towards our parish. All night, Victor would help my dad, who was the parish custodian, clean the parish hall after wedding dances and quinceañeras.

I remember thinking I could not wait until I was as old as my brother, so I could help my dad clean the parish hall. It seemed so adult to be up and cleaning at 1 in the morning, just my brother and my dad working side by side. I don't think I realized it then, but maybe I thought it was cool because I wanted to spend time with my dad. Maybe I was

just a bit jealous of my brother getting to spend that time with him. But mostly, I think more than anything, I wanted to be just like my dad. I just didn't know why yet.

A couple of years later, when I was about 12 years old, I was a member of the parish youth group. One of the tasks we had was to clean up the parish grounds. I stood behind the church, staring at an enormous field full of weeds. "How are we going to clean all of that up?" I asked my dad. He laughed and said, "We clean it up by pulling one weed at a time."

And off he went to work. I never understood how easy he made it seem. Did he ever get tired? I was worn out, and I think I may have pulled maybe 4 or 5 weeds. Clearly, my dad had done the bulk of the work. When we finished that day, our youth leader, Frank, talked to me about all that work we had just done. I don't remember exactly how it came up, but I what I do recall

is what Frank had to say about my dad.

"Manny is the type of man that will give you the only shirt he has so that the other person wouldn't go without." Frank was very emphatic about that one thought. Maybe he was trying to point out to me that life is about being unselfish. But as long as I live, I will never ever forget that speech.

Fast forward to my 16th birthday. I had been waiting for this day since I'd first watched my brother Victor climb into my dad's old car and set off to clean the parish hall. One of the first things I asked my dad was when I would get to help him clean the parish hall after the dances. Of course my mom wasn't too happy about it, but I think my dad was a little excited. So that spring I began helping my dad. Most kids would hate doing that kind of work, but I looked forward to it. I was going to spend time with just my dad.

So my first night came, and

as my dad promised, it was hard work. I didn't mind though, I felt so grown up. The hall was split into two sections with a dance floor in the middle. So the game plan was for my cousin Art to clean up one side, and for me to clean the other. My dad gave us instructions and we were off. One of my dad's main tasks was to clear the hall and to make sure all the contract requirements were met, so he disappeared into all his tasks.

As I finished my side of the hall, I went looking for my dad. I found him in the bathrooms. He was almost done, but had another stall left to do. "Do you want me to finish the other stall, Dad?" I asked. "I'm done with my half of the hall and the floor is still drying." He raised his hand to stop me. With the most serious look he said, "No mijo. I clean the bathrooms. That's not your job. Your job is to do well in school and get a good career." I didn't argue. It clicked what Frank had said a few years earlier; my dad was the man that gave you the shirt off his back if it's all he had. That day, he did. Never once in the two and a half



**Editor's Column**  
Fernie Ceniceros

years I helped him did I clean the bathrooms or throw out the trash.

As we approach Father's Day, I want to take time to thank my dad. He taught me firsthand what it was to be Christ-like. He taught me what it was to be so humble that you would take the absolute worst job yourself just so your son wouldn't have to. I can only hope to be as selfless to my one and a half year old daughter as my dad was to me. Happy Father's Day viejito. I hope we get to have many more.

## La humildad es un gran maestro

Cuando era niño, alrededor de los 9 o 10 años, observé a mi hermano Victor prepararse para salir de la casa a las once de la noche. Llenaría una taza de viaje con café y se detendría junto a la puerta, esperando que mi papá viniera a buscarlo. Juntos nos sentábamos, esperando, a que los brillantes faros se deramaran por las ventanas oscuras. Victor se iría, sentado en el asiento del pasajero de la vieja camioneta de mi padre, dirigiéndose hacia nuestra parroquia. Toda la noche, Victor ayudaría a mi papá, que era el custodio de la parroquia, a limpiar el salón parroquial después de los bailes de boda y las quinceañeras.

Recuerdo que pensé que no podía esperar hasta que tenía la edad de mi hermano, por lo que podría ayudar a mi padre a limpiar el salón parroquial. Pare-

cía tan adulto estar levantado y limpiando a la 1 de la mañana, solo mi hermano y mi padre trabajando juntos. No creo que me di cuenta entonces, pero tal vez pensé que era genial porque quería pasar tiempo con mi padre. Tal vez solo estaba un poco celoso de que mi hermano pudiera pasar ese tiempo con él. Pero sobre todo, creo que más que nada, quería ser como mi padre. Simplemente no sabía por qué todavía.

Un par de pasados, cuando tenía unos 12 años, era miembro del grupo de jóvenes de la parroquia. Una de las tareas que teníamos era limpiar los terrenos de la parroquia. Me puse de pie detrás de la iglesia, mirando a un enorme campo lleno de malas hierbas. "¿Cómo vamos a limpiar todo eso?", Le pregunté a mi papá. Él se rió y dijo: "Lo

limpiamos tirando una hierba a la vez".

Y se fue a trabajar. Nunca entendí lo fácil que parecía. ¿Alguna vez se cansó? Estaba agotado y creo que tal vez haya quitado 4 o 5 malezas. Claramente, mi papá había hecho la mayor parte del trabajo. Cuando terminamos ese día, nuestro líder juvenil Frank me habló sobre todo el trabajo que acabábamos de hacer. No recuerdo exactamente cómo surgió, pero lo que sí recuerdo es lo que Frank tenía que decir sobre mi padre.

"Manny es el tipo de hombre que te dará la única camisa que tiene para que la otra persona no se quede sin". Frank fue muy enfático en ese pensamiento. Tal vez él estaba tratando de señalarnos que la vida se trata de ser humilde. Pero mientras viva, nunca olvidaré ese discurso.

Cuando cumplí 16 años, había estado esperando este día desde que vi a mi hermano Victor subir al viejo auto de mi padre y salir a limpiar el salón parroquial. Una de las primeras cosas que le pregunté a papá fue cuándo lo ayudaría a limpiar el salón parroquial después de los bailes. Por supuesto, mi mamá no estaba muy feliz por eso, pero creo que mi papá estaba un poco emocionado. Así que esa primavera comencé a ayudar a mi papá. La mayoría de los niños odiarían hacer ese tipo de trabajo, pero lo esperaba con ansias. Iba a pasar tiempo solo con mi papá.

Cuando terminé mi lado del pasillo, fui a buscar a mi papá. Lo encontré en los baños. Casi había terminado, pero le quedaba otro puesto por hacer. "¿Quieres que termine el otro puesto, papá?", Le pregunté. "He terminado con mi mitad del pasillo y el piso todavía se está secando". Levantó la mano para deten-

erme. Con la mirada más seria dijo, "No mijo. Yo limpio los baños. Ese no es tu trabajo. Tu trabajo es tener un buen desempeño en la escuela y tener una buena carrera". No discutí. Hizo clic en lo que Frank había dicho unos años antes; mi papá fue el hombre que te dio la camisa de la espalda si es todo lo que tenía. Ese día, lo hizo. Nunca en los dos años y medio que lo ayudé, limpié los baños o tiré la basura.

A medida que nos acercamos al Día del Padre, quiero tomarme un tiempo para agradecer a mi papá. Él me enseñó de primera mano lo que era ser como Cristo. Él me enseñó lo que era ser tan humilde que tú mismo tomarías el peor trabajo para que tu hijo no tuviera que hacerlo. Solo puedo esperar ser tan humilde con mi hija de un año y medio como mi padre lo fue conmigo. Feliz día de los padres viejito. Espero que tengamos muchos más.

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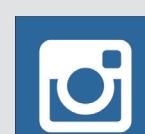
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# Heart Donations Sought

I like to tell the story about the time when I was the pastor of a parish in Dallas. During the announcements to conclude the Mass I gave this message: "I know you might think all we ask for here is your money. That is not true! Today we are asking for your blood! There is a blood drive taking place this morning and we would ask those who are at least 18 years of age and in good health to please give generously."

It struck me as I was making that announcement that the truth is we in the Church are not only seeking people's blood. That is still much less than God seeks of us. He wants us to give our hearts, our lives, everything we have received from Him is really what we owe Him in return. The truth is that our whole Christian life is about coming to imitate the generosity God has shown us in Christ. Everything we have received is from God and everything will one day go back to God. The only real question is, will we give ourselves generously and find ourselves living with him for eternity, or will we hold back until the very end and then lose our inheritance in death. The question isn't how much we give, but rather, are we willing to share generously from what we have? Like the Psalmist we should be asking: "How can I

make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" (Psalm 116: 12)

But I don't want to scare you too much. I really will not be asking for the donation of your heart yet. That can wait un-

til later. I am not even asking at this moment for your blood. The Diocese of El Paso is beginning its first ever Capital Campaign and we need everyone to be part of it as they are able. The theme of the Campaign is: "We are the Body of Christ: Sharing our Gifts for the Church of Tomorrow." The theme really says it all. As members of the Catholic Church of El Paso we are the Body of Christ living and breathing in this place. God bestows all that His Body needs upon us. All that is needed is that we be willing to sacrificially share from those gifts. If we do, then we will be able to meet the needs we face.

Our Campaign will seek pledges spread out over 5 years

Diocesan drive to assist in the ministries and services that are provided to the whole Church of El Paso every year, our Catholic Ministry Appeal known as 'Progress'. This new Capital Campaign will help us to prepare for needs we face in the near future which will not be met by any other means.

We will be addressing three main areas that have been identified as essential: 1. The formation and education of seminarians and permanent deacons. 2.

The strengthening of our Catholic schools and religious education. 3. Providing funds to assist new parishes and parishes with urgent needs. We have set a goal of \$20 million dollars.

This is an ambitious goal but

## Se Buscan Donaciones De Corazón

Me gusta contar la historia de la época en que fui pastor de una parroquia en Dallas. Durante los anuncios para concluir la misa, di este mensaje: "Sé que podría pensar que todo lo que pedimos aquí es su dinero. ¡Eso no es verdad! Hoy estamos pidiendo tu sangre! Esta mañana se está llevando a cabo una campaña de donación de sangre y les pediríamos a quienes tengan al menos 18 años de edad y buena salud que donen generosamente".

Me sorprendió cuando estaba haciendo el anuncio de que la verdad es que en la Iglesia no solo estamos buscando la sangre de las personas. Eso es mucho menos de lo que Dios busca de nosotros. Él quiere que entremos en nuestros corazones, nuestras vidas, todo lo que hemos recibido de Él es realmente lo que le debemos a cambio. La verdad es que toda nuestra vida cristiana trata de imitar la generosidad que Dios nos ha mostrado en Cristo. Todo lo que hemos recibido es de Dios y todo volverá algún día a Dios. La única pregunta real es, nos daremos generosamente y nos encontraremos viviendo con él por toda la eternidad o nos retendremos hasta el final y luego perderemos nuestra herencia en la muerte. La pregunta no es cuánto damos, sino que, ¿estamos dispuestos a

compartir generosamente lo que tenemos? Al igual que el salmista, deberíamos preguntarnos: "¿Cómo puedo hacer un regreso al Señor por todo el bien que ha hecho por mí?" (Salmo 116: 12)

Pero no quiero asustarte demasiado. Realmente no estaré pidiendo la donación de tu corazón todavía. Eso puede esperar hasta más tarde. Ni siquiera estoy pidiendo en este momento tu sangre. La Diócesis de El Paso está comenzando su primera Campaña Capital y necesitamos que todos sean parte de ella en la medida de lo posible. El tema de la Campaña es: "Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo: compartiendo nuestros dones para la Iglesia del mañana". El tema realmente lo dice todo. Como miembros de la Iglesia Católica de El Paso, somos el Cuerpo de Cristo viviendo y respirando en este lugar. Dios otorga todo lo que su cuerpo necesita sobre nosotros. Todo lo que se necesita es que estemos dispuestos a compartir con sacrificio esos dones. Si lo hacemos, entonces podremos satisfacer las necesidades que enfrentamos.

Abordaremos tres áreas principales que han sido identificadas como esenciales: 1. La formación y educación de los seminaristas y diáconos permanentes. 2. El fortalecimiento de

nuestras escuelas católicas y la educación religiosa. 3. Proporcionar fondos para asistir a nuevas parroquias y parroquias con necesidades urgentes. Hemos establecido una meta de \$ 20 millones de dólares.

Este es un objetivo ambicioso, pero los expertos que nos están ayudando con una compañía llamada Catholic Counseling Services (CCS) han realizado muchas campañas exitosas en todo el país y confían en que esto está dentro de nuestras posibilidades. También estoy convencido de que estos fondos serán esenciales para el bienestar de nuestra Iglesia aquí en El Paso en los próximos años.

Ahora está en marcha una fase silenciosa en la que me acerco a personas que tienen la capacidad de ayudarnos a tener un buen comienzo. Este mes, nuestro primero de los tres grupos de parroquias comenzará su participación en la Campaña. Por favor estad atentos para más información en este nuevo e histórico y emocionante momento en la vida de nuestra Iglesia Diocesana. Recuerda que Dios no solo quiere tu dinero, ¡pero ese puede ser un buen comienzo!



## InSeitz Into The Faith Bishop Mark J. Seitz

the experts who are assisting us with this effort is a company called Community Counseling Services (CCS); this organization has conducted many successful campaigns around the country and are confident that this is within our ability. I am likewise convinced that these funds will be essential to the well-being of our Church here in El Paso in the years to come.

A silent phase is now underway in which I am approaching

people who have the ability to help us get a good start. This month our first of three groups of parishes will be kicking off their part in the Campaign. Please stay tuned for more information in this historic and exciting new time in the life of our Diocesan Church. Remember that God doesn't simply want your money, but that may be a good start!

## Happy Birthday Father

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# Three Men Ordained for the Diocese of El Paso One to the Diaconate, Two to the Priesthood

Three men were ordained by Bishop Mark J. Seitz on Friday May 24th. In front of the Catholic faithful at St. Patrick Cathedral, Major Seminarian, Ivan Montelongo was ordained to the office of transitional Deacon. Deacons Michael Lewis and Miguel Perez were ordained to the office of the Priesthood. The Rio Grande Catholic had an opportunity to sit and speak with all three men before their ordinations to talk about how they felt upon their upcoming ordinations. Here are the conversations we had with them.



**Montelongo**

**Ivan Montelongo, how did you come to this decision of becoming a priest?**

"I was little probably five or six years old. I met my pastor where I grew up in Chihuahua.

And this man was a man full of something that later Pope Francis would call the joy of the gospel. I didn't know the term back then, but what I saw in him was the joy of the Gospel. And when I saw him that that joyful, I said you know what I want to be like him I want to be a priest. So I told my parents I want to be a priest. And that's when it all started. Throughout the years that idea kept growing in my mind and my heart. And as I experienced more things. That was the only thing that lasted that joy that came from knowing the Lord Jesus. So that ultimately motivated me to join the seminary and to continue in this path."

**How do you feel as your ordination to the diaconate is coming?**

"It's been a long path but I would not change it for anything. It has brought me many experiences and so much joy the joy that can only be experienced when serving the Lord. And this is not unique to the ordained ministry. So all the people of God are called to this to this joy into this holiness of life. So I invite everyone to invite the Lord Jesus into their heart and to let themselves be moved by this joy that brings us to our brothers and

sisters especially to those who are in most in most need."



**Lewis**

**Micheal Lewis, How do you feel as your ordination is approaching?**

"I am excited, I am overwhelmed with joy. It's been a long time coming. It's been in and out of the seminary three times. This time it's for El Paso, it's for my home," He said. "It's for service of the people. And I take that charge, that mandate to heart. It's a long road but the whole purpose of it is to train and prepare so that our people can rely on us. Not only for access to the sacraments, but also to come to know Christ better. I think that's the whole the whole purpose of why I'm doing this is so that I can help bring people to Christ."

**What message do you have to the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of El Paso?**

"The church is vibrant all over our diocese from so from El Paso to Monahans, Texas, we have a wonderful diocese full of wonderful people and I can't wait to get started to be of service to them."



**Perez**

**Miguel Perez, how do you feel as your ordination is approaching?**

"I have always seen unwavering support and the prayers from the faithful and for me, this has been very beautiful. I know I left my parents, my family and friends in Columbia, but all this time I have been here in this diocese has been a time full of the blessings of God. God has given me a much larger family

here in El Paso, in the Diocese, the different parishes that I have served in, there has been a lot of support and they have helped contribute to my studies. There are no words for me to offer my appreciation for all the prayers and support of those people I have come to meet here in this diocese."

**What message do you have to the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of El Paso?**

"I am infinitely grateful to all those people who not only support me, but also opened their homes and the doorway to their friendship. The support through their prayers has always been there for me and for that I am eternally grateful."

Deacon Ivan Montelongo will return to his final seminary formation. He has been assigned to St. Raphael's Catholic Church during the summer. Father Miguel Perez will serve as the parochial vicar at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on the westside of El Paso. Father Michael Lewis will return for one more year of study but will serve during the summer at St. Pius X and at St. Patrick Cathedral during Christmas and Holy Week.

## Tres hombres ordenados para la Diócesis de El Paso Uno para el diaconado, Dos para el sacerdocio

Tres hombres fueron ordenados por el obispo Mark J. Seitz el viernes 24 de mayo. Frente a los fieles católicos en la Catedral de San Patricio, Seminarista Mayor, Iván Montelongo fue ordenado para el cargo de diácono de transición. Los diáconos Michael Lewis y Miguel Pérez fueron ordenados al oficio del Sacerdocio. El papel del Rio Grande Catholic tuvo la oportunidad de sentarse y hablar con los tres hombres antes de sus ordenaciones para hablar sobre cómo se sintieron con respecto a sus próximas ordenaciones. Aquí están las conversaciones que tuvimos con ellos.

**Ivan Montelongo, ¿cómo se llega a esta decisión de ser sacerdote?**

"Yo era pequeña, probablemente cinco o seis años de edad. Conocí a mi pastor donde crecí en Chihuahua. Y este hombre era un hombre lleno de algo que más tarde el Papa Francisco llamaría la alegría del evangelio. No conocía el término en aquel entonces, pero lo que vi en él fue la alegría del Evangelio. Y cuando lo vi tan contento, dije que sabes lo que quiero ser como él, que quiero ser sacerdote. Entonces les dije a mis padres que quiero ser sacerdote. Y ahí fue cuando empezó todo. A lo largo de los años, esa idea siguió creciendo en mi mente y en mi corazón. Y como he experimentado más cosas. Esa fue la única

cosa que duró esa alegría que vino de conocer al Señor Jesús. Así que, en última instancia, eso me motivó a unirme al seminario y continuar en este camino".

**¿Cómo te sientes como viene tu ordenación al diaconado?**

Así que invito a todos a invitar al Señor Jesús a su corazón y dejarse llevar por este gozo que nos lleva a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, especialmente a aquellos que más lo necesitan".

**Micheal Lewis, ¿Cómo te**



**Deacons Miguel Perez and Michael Lewis were ordained to the priesthood.  
Seminarian Ivan Montelongo was ordained to the transitional diaconate.**

**do?**

"Ha sido un camino largo pero no lo cambiaría por nada. Me ha traído muchas experiencias y tanto gozo el gozo que solo se puede experimentar al servir al Señor. Y esto no es exclusivo del ministerio ordenado. Así que todo el pueblo de Dios está llamado a esto para este gozo en esta santidad de vida.

**sientes cuando se acerca tu ordenación?**

"Estoy emocionado, estoy abrumado de alegría. Ha pasado mucho tiempo. Ha estado dentro y fuera del seminario tres veces. "Esta vez es para El Paso, es para mi casa", dijo. "Es para el servicio de la gente. Y tomo ese cargo, ese mandato en serio. Es un camino largo, pero

todo su propósito es entrenar y prepararse para que nuestra gente pueda confiar en nosotros. No solo para acceder a los sacramentos, sino también para conocer mejor a Cristo. Creo que ese es el motivo por el que hago esto, para poder ayudar a llevar a las personas a Cristo.

**¿Qué mensaje tiene para los fieles católicos de la Diócesis de El Paso?**

"La iglesia es vibrante en toda nuestra diócesis, desde El Paso hasta Monahans Texas, tenemos una maravillosa diócesis llena de personas maravillosas y no puedo esperar para comenzar

a ayudarles".

**Miguel Pérez, ¿cómo te sientes a medida que se acerca tu ordenación?**

"Siempre he visto un apoyo inquebrantable y las oraciones de los fieles, y para mí, esto ha sido muy hermoso. Sé que dejé a mis padres, a mi familia y amigos en Colombia, pero todo este tiempo que he estado aquí

en esta diócesis ha sido un momento lleno de las bendiciones de Dios. Dios me ha dado una familia mucho más grande: en El Paso, en la Diócesis, en las diferentes parroquias en las que he servido, ha habido mucho apoyo y han ayudado a contribuir a mis estudios. No hay palabras para que ofrezca mi agradecimiento por todas las oraciones y el apoyo de las personas que he venido a encontrar aquí en esta diócesis".

**¿Qué mensaje tiene para los fieles católicos de la Diócesis de El Paso?**

"Estoy infinitamente agradecido a todas aquellas personas que no solo me apoyan, sino que también abrieron sus hogares y la puerta de entrada a su amistad. El apoyo a través de sus oraciones siempre ha estado ahí para mí y por eso estoy eternamente agradecido".

El diácono Ivan Montelongo regresará a su formación final de seminario. Ha sido asignado a la Iglesia Católica de San Rafael durante el verano. El padre Miguel Pérez se desempeñará como vicario en la Iglesia Católica de San Mateo en el lado oeste de El Paso. El Padre Michael Lewis regresará por un año más de formación sacerdotal, pero prestará servicio durante el verano en San Pío X y en la Catedral de San Patricio durante Navidad y la Semana Santa.

# Monsingor Smith is 85 years young

**By Sofia Larkin**  
Major Gifts Officer

May has always been a busy and exciting month but this year, it was extra special. Msgr. Francis J. Smith turned 85 and celebrated the 52nd anniversary of his priestly ordination.

Francis J. Smith was born in Chicago on May 20, 1934. He was the grandchild of Eastern European immigrants who came through Ellis Island and were renamed Smith when no one could pronounce their family name. He attended Catholic schools and ran the streets with his brother, Freddy, who was only 10 months younger. His father was a steelworker and his mother was a strict disciplinarian. His Chicago working class upbringing drove his approach to the priesthood and he has been described as unique, straightforward, and street smart.

Msgr. Smith, a longtime fixture at St. Raphael and the Diocese of El Paso, served at St. Joseph Parish as an associate, All

Saints Parish as pastor as well as at St. Pius X Parish when he was given the title of Monsignor, and finally at St. Raphael Parish

in his name. The Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Smith Scholarship Fund for St. Raphael Catholic School provides scholarships



*Machelle Vanecek celebrating with Msgr. Smith in 2015 during a retirement dinner.*

where he would serve the school and parish for three decades. In honor of his retirement, an endowed scholarship fund for St. Raphael School was established

for young students who could not otherwise afford to attend St. Raphael Catholic School; these students are known as the Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith Scholars.

Msgr. Smith was honored as the first recipient of the Foundation's Dei Gratia Award during the 9th Annual Foundation of Faith Dinner on September 17, 2015. Msgr. Smith was ordained on March 25, 1967 and served St. Raphael Parish for 29 years. The crowd laughed when Msgr. Smith quoted another Chicago native, Jack Benny, as he accepted his award with Benny's famous line: "I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either." On a serious note, he said he "always saw God in the people he served".

The Dei Gratia Award, Latin for "By the Grace of God", recognizes an individual, couple, or organization for their servant

leadership, outstanding contribution to the Diocese of El Paso and our Catholic community, and their dedication to being good stewards of God's grace.

In honor of Msgr. Smith, we invite you to consider a gift to the Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith Scholarship Fund for St. Raphael Catholic School and the Retired Priest Appreciation Fund in Msgr. Smith's name. Giving is easy and Msgr. Smith will receive a note for each donation received. Visit elpasodiocesefoundation.org or call the Foundation at 915.872.8412 for more information.

Congratulations, Msgr. Smith, and thank you for your vocation!

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## Monseñor Smith cumple 85 años

**Por Sofia Larkin**

Oficial de Regalos Mayores

Mayo siempre ha sido un mes emocionante, pero este año fue muy especial. Mons. Francis J. Smith cumplió 85 años y celebró el 52 aniversario de su ordenación sacerdotal.

Francis J. Smith nació en Chicago el 20 de mayo de 1934. Era el nieto de los inmigrantes de Europa del Este que pasaron por Ellis Island y fueron rebautizados como Smith cuando nadie podía pronunciar el nombre de su familia. Asistió a escuelas católicas y corrió las calles con su hermano, Freddy, quien era solo 10 meses más joven. Su padre era un trabajador del acero y

su madre era una estricta disciplinaria. Su educación de clase trabajadora en Chicago impulsó su acercamiento al sacerdocio y se lo ha descrito como único, directo y listo para la calle.

Mons. Smith, un veterano miembro de St. Raphael y la Diócesis de El Paso, se desempeñó en la parroquia de St. Joseph como asociado, en la parroquia de All Saints como párroco, así como en la parroquia de St. Pius X cuando recibió el título de Monseñor, y finalmente, en la parroquia St. Raphael, donde serviría a la escuela y a la parroquia durante tres décadas. En honor a su retiro, se estableció a su nombre un fondo de becas

para la escuela St. Raphael. El Fondo de Becas del Reverendo Monseñor Francis J. Smith para la Escuela Católica St. Raphael brinda becas para estudiantes jóvenes que de otra manera no podrían asistir a la Escuela Católica St. Raphael; estos estudiantes son conocidos como el Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith Scholars.

Mons. Smith fue honrado como el primer receptor del Premio Dei Gratia de la Fundación durante la Novena Cena Anual de la Fundación de la Fe el 17 de septiembre de 2015. Msgr. Smith fue ordenado el 25 de marzo de 1967 y sirvió en la parroquia de St. Raphael durante 29 años. La

multitud se echó a reír cuando mons. Smith citó a otro nativo de Chicago, Jack Benny, cuando aceptó su premio con la famosa frase de Benny: "No merezco este premio, pero tengo artritis y tampoco lo merezco". En una nota seria, dijo que "Siempre vi a Dios en las personas a las que servía".

El Premio Dei Gratia, en latín por "Por la gracia de Dios", reconoce a una persona, pareja u organización por su liderazgo de servicio, una contribución sobresaliente a la Diócesis de El Paso y nuestra comunidad católica, y su dedicación a ser buenos administradores de Dios. gracia.

En honor a Msgr. Smith, te invitamos a considerar un regalo para el Rev. Msgr. Fondo de

becas Francis J. Smith para la escuela católica St. Raphael y el fondo de apreciación de sacerdotes jubilados en Msgr. El nombre de smith Dar es fácil y Msgr. Smith recibirá una nota por cada donación recibida. Visite elpasodiocesefoundation.org o llame a la Fundación al 915.872.8412 para obtener más información.

Felicitaciones, Msgr. Smith, y gracias por tu vocación!

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### Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary Father!

### ¡Feliz cumpleaños y Feliz Aniversario Padre!

Correction: The Rio Grande Catholic is proud to celebrate our diocesan priests with publishing their ordination anniversaries and their birthdays. It has been brought to our attention that we have missed those celebrations of our retired priests that served so fervently so our diocese throughout the years.

Here at the Rio Grande Catholic would like to send our sincerest and deepest apologies for this oversight to our retired priests. In the future, our retired priests will have a special place for the celebration and announcement of their birthdays and ordination anniversaries.

El Rio Grande Catholic se enorgullece de celebrar a nues-

tos sacerdotes diocesanos con la publicación de sus aniversarios de ordenación y sus cumpleaños. Se nos ha llamado la atención que nos hemos perdido las celebraciones de nuestros sacerdotes retirados que sirvieron tan fervientemente en nuestra diócesis a lo largo de los años.

Aquí, en el Católico del Río Grande, nos gustaría enviar nuestras más sinceras disculpas por esto a nuestros sacerdotes retirados. En el futuro, nuestros sacerdotes retirados tendrán un lugar especial para la celebración y el anuncio de sus cumpleaños y aniversarios de ordenación.

## Happy Birthday/Feliz Cumpleaños

Francisco Herrera 3-20

Richard Weiss 4-25

Miguel Meneses 4-28

James "Buzz" Hall 5-11

Francis J. Smith 5-20

## Happy Anniversary/Feliz Aniversario

Richard Waiwood 5-12

Robert S. Calles 5-22

Stephen Peters 5-25

Francis J. Smith 5-25

John Rini 5-27

James "Buzz" Hall 5-29

Blake Fry 6-29

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# Celebramos 50 Años de Entrega

Por Flor Motañez

Reportero Especial al Rio Grande

En palabras del Papa Francisco “El sacerdote es el hombre de la entrega, de la entrega de sí mismo, cada día, sin herida y sin pausa. Porque la nuestra no es una profesión, es una entrega. No es una profesión, es una misión.” con mucha alegría nuestra diócesis se une en acción de gracias por la misión y entrega del Padre Raúl Trigueros que durante 50 años a llevado a cabo en nuestra comunidad y que continúa sin pausa ahora en San Pedro y San Pablo que se viste de gala en alabanza al Señor por el llamado que le hizo al Padre Trigueros y por su respuesta generosa.

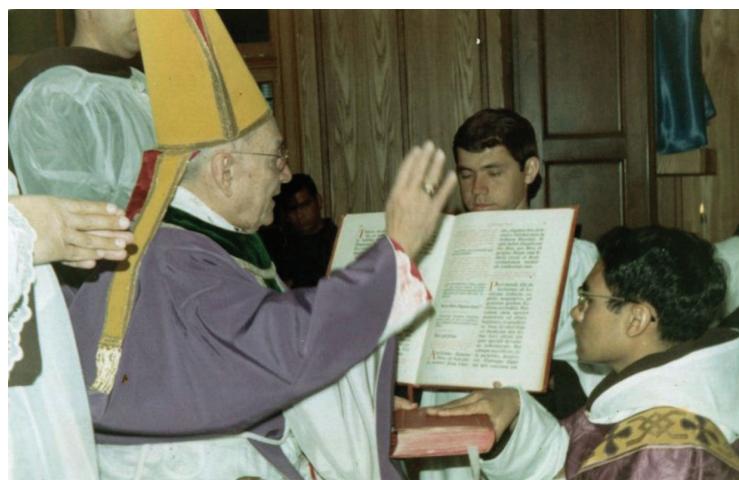
El Padre Raúl Trigueros nació el 5 de Octubre en Celaya Guanajuato es el mayor de diez hijos del matrimonio de Don Rafael Trigueros y Doña Clementina Cazares desde muy pequeño conoció la fe de la mano de su tía abuela Lupita Trigueros que llevaba junto con sus hermanos a la Iglesia de San Agustín, donde el Padre tuvo su primer acercamiento con el servicio en la liturgia siendo monaguillo, más tarde él recuerda al Padre Mariano Paulin que en la escuela primaria plantó la semilla de la vocación con una pregunta, “¿Han pensado en ser sacerdotes?”

No pasó mucho tiempo para que el jovencito Raúl de catorce años decidiera entrar al Seminario Menor en la Orden Franciscana. Desde entonces, su familia siempre orgullosa aunque extrañandolo mucho, por estar separados de él, lo acompañaron luego a El Pueblito Querétaro, donde realizó el noviciado de un año, le impusieron el hábito y le cambiaron el nombre tomando el de Fermín, siguiendo la costumbre de las órdenes religiosas y en recuerdo de la escritura, como el Señor elige y cambia el nombre como a Simón por Pe-

dro, a Saulo por Pablo.

Después inició el estudio de la filosofía en el Convento de la Cruz en Querétaro durante tres años para luego trasladarse a El Paso Tx. y continuar sus estudios de teología en el Seminario de San Antonio durante cuatro años, tiempo en el que fue parte de la estudiantina del Seminario,

dentro de la Orden Franciscana; como misiones en Tarandacua Gto., escribió artículos para el Boletín de la Orden y fungiendo como director de escuela primaria. Después en Irapuato y en León Gto. involucrándose en la docencia de primaria, secundaria y preparatoria tomando la profesión de maestro normalistas



la cual con la que grabó cuatro discos de larga duración, destacando la edición navideña con presentaciones en la plaza de los Lagartos en el centro de esta ciudad, durante el encendido del árbol de Navidad.

El viernes 13 de Junio de 1969 el joven Raúl Trigueros, entonces de veinticinco años, fue ordenado sacerdote por el Sr. Obispo Metzger junto a otros trece hermanos de la Orden Franciscana en el Seminario San Antonio rodeado de sus padres, abuelitas, tíos y hermanos que se trasladaron desde Guanajuato para estar con él en este momento tan especial y después lo acompañaron también en su Cantamisa en el templo de San Francisco uno de los más significativos en Celaya.

Permaneció en El Paso durante dos años asignado en la Parroquia San Francisco de Asís recordando las palabras que escuchó San Francisco “reconstruye mi iglesia.” Regresó nuevamente a México, donde realizó diferentes encomiendas

instruyendo a los docentes sobre la implementación de la reforma educativa, de donde (él cuenta) adquirió las habilidades para enseñar con facilidad y sencillez a los niños. El Padre Trigueros fue nuevamente reasignado a nuestra ciudad, a la Parroquia de Nta. Sra. De Guadalupe a cargo de la Orden Franciscana, con el dinamismo que lo caracteriza y trabajando arduamente en la Pastoral con los grupos de Renovación Carismática en el Espíritu Santo, Cursillos de Cristiandad, Encuentro Matrimonial entre otros, participando de los congresos que se llevaban a cabo cada año el Civic Center.

Con más de once años de sacerdote, el Padre Raúl toma la decisión de incardinarse a la Diócesis El del Paso pidiendo una dispensa a su Orden, siendo Sr. Obispo Peña quien lo recibe.

En la Parroquia de Santa Lucía acompañó al Mons. Bañuelas en el proyecto que iniciaba de enseñanza y formación de servidores que hoy conocemos como Instituto Tepeyac.

Luego fue asignado a la comunidad de Corpus Christi, ahí inició la construcción de la Parroquia ganando un premio al mejor diseño tomando su inspiración en las haciendas mexicanas.

Más adelante partió hacia Van Horn donde permaneció seis años y fue vicario.

Siendo muy afín a las comunicaciones y con el celo por anunciar la buena nueva realizó estudios en El Paso Community College, de edición y redacción en UTEP, también en Emerson College en Boston y en la Universidad de San Buenaventura en Bogotá Colombia.

Hacía intervenciones en la Radio y pequeños comentarios de los diferentes tiempos litúrgicos en la Televisión, después también realizó varias series de programas acerca de los evangelios en lo que antes era el canal 14 y otro programa llamado “Pregúntale al Padre”.

Fue párroco de Cristo Rey durante dieciséis años, en ese tiempo se construyó el salón de eventos de la Parroquia, realizó un periódico llamado “Kerigma” distribuido en el Vicariato, este periódico es el antecesor de “Río Grande” que hoy tenemos la dicha de leer.

El Padre Raúl Trigueros fue director de comunicaciones en la diócesis durante dieciocho años sin descuidar sus deberes de párroco.

Dios le ha permitido viajar a diferentes partes del mundo en peregrinaciones incorporando ahí su ministerio sacerdotal y de evangelizador, teniendo la fortuna de ser acompañado en ocasiones por sus padres o sus hermanos.

Las comunidades en las que ha estado son: San Mateo, San Jose, San Rafael, San Lorenzo, San Marcos y otras.

Un catequista por excelencia, el Padre Raúl ha transmitido programas por 12 años en “Radio Guadalupana” 1240 am, estación de la diócesis de Cd. Juárez, y por nueve años se

by their parents, grandmothers, uncles and brothers. They visited from Guanajuato to be with him in this special moment and then they also accompanied him in his Cantamisa in the temple of San Francisco, one of the most significant temples in Celaya.

He remained in El Paso for two years assigned in the San Francisco de Asis Parish, remembering the words that San Francisco heard “rebuild my church.” He returned to Mexico, where he made different encomiendas within the Franciscan Order; like missions in Tarandacua. He wrote articles for the Bulletin of the Order and acting as the principal of an elementary school. Then in Irapuato and León, he was involved in the teaching of elementary, mid-

hizo cargo de “El Paso en Misión” que transmitía desde su casa parroquial en turno. Hoy tiene además programas en “El Puente” estación por Internet de la Diócesis de El Paso, TX, por “Radio San Pío X”, que se retransmite también por “Cristo Rey Radio” en el 1110 am que realizan transmisiones en vivo por la red social de Facebook.

Impulsador de la nueva evangelización por medio de la Escuela San Andrés.

Durante todo este tiempo su familia a permanecido siempre apoyando en las diferentes facetas de su ministerio sacerdotal.

Hombre de entrega diaria, de misión incansable porque como bien lo dice, su fuerza viene de estar conectado con Dios y los que lo rodean lo pueden notar.

Pastor con olor a oveja que sabe notar las luces de sus ovejas y soportar sus oscuridades buscando iluminarlas con la luz de Cristo.

Sacerdote con mucha sabiduría y dotes de catequista que le gusta enseñar con sencillez de palabra pero que más nos muestra con su testimonio de humildad.

Buen hijo y buen hermano.

Honrando el espíritu franciscano, le gusta la astronomía, se goza de Dios en la naturaleza, cuida con cariño a sus mascotas y a donde va deja, un lindo jardín con bonitas y variadas flores.

¿Cuantas Eucaristías en 50 años? ¿Cuántas confesiones escuchas? ¿Cuanto bautizos? ¿Cuántos matrimonio celebrados?

Eso y muchas cosas más es la vida de un sacerdote.

Celebremos pues la vida, la entrega, el apostolado de Padre Raúl Trigueros del que la Iglesia se ha enriquecido y del que muchos nos hemos alimentado, unámonos en alabanza y oración por él y TODOS LOS SACERDOTES, que se gastan y desgastan por la misión encomendada.

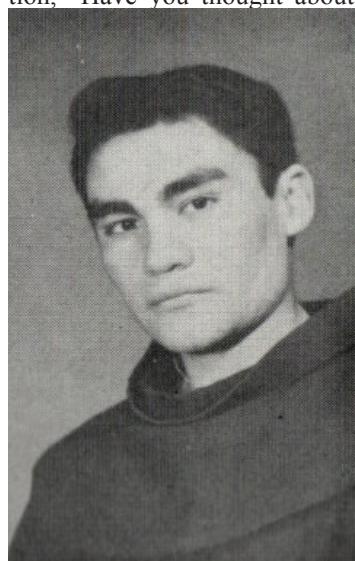
¡Muchas felicidades sacerdote para siempre!

dle and high school taking the profession of teacher normalistas educating teachers on the implementation of educational reform, where (he tells us) acquired the skills to teach easily and simply to children. Father Trigueros was reassigned to our city, to the Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in charge of the Franciscan Order. With the dynamism that characterizes him and working hard in the priesthood with the groups of Charismatic Renewal in the Holy Spirit, Cursillos of Christianity and Marriage Encounter groups among others. Participating in the congresses that took place every year the Civic Center.

With more than eleven years as a priest, Father Raúl made the decision to join the Diocese of

Celebrating 50 years of Surrender

Father Mariano Paulin who in elementary school planted the seed of the vocation with a question, “Have you thought about



becoming a priest?”

It did not take long for young Raul to decide to enter the Minor Seminary in the Franciscan Order. Since then, his family has always been proud, although they missed him very much, because they were separated from him. They then accompanied him to El Pueblito Querétaro, later, he remembers

where he undertook the one-year novitiate, they imposed his habit and changed his name taking Fermin, following the custom of the religious orders and in memory of the scripture, as the Lord chooses and changes the name as to Simon for Peter, to Saul for Paul.

Then he began to study philosophy at the Convent of the Cross in Querétaro for three years and then moved to El Paso, Texas, and continue his studies in theology at the Seminary of San Antonio for four years. During this time in which he was a part of the seminary he recorded four LP albums, highlighting the Christmas edition with presentations in the Plaza de los Lizardos in downtown El Paso, during the lighting of the Christmas tree.

On Friday, June 13, 1969, the young Raúl Trigueros, then twenty-five years old, was ordained a priest by Bishop Metzger along with thirteen other brothers of the Franciscan Order at the San Antonio Seminary surrounded

#### Diocese offers assistance for victims of sexual abuse

Bishop Mark J. Seitz invites anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, religious or any minister of the church, to contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator, Mrs. Susan Martinez, LCSW, at (915) 872-8465 or the Chancery, (915) 872-8407. The Church desires the healing of anyone that has been harmed.

#### La Diócesis ofrece asistencia a las

#### víctimas de abuso sexual

El Obispo Mark J. Seitz invita a cualquier persona que haya sido víctima de abuso sexual por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o ministro de la iglesia, para que se comunique con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas, Sra. Susan Martínez, LCSW, al teléfono 872-8465 o con la Cancillería a 872-8407. La Iglesia desea sanar a toda persona que haya sido lastimada.



asking for a dispensation from his Order, with Bishop Peña receiving it.

In the Parish of Santa Lucía he accompanied Mons. Bañuelas in the project that started teaching and training of servers that we know today as Tepeyac Institute.

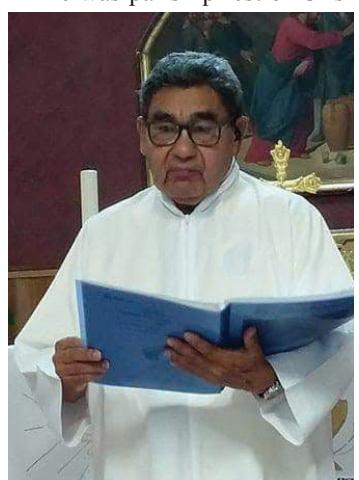
He was then assigned to the community of Corpus Christi, where he began the construction of the parish winning a prize for the best design taking inspiration from the Mexican haciendas.

Later he left for Van Horn where he remained for six years and was vicar of the vicariate.

Being very close to communications and with the zeal to announce the good news, he studied at El Paso Community College, editing and writing at UTEP, also at Emerson College in Boston and at the University of San Buenaventura in Bogotá Colombia.

He hosted several shows on the Radio and made minor commentaries on the different liturgical times on television. Afterwards he also several series of programs about the gospels on what was previously channel 14 and another program called "Ask Father".

He was parish priest of Cris-



to Rey for sixteen years, at that time the parish's events hall was built. He helped create a newspaper called "Kerigma" distributed in the Vicariate, this newspaper is the predecessor of "Rio Grande" that today we have the happiness of read.

Father Raúl Trigueros was director of communications in the diocese for eighteen years without neglecting his duties as pastor.

God has allowed him to travel to different parts of the world on pilgrimages, incorporating his priestly and evangelizing ministry there, having the good fortune of being accompanied on occasion by his parents or brothers.

Las comunidades en las que ha estado son: San Mateo, San José, San Rafael, San Lorenzo, San Marcos y otras.

A catechist par excellence, Father Raúl has hosted broadcast programs for 12 years at "Radio Guadalupana" 1240 am. The radio station for the diocese of Ciudad Juárez. For nine years he took charge of "El Paso en Mision" broadcast from his home parochial in turn. Today it also has programs on "El Puente" Internet station of the Diocese of El Paso, and "Radio San Pío X", which is also broadcast by "Cristo Rey Radio" at 1110AM, which broadcasts live on the Facebook social network.

Impeller of the new evangelization through the San Andrés School.

During all this time his family has always been supporting in the different facets of his priestly ministry.

A Man of daily dedication, of tireless mission because as he says it well, his strength comes from being connected with God and those around him can see it.

A Shepherd with the smell of sheep knows how to notice the lights of his sheep and endure their darkness seeking to illuminate them with the light of Christ.

A Priest with a lot of wisdom and catechist skills that he likes to teach with simplicity of speech but that shows us more with his testimony of humility.

A Good son and good brother.

Honoring the Franciscan spirit, he loves astronomy, he enjoys God in nature, he takes care of his pets and where he leaves, a beautiful garden with beautiful and varied flowers.

How many Eucharists consecrated in 50 years? How many confessions did you listen to? How many baptisms? How many marriages celebrated?

That and many other things is the life of a priest.

Let us celebrate the life, the dedication, the apostolate of Father Raúl Trigueros, of which the Church has been enriched and from which many of us have been nourished. Let us unite in praise and prayer for him and ALL PRIESTS, who are dedicated tirelessly by the mission entrusted to him. Congratulations Father Trigueros!

# Holy Relic of St. Jean Vianney Visits the Diocese of El Paso

*The major Holy Relic of the heart of St. Jean Vianney was on pilgrimage to the Diocese of El Paso on May 7th. Over 1,000 Catholic faithful had the opportunity to visit and venerate the Holy Relic at St. Patrick Cathedral. The pilgrimage of the United States is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A Rosary was said as a prayer for Vocations to the Clergy and the Consecrated Religious life.*



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# Summer Institute 2019

**By Deacon Jesus Cardenas**

Director of the Tepeyac Institute

This is going to be a special summer for the Tepeyac Institute as we lined up a great group of presenters who are going to share with us the theology based on the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis Gaudete et Exsultate. The theme this year is going to be: "The Call to Holiness in the Fringes". The sessions will be divided into three weeks, the first week from June 3rd to the 8th is titled: The Call. Here will have a group of theologians who have been researching about God's call and how we are responding to His call in our lives. Holiness, discern-

ment, call, human development and other titles are going to be



part of the morning, evening and Saturday sessions.

The second week is titled: The Fringes. The presentations this week are focusing on what

are the fringes where we need to go for this encounter with Christ.

Fringes, existential, peripheries, ecology, rejoicing and other themes will be presented this week. And the last week is titled: The Encounter with Christ. All efforts and moments of our lives are preparing us for that particular moment when we encounter Our Lord and Savior in the brothers and sisters.

For the first time, we are going to have a Guadalupe track where academics from the Basilica are coming to share with us a deeper analysis of St. Juan Diego's tilma. In the first week, they will focus on the textile characteristics, and the painting.

Who can be better prepared to share this class with us than an art major painter? She will share with us 8 hours of evidence of the miracle stamped on the tilma. The second week, we will have Fr. Eduardo Chavez, who was the defender of the cause of canonization of St. Juan Diego. He will share with us the insights of the Guadalupe event. And on the last week, Fernando Ojeda will present a detailed and profound analysis of Turin's shroud and the Tilma. This week, we will conclude with a deep study about the indigenous culture

and the impact of the Guadalupe miracle. Some sessions will have simultaneous translation to English in order to share the expertise of these scholars with both communities. We will also be using Skype for remote locations that want to join some of these sessions.

Leading our presenters for this summer we have our Bishop Mark J. Seitz, the Tepeyac Institute's founder Monsignor Arturo Bañuelas, Canon Dr. Fr. Eduardo Chavez, Dr. Rosa Moreno, Fr. Javier Escobedo Conde, Fr. Stephen Pitts, Sr. Helen Santamaría, and many others. You can register online, the fee for the first class is \$20 and the additional classes are \$15. Register on time to save your space and allow us to make accommodations for all participants.

# Instituto de Verano 2019

**Por Deacon Jesus Cardenas**

Director de Instituto de Tepeyac

Este va a ser un verano muy especial para el Instituto Tepeyac porque hemos alineado a un gran grupo de presentadores que compartirán con nosotros la teología basada en la Exhortación Apostólica del Papa Francisco Gaudete et Exsultate. El tema de este año va a ser: "El Llamado a la Santidad en las Periferias." Las sesiones se dividirán en tres semanas, la primera semana será del 3 al 8 de junio y se titula: El Llamado. Aquí vamos a tener a un grupo de teólogos quienes han investigado sobre el llamado de Dios y en cómo respondemos a ese llamado en nuestras vidas. Santidad, discernimiento, llamado, desarrollo humano y otros títulos van a ser parte de las sesiones de las mañanas, tardes o sábado.

La segunda semana se titula: Las periferias. Las presentaciones de esta semana se enfocarán en las periferias donde necesitamos ir para ese encuentro con Cristo. Periferias, existenciales, orillas, regocijo y otros temas se presentarán esta semana. Y la última semana se titula: El Encuentro con Cristo. Todos los esfuerzos y momentos de nuestras vidas nos están preparando para ese momento particular cuando nos encontramos con Nuestro Señor y Salvador en los hermanos y hermanas.

Por primera vez, vamos a tener un grupo sobre Guadalupe donde los académicos de la Basílica van a venir a compartir con nosotros un profundo análisis de la tilma de San Juan Diego. En la primera semana, se enfocarán en las características de los textiles, y sobre la pintura. ¿Quién puede estar mejor preparada para compartir esa clase con nosotros que una persona con

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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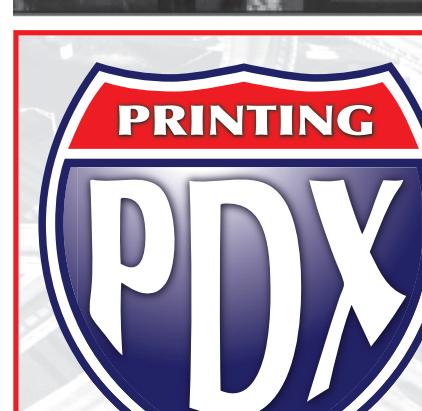
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## St. Patrick Student takes 2nd place in National Competition

Paula Tenorio took Second Place at the National History Day competition held last month at the University of Texas at Austin. This state level



contest held in Austin leads to the national level competition. National History Day Contest encourages more than half a million students around the world to conduct historical research on a topic of their choice. Students enter these projects at the local and affiliate levels, with top students advancing. Tenorio earned a second place finish in individual performance and qualified to go to nationals in Washington, D.C. this June.

Students begin their journey by presenting their projects in

## St. Mathew School Student Recognized in Austin



Congratulations to 2nd grade student- Victoria Reza of St. Matthew's Catholic School. Victoria was recognized in Austin, TX by the State Bar of Texas for her Law Day Poster, "I will stand up for what I think is right" on Thursday May 2, 2019. After winning the El Paso Bar Association poster contest Victoria and her parents traveled to Austin, TX and took a tour of the State Capital among other State buildings. Once, they returned to El Paso. Victoria and her family as well as her teacher Mrs. Cindy Espinoza attended a lunch to honor all the recipients at the El Paso Country Club on Saturday, May 4, 2019. We are extremely proud of Victoria and her accomplishment! Way to Go Falcons!

classrooms, schools, and districts around the world. Top entries are invited to the state/affiliate level contests.

The top two entries in every category at the state/affiliate level are then invited to the National Contest and Tenorio was one.

"We could not be prouder of Maria Paula. From the very start she was committed to her project

and her tenacious spirit was contagious. We owe so much to her St. Patrick teachers and her family who supported her throughout this process. It is always a great day to be Irish!" says St. Patrick Cathedral School Principal, Elizabeth Carreon.

The next step for Tenorio is the National Contest where nearly 3,000 students with their

families and teachers gather at the University of Maryland, College Park for the week-long event. These enthusiastic groups come from all fifty United States, Washington, D.C., Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and international schools in China, Korea, and South Asia.

Tenorio's Award Winning entry is about Russian Mathemati-

cian Sofia Kovalevskaya.

"I am so excited to bring attention to Sofia Kovalevskaya's accomplishments. She inspired many women. She was the first woman to get a doctoral degree. She's given me a greater interest in math and history", shares St. Patrick 7th Grader Maria Paula Tenorio.

The 2019 National Contest will be held June 9-13, 2019 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

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### Priest Assignments

Fr. John Telles – St. Charles Seminary Rector and Director of Seminarians.  
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 Fr. Mariano Lopez – Administrator, San Antonio Parish and Vocations Director – (Will take effect on August 26, 2019)

Fr. Hector Chicas – Vicar, Blessed Sacrament  
 Fr. Joe Raj – Vicar, Our Lady of Peace, Alpine  
 Fr. German Alzate – Vicar, St. Mark Parish  
 Fr. Miguel Perez – Vicar, St. Matthew Parish  
 Fr. Cong Vo – Beginning summer studies in Canon Law  
 Fr. Mike Lewis –Continues Studies, but with Parish assignment – Summer at St. Pius, then Cathedral for Christmas and Holy Week visits.

### Priest Retiring

Fr. Leo Rivero – Retiring (Will take effect on August 26, 2019)

### Presently on Leave from El Paso

Fr. Alfonso Bonilla – Has returned to Mexico for a year due to Visa requirements.



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**Guardian Angel: June 1-2**

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**St Peter and Paul: June 21-23**

**San Juan Bautista: June 22-23**

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**Our Lady of the Light: August 2-4**

**San Lorenzo: Aug. 9-11**

**Our Lady of the Valley: Aug. 16-18**

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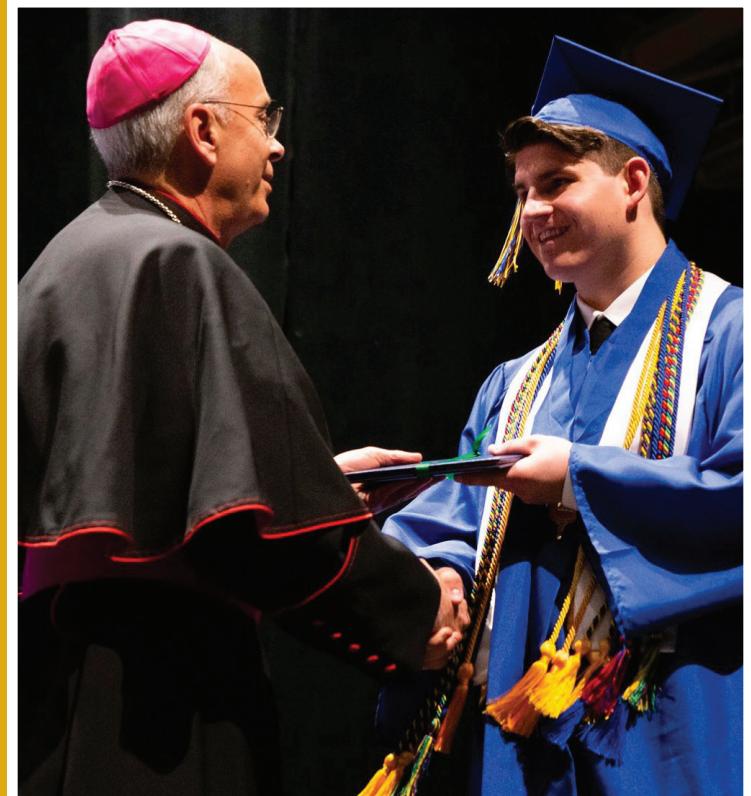
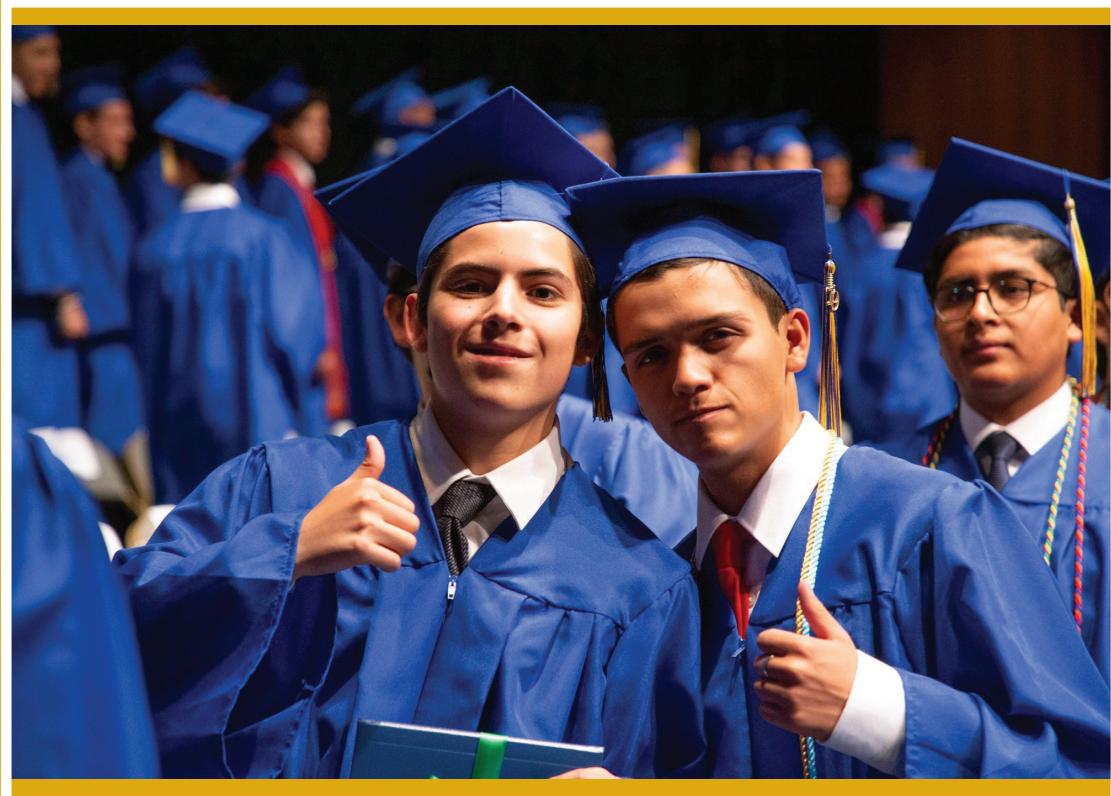
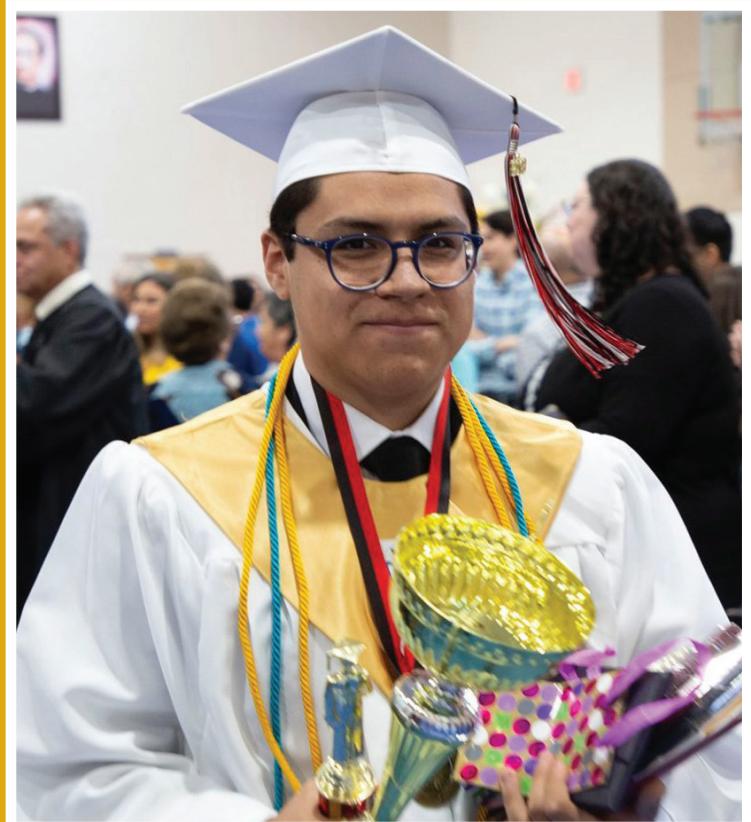
**El Buen Pastor: September 13-15**

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**La Purisima-Socorro: Sept. 27-29**

# Catholic High Schools Celebrate Class of 2019

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**Featured Columnist**

# The Corpse Raiders

Most people recognize the importance of obtaining consent before retrieving organs from the bodies of deceased persons. They also understand the necessity of showing respect for those bodily remains following death.

Recent news stories have chronicled the troubling story of a funeral home in Colorado clandestinely taking body parts out of corpses and selling them to medical supply companies. One family was horrified to learn that their mother's head, arms, pelvis, and parts of her legs had been harvested without their knowledge or consent. They and others are now suing the company. The funeral home had been selling body parts to places as far away as Saudi Arabia, and returning containers of ashes to the families that did not contain any actual trace of their loved ones.

The public outcry following these revelations, and the subsequent FBI investigation and legal prosecution of the funeral home directors, reminds us how easy it is to transgress important moral boundaries when we fail to respect the remains of the deceased.

Indeed, legal measures can

remind us of our duties towards the dead, whether through laws that criminalize grave robbing, for example, or those forbidding the use of executed persons' bodies for research. A few years ago, Chinese officials were timing the capital punishment of their prisoners in order to harvest their organs as soon as well-paying foreigners had arrived in Chinese hospitals to receive those transplanted body parts. International pressure quickly mounted to ban the practice.

While it is clear that we shouldn't kill others for the purpose of obtaining their organs or body parts, it should be equally clear that when an intentional act of killing has already taken place, and a cadaver is available, valid informed consent is still required prior to harvesting bodily tissues. All ethically sound research involving human subjects is predicated upon informed consent, which needs to be given either by the donors themselves before they die, or by their duly appointed proxy, acting on behalf of, and in the best interests of, the deceased individual.

When it comes to extracting

cells or organs from the corpse of a deceased child at an abortion clinic, however, these ethical requirements for consent cannot legitimately be satisfied.

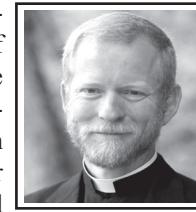
Some have been tempted to argue that aborted children "would have consented" to organ donation if they had been given the chance, since those organs are no longer needed by them after death. But if the justification for harvesting fetal organs is alleged to be the implied consent of the child, this has to be characterized as a false, even violent, presumption. The activity of harvesting tissues under these circumstances would only exacerbate the original evil act that terminated the child's life. Taking cells or tissues without consent would be a callous extension of the original desecration of his or her bodily life.

Additionally, it is important to recognize that even if the mother of an intentionally aborted child were to sign the dotted line saying she granted her permission for the baby's cells and organs to be donated, that consent would necessarily be null and void. Because she arranged for the taking of the child's life, she already categorically demonstrated that she does not have the child's best interests in mind. From the ethical vantage

point, she disqualifies herself from being able to provide valid consent on behalf of her now-deceased child by the very decision to have the abortion in the first place.

While the action of taking bodily tissues without consent would be a lesser evil than the act of killing, this does not lead to the conclusion that we can therefore permit or encourage fetal corpse raiding at abortion clinics simply because we some good use in mind, like pushing forward the frontiers of biological knowledge, or producing a new vaccine or even developing an important therapy for a serious disease.

Wherever cells from directly aborted fetuses are used in research or product development, alternative and ethically non-controversial cell sources should instead be pursued, using, for example, cells obtained from routine surgeries like the removal of an appendix, or foreskin removal during newborn circumcision, or fetal remains following a spontaneous miscarriage, after valid informed consent is able to be properly obtained from the parents. Consent



**Making Sense out of Bioethics**  
**Fr. Tad Pacholczyk**

given after the natural loss of a pregnancy would be analogous to granting permission for an organ donation from a couple's naturally deceased newborn.

Even though significant scientific breakthroughs may have occurred in the past using illicitly gained cells and tissues from direct abortions, this cannot ethically sanitize this approach to tissue procurement, nor justify the continuation of the practice in the future. In fact, outlawing the use of the remains of abortion victims by scientists and researchers would be a small but highly important first step towards showing proper societal respect for the many unborn children who unjustly perish in abortion clinics today.

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# Happiness can be made by two, but Blessings take three

Throughout time there have been those who have questioned why God our Almighty Father chose to place His Son in the world as a child in a poor family – without power, without authority, seemingly without the strength and ability to change the world with a mighty stroke of his hand.

Therein lies the misperception, the lack of vision, the blindness toward the depth and power that lies within the human family. For it is within the family that true strength and goodness originates, values are taught, life lessons are learned, and compassion and love are shared.

Families – whether the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, or our own families – have one very basic and vital aspect that makes them powerful. When a husband and wife join together in Holy Matrimony, they unite their individuality, their similarities, and their differences to become a family. They work together to begin building a marital relationship based on a foundation of love and mutual respect. That is sweet and romantic sounding, but it's not enough. To create a truly valuable marriage, they need three – and I'm not talking about children, yet.

While they might be fairly happy together, a husband and a wife alone are not enough to form a really excellent marriage. They still need to include one more very important part in the foundation and structure of their marriage and their family. They need to invite God to be an essential part of their lives together.

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"And the two shall become one" is often heard in weddings, but the blessings truly flow when their oneness includes the real Spirit of Love because God

family to the Holy Trinity of God? Of course not! However, if you look at a family – father, mother and children all joined in love for one another – isn't that what both the Holy Trinity and

isn't above bending a few human rules, ignoring a few societal norms – God chose a virgin who had not "known man"

to become the mother of His Son, but Heavenly intervention is not the typical way a child is conceived. Mary was betrothed but unmarried – something that might easily have resulted in



**Sidewalk Jesus**  
**Janet M. Crowe**

Abraham and Isaac. Instead, Jesus referred to God as His Father and taught the apostles to talk with the Almighty, even referring to Him as "our Father."

As human fathers, every man should stand tall and proud, for in what better image could a person be made than in the image and likeness of our Almighty Father? God entrusted His Son to Joseph and Mary. God entrusts every human child to both the father and mother who work together to conceive a child of God. A father's contribution certainly doesn't end with the conception. Just as Mary needed help and support, so does every woman who has been blessed with a child.

Fathers are the strength, protection and moral support of the family and they need to be acknowledged and respected for their role in the family. By imitating the role of Joseph as head of the Holy Family and reflecting God the Father's love toward all His children, a father will shine like a star, the star role he was blessed to be given.

Our job is to give help and support to those fathers who struggle, encourage those who hesitate, and, certainly, to praise those who are loving reflections of our Almighty Father. In doing so, we will reinforce the ability and power of the human family to do God's will on earth.

Happy Father's Day to every man who actively loves and cherishes his wife and children. Happy Father's Day to every man who invites God to be a part of his marriage and his family! You are a blessing to us all!



Himself is a part of their oneness. When they invite Him into their home and try to imitate God's love in their marriage, they enrich and bless their relationship toward one another and the children with which God may bless them in their marriage.

The family should be a reflection of the Holy Trinity – loving one another and working together not only as individuals but also as a united force that focuses on the spirit of loving action. Individual but united – that is a family, as well as the understanding of the Holy Trinity's three persons in one God.

Am I comparing a human

the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are all about? When we imitate their love for one another, their individual actions united in a common strength – how can we go wrong?

With that in mind, who is the head of the Trinity? God the Father. Even Jesus our Savior showed respect to His Father in Heaven. In a similar way, to whom did Almighty God give instructions when rescuing the Holy Family from Herod's wrath – Joseph, the father of the Holy Family.

Society today has lost sight of the value of the father in the family unit. God didn't. God

her death by stoning if not for Joseph's goodness and God's revelation to Joseph. Considering that God's only Son was incarnate and became man in both a traditional yet nontraditional way, God could easily have chosen to make it possible for Mary to raise Jesus on her own, but He did not. Jesus was born into a human family with a mother and a father, and that sounds like God thinks fathers are important in the family. After all, He IS called God the Father!

Jesus thought fathers were important also. Jesus did not refer to Almighty God as the God of our ancestors, or the God of

# Be My Guide...

Nobody is born wise or holy; we are continually acquiring knowledge and virtues throughout life. When we buy electronic equipment, a manual of instructions is included that teaches us how to use that device. When a child is born, it does not come with an instruction manual, but a brain, through its parents and teachers, it has the capacity to learn about the reality of life. We all need to have a guide, who guides us and helps us develop our abilities and qualities ... Today many people call themselves Guides, be very careful ... "Do not listen to them! They are the blind leading the blind and both of them, will fall into the same pit" (Mt 15, 14). Jesus promised His apostles help to guide all Christians: "I will pray to the Father, that He will send you the Holy Spirit, so that He may defend and guide you, He will teach you all things and will remind you of all my words" (Jn 14:26). . We cannot go through life groping, putting our faith in thousands of things that are not of God. Let's ask ourselves what we have put our trust in. Where are our assurances?

The Holy Spirit is the great unknown to the world and too many Christians, How many people who have prayed a thousand prayers to certain saints, have almost never directed a prayer to the Divine Spirit. When arriving at a certain town, the Bishop asked the Pastor:

"Why don't the bells ring in this town?" And the Priest replied: "We do not ring for several reasons: the first because

there are no bells and ..." the prelate continued, "That alone is enough." Something similar could be said of certain Christians: Why do they not progress in holiness? For several reasons: the first because they



have no devotion to the Holy Spirit ... That reason alone is enough ... One of the greatest discoveries of those who dedicate themselves to the apostolate, be they priests, catechists or parents is the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Whoever possesses the Divine Spirit, will see fulfilled in his life those almost incredible words of Jesus: "I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do and will perform them even greater" (Jn 14, 12).

The Church lives a continuous Pentecost. Without the Holy Spirit the Church would be left without strength, like a sailboat with no wind. Therefore, there is no Church without Pentecost. And there would

be no Pentecost without the Virgin Mary, that's how the beginning of the Cenacle began. This is the typical experience in the great Marian Shrines: Fátima, Lourdes, Guadalupe, Loreto, Monserrat, Medjugorje, Altigracia ... or in any other place where Christians meet with the Virgin Mary, the Lord offers us His Spirit.

of the Law. To the Virgin Mary, through the announcement of the angel, filled her with the Holy Spirit and created in her womb Jesus, the Son of God. Peter, a poor fisherman, becomes a preacher and head of

the church. To the eleven cowardly apostles, full of fear, but upon receiving the Holy Spirit are transformed into brave and courageous evangelizers. Like the apostles, we too are transformed from cowards and sinners into new creatures through the benevolent heart of God...

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THING WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET: The primitive Church did not make any decisions nor embark on any important task without first invoking the Holy Spirit. The Divine Spirit was the source of its courage and arduous Mission to evangelize the world. He wants to come into our life, INVITING US. He comes full of gifts and hands them out. No one pleads in vain for the coming of the Holy Spirit; He is always willing to work in us the miracles that He worked in the Virgin Mary, in the Apostles and in all the Saints throughout all times ... At times we all need a change in our life and these changes are worked impressively by the Holy Spirit; He grants us His Holy gifts: \*Wis-

dom, \*Intelligence, \* Advice, \* Strength, \* Science, \* Mercy, \* Fear of God. It also gives us the twelve fruits: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Longevity, Goodness, Kindness, Meekness, Fidelity, Modesty, Prudence, and Chastity. We all urgently need these seven sacred gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, in order to obtain health, love and peace. Let us ask Him to come and fill us with His gifts and fruits. Surely we have sought in vain for many ways to live better lives ... perhaps we can learn from this testimony: In January 1980, St. John Paul II, spoke to a group of charismatics, he told them: "Since I was little I learned to pray to the Holy Spirit, when I was 10 years old, I was sad because mathematics was very difficult for me, my father showed me in a little book the prayer: COME CREATOR SPIRIT and he said: "Say this prayer and you will see that He will help you understand everything you are striving to learn"

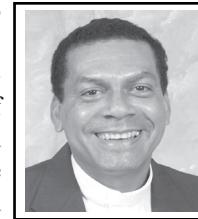
I have been saying this prayer for 47 years now and have seen the wonders that it has created in my life and in the lives of all those who invoke the Holy Spirit. "Try it and you will see that where before, you may have failed, with the Holy Spirit you will achieve great successes for the glory of God and for the good of those who allow themselves to be guided by Him.

COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

Amor, Alegría, Paz, Paciencia, Longanimitad, Bondad, Bégnitud, Mansedumbre, Fidelidad, Modestia, Castidad. Todos necesitamos con urgencia estos siete sagrados dones y frutos del Espíritu Santo, para vivir con salud, amor y paz. Pidamos que venga y nos llene de sus dones y frutos. Seguro que hemos buscado de muchas maneras vivir mejor y ha sido en vano... quizás nos ilumine este testimonio: En enero de 1980 San Juan Pablo II, hablo a un grupo de carismáticos, les dijo: "Yo desde pequeño aprendí a rezar al Espíritu Santo, cuando tenía 10 años. Me entristecía porque se me dificultaban mucho las matemáticas. Mi padre me mostro en un librito la oración: VEN CREADOR ESPIRITU y me dijo: "Reza esta oración y veras que Él te ayudara a entender todo lo que te propongas aprender" Llevo ya 47 años rezando esta oración todos los días y he visto la maravillas que ha hecho en mi vida y en la vida de los que invocamos al Espíritu Santo."

Has la prueba y veras que donde has fracasado con el Espíritu Santo, alcánzaras grandes éxitos para la gloria de Dios y para el bien de los que se dejan guiar por El.

VEN ESPIRITU SANTO, VEN!



## Vida del Espíritu

**Padre Wilson Cuevas**

# Se Mi Guia...

Nadie nace ni sabio ni santo, vamos adquiriendo los conocimientos y las virtudes a través de la vida. Cuando compramos un equipo electrónico, siempre trae un manual de instrucciones que nos enseña como usar ese aparato. Cuando un niño nace, no trae manual de instrucciones sino un cerebro con la capacidad de aprender de sus padres, maestros y de la realidad de la vida. Todos necesitamos tener un Guía, que nos oriente y ayude a desarrollar nuestras capacidades y cualidades... Hoy en día muchos se autoproporcionan Guías, mucho cuidado..."- No les hagan caso! Son ciegos que guían a otros ciegos. Y si un ciego guía a otro ciego, los dos caen en el mismo hoyo" (Mt. 15, 14). Jesus prometió a sus apóstoles a todos los cristianos: "Yo rogare al Padre, que les envié el Espíritu Santo, para que los defienda y guie; El les ensenara todas las cosas y les recordara todas mis palabras" (Jn. 14,26). No podemos ir por la vida a tientas, poniendo nuestra fe en miles de cosas que no son Dios. Preguntémonos por aquello en lo que hemos puesto nuestra confianza. Donde están nuestras seguridades?

El Espíritu Santo es el gran desconocido para el mundo y para muchos cristianos, Cuantas personas que han rezado mil oraciones a ciertos santos, no han dirigido casi nunca una plegaria al Divino Espíritu. Al llegar a cierto pueblo el señor Obispo pregunta al párroco:" porque no repican las campanas en este pueblo?" Y el padrecito respondió: "No repicamos por varias razones: la primera porque no hay campanas y... "no siga le replicó el prelado, Con esa sola basta". Algo parecido podríamos decir de ciertos cristianos: Porque no progresan en santidad? Por varias razones: la primera porque no tienen ninguna devoción al Espíritu Santo... Con esa sola razón basta... Uno de los mayores descubrimientos de quienes se dedican al apostolado, sean sacerdotes, catequistas o padres de familia es el PODER DEL ESPIRITU SANTO. Quien posee el Divino Espíritu, vera cumplida en su vida aquellas palabras casi increíbles de Jesus: "Yo les aseguro que el que crea en Mi, hará las obras que yo hago y las hará aún mayores" (Jn. 14,12).

La Iglesia vive un continuo Pentecostés. Sin el Espíritu San-

to la Iglesia quedaría sin fuerza, como una barca de vela a la que le faltara el viento. Por lo tanto no hay Iglesia sin Pentecostés. Y no hay Pentecostés sin la Virgen María, así fue el inicio en el Cenáculo. Esta es la experiencia típica en los grandes Santuarios Marianos: Fátima, Lourdes, Guadalupe, Loreto, Monserrat, Medjugorje, Altigracia... o en cualquier otro lugar donde los cristianos se reúnen con la Virgen María, el Señor dona su Espíritu.

Cuando se presenten problemas insolubles: en tu vida personal o familiar; en el apostolado, en el trabajo, en nuestra sociedad o en la Iglesia, la verdadera fuente de LUZ y PODER es el Divino Espíritu. Invócalo, ora, pide su maravillosa ayuda y la tendrás. EL ESPIRITU SANTO ES FORMADOR DE CAMPEONES: El viene siempre en diferentes horas y modos, con diferentes dones e intensidad. A sencillos hijos de aldeanos: Sansón, Gedeón, Saúl, David, recibieron del Espíritu de Dios una fuerza divina que los transformó en personas capaces de acciones excepcionales. A Moisés lo lleno de valor para liberar a su pueblo y subir al Monte Sinaí a recibir las dos tablas de la Ley.

A la Virgen María a través del anuncio del ángel la lleno

de su Santo Espíritu y fecundo en su vientre a Jesus el Hijo de Dios. A Pedro, pobre pescador lo hace predicador y jefe de la iglesia. A los once cobardes apóstoles, llenos de miedo, al recibir el Espíritu Santo los transforma en valientes y aguerridos evangelizadores. Como a los apóstoles también nosotros somos transformados de cobardes y pecadores en criaturas nuevas según el corazón de Dios...

ALGO QUE NUNCA DEBEMOS OLVIDAR: la Iglesia primitiva no tomaba ninguna decisión ni se embarcaba en ninguna tarea importante sin invocar al Espíritu Santo. El Divino Espíritu fue la fuente de su valentía y ardua Misión de Evangelizar al mundo. El desea venir a nuestra vida, INVITALO. El viene lleno de regalos y los reparte a manos llenas. Nadie suplica en vano la venida del Espíritu Santo; esta siempre dispuesto a obrar en nosotros los milagros que obro en la Virgen María, en los Apóstoles y en los Santos y Santas de todos los tiempos... Todos necesitamos un cambio en nuestra vida y estos cambios los obra de manera impresionante el espíritu Santo; Él nos concede sus Sagrados dones: \* Sabiduría, \* Inteligencia, \* Consejo, \* Fortaleza, \* Cien- cia, \* Piedad, \* Temor de Dios. Además nos da los doce frutos:

# Millennials have a firm place in the Catholic Church

By Melissa Santos

Arise, Young Adult Apostolate

Whether I like to admit it or not, there's something different about the generation born in the 1980s and 1990s. People born in those decades have been characterized as entitled, ones who greatly value a healthy work-life balance, a generation that tends to push for political correctness, and highly educated and yet have forgotten the great historical events that have shaped both our country and our world. They're tolerant of all views and not a fan of authority. They want to go out and make meaningful change in the world...all from their favorite coffee shop with an iPhone in one hand, cup of cold brew in the other, and a jug of kombucha in their bag for later. You know what I'm talking about. Millennials. And while I cringe to even label myself as one, I certainly find myself with a few too many Millennial traits.

Millennials can sometimes get a bad rap and while I think

there are certainly things we need to work on as a generation, there are also things our Church

College student, young engaged couple, married couple with children, single adult in her late



**Melissa Cervantes, Paul Sandoval, and Melissa Santos head Arise, the St. Raphael's young adult apostolate.**

needs to work on in order to minister to them. What we call "young adults" in Church ministry terms, those who are in their 20s and 30s, fall into such a variety of life stages...single

30s. Sometimes this collective group can feel lost in the pews and maybe too young for the weekly bible study.

The Rio Grande Catholic has invited a few young adults to

give a voice to this generation. I, along with Paul Sandoval and Melissa Cervantes, are starting a new column in this paper specifically addressed to young adults, whether it be the Millennials in the pews, or the tale end of Generation X and the beginning part of Generation Z.

This column will cover a wide variety of topics all pertaining to young adults and our faith. We've all had friends and family leave the Catholic Church. We've at times struggled with our own faith. However,

we know that it is in the Catholic Church where we find our purpose, our joy, and a relationship with Jesus in the most full sense—the Eucharist. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen put it best. "There are not one hun-

dred people in the United States who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." We get it. We understand why young people leave the Church, but our hope is that this column can provide some food for thought, maybe some insight on particular Church teachings from the perspective of a young adult, or for you parents out there, maybe we can be a column you cut out of the paper and covertly put into your son's or daughter's bag in hopes they'll read it later.

Until next month, I extend an invitation to any young adult looking for a community to join ARISE, St. Raphael's young adult apostolate. You can find our schedule at straphaelpaso.com/arise.

**Melissa Cervantes, Paul Sandoval, and Melissa Santos head Arise, the St. Raphael's young adult apostolate. For more information, please visit straphaelpaso.com/arise.**

## Los millennials tienen un lugar firme en la iglesia católica

Por Melissa Santos

Arise, Young Adult Apostolate

Aunque me gustaría admirarlo o no, hay algo diferente acerca de la generación nacida en los años 80 y 90. Las personas nacidas en esas décadas han sido calificadas como titulares, aquellas que valoran enormemente el equilibrio entre la vida laboral y familiar, una generación que tiende a presionar por la corrección política, y altamente educadas, pero que han olvidado los grandes acontecimientos históricos que han dado forma a nuestro país y nuestro mundo. Son tolerantes con todos los puntos de vista y no son fanáticos de la autoridad. Quieren salir y hacer un cambio significativo en el mundo ... todo desde su cafetería favorita con un iPhone en una mano, una taza de cerveza fría en la otra y una jarra de kombucha en su bolsa para más tarde. Sabes de lo que estoy hablando. La generación del milenio. Y aunque me estremezco incluso para etiquetarme como uno, ciertamente me encuentro con demasiados rasgos milenarios.

Los Millennials a veces pueden tener una mala reputación y aunque creo que ciertamente hay cosas en las que debemos trabajar como una generación, también hay cosas en las que debe trabajar nuestra Iglesia para poder ministrárselas. Lo que llamamos "jóvenes adultos" en términos de ministerio de la Iglesia, aquellos que tienen entre 20 y 30 años, caen en una variedad de etapas de la vida ... solteros

Estudiantes universitarios, parejas jóvenes comprometidas, parejas casadas con hijos, adultos solteros en sus últimos años 30s. A veces, este grupo colectivo puede sentirse perdido en los bancos y quizás demasiado joven para el estudio bíblico semanal.



**Melissa Santos co-founder of Arise, the St. Raphael's young adult apostolate.**

El Rio Grande Catholic nos ha invitado a algunos jóvenes adultos a dar una voz a esta generación. Yo, junto con Paul Sandoval y Melissa Cervantes, estamos comenzando una nueva columna en este documento dirigida específicamente a los adultos jóvenes, ya sean los Millennials en las bancas, o el final del cuento de la Generación X y la parte inicial de la Generación Z.

Esta columna cubrirá una amplia variedad de temas relacionados con los jóvenes adultos y nuestra fe. Todos hemos tenido amigos y familiares que se han ido de la Iglesia Católica. En ocasiones hemos luchado con nuestra propia fe. Sin embargo, sabemos que es en

la Iglesia católica donde encontramos nuestro propósito, nuestra alegría y una relación con Jesús en el sentido más pleno: la Eucaristía. El arzobispo Fulton J. Sheen lo expresó mejor. "No hay cien personas en los Estados Unidos que odian a la Iglesia Católica, pero hay millones que odian lo que erróneamente perciben que es la Iglesia Católica". Lo entendemos. Entendemos por qué los jóvenes abandonan la Iglesia, pero nuestra esperanza es que esta columna pueda proporcionar algo para reflexionar, tal vez una idea de enseñanzas particulares de la Iglesia desde la perspectiva de un joven adulto, o para los padres que están ahí fuera, tal vez podamos ser un La columna que recortó del papel y la colocó de forma encubierta en la bolsa de su hijo o hija con la esperanza de que la lea más tarde.

Hasta el próximo mes, extiendo una invitación a cualquier adulto joven que busca una comunidad para unirse a ARISE, el apostolado de jóvenes adultos de San Rafael. Puede encontrar nuestro horario en straphaelpaso.com/arise.

*Melissa Cervantes, Paul Sandoval y Melissa Santos encabezan Arise, el apostolado de jóvenes adultos de San Rafael. Para obtener más información, visite straphaelpaso.com/arise.*

## Guess who's going to Munich, Salzburg, Vienna plus attending the Passion Play in Germany in 2020?



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& Fr. Frank Lopez!**

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## Collection for Peter's Pence/ La Colecta Para Las Obras del Santo Padre

The Peter's Pence 2019 Collection for the works of the Holy Father will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of June 29 and Sunday, June 30, 2019.

Each year, the annual Peter's Pence Collection in support of the works of the Holy Father is held in parishes across the country. The proceeds from this collection provide emergency assistance to the most disadvantaged – those who suffer because of war, oppression, disease, and

natural disaster. When we contribute to this fund, we are actively living the truth in love and speaking the truth in deeds.

As we participate in this special appeal, we join with more than 1 billion Catholics in a loving expression of worldwide solidarity. More than 98 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to the Holy Father's spiritual and charitable efforts around the globe.

On the weekend of June 29

and June 30, 2019 please take the opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

La Colecta para las Obras del Santo Padre que será recogida en todas las misas durante el fin de semana del 29 de junio y 30 de junio, 2019.

Todos los años se realiza en las parroquias de todo el país la Colecta Peter's Pence, u Óbolo de San Pedro, en apoyo de las

obras del Santo Padre. Lo recaudado en esta colecta financia asistencia de emergencia a las personas que sufren por la guerra, la opresión, enfermedades y los desastres naturales en todo el mundo. Cuando contribuimos a este fondo, estamos activamente hablando la verdad en el amor, y viviendo la verdad en los hechos.

Al participar en esta petición especial, nos unimos a más de mil millones de católicos en

una amorosa expresión de solidaridad mundial. Más de 98 centavos de cada dólar recibido se destinan directamente a los esfuerzos espirituales y caritativos del Santo Padre en todo el mundo.

El fin de la semana del 29 y 30 de junio del 2019, por favor dé se la oportunidad de contribuir a esta digna causa.

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DE 6:00 A 6:30 PM	DJ CARL J
DE 6:30 A 7:30 PM	ELENA DANCERS FOLKLORICO
DE 7:30 A 8:00 PM	SKY WALKERS AND DJ DOMINIC
DE 8:00 A 9:00 PM	GRUPO ENIGMA IMPERIAL
DE 9:00 A 10:00 PM	GRUPO BOSSE
DE 10:00 A 10:15 PM	DJ CARL J
DE 10:15 A 12:00 AM	GRUPO BUDA 83

**DOMINGO 23 DE JUNIO**  
DE 2:00 PM A 10:00 PM

DE 3:00 A 3:15 PM	ORACION
DE 3:15 A 4:15 PM	DJ CARL J
DE 4:15 A 5:30 PM	FLOR Y CANTO FOLKLORICO
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# For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

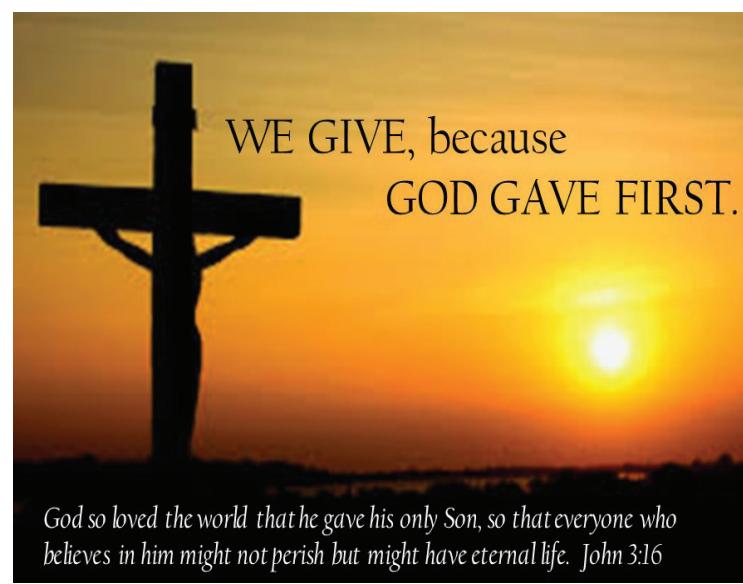
**By Karina Sandoval**  
Stewardship Coordinator

Discussions about stewardship usually begin by acknowledging that all things come from God and that out of obedience and gratitude we return a portion of those gifts to God. Whether gifts of time, talent or treasure, we are asked to present ourselves to Him and the Church.

Our discussion begins with reflecting on how our identity in Jesus Christ should guide our approach to stewardship. Consistently throughout the gospel accounts of his earthly ministry,

Jesus instructs those who would follow him about his essential expectation for disciples: he wants all of you, every aspect of your life, to belong to Him. He cautions his followers repeatedly of the dangers of possessions. Although not evil in themselves, possessions are powerful distractions from living as disciples.

"The community of believers was one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but that they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the res-



urrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was not a needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles' feet, and they were distributed to each according to need." Acts 4: 32-35

For more information on how to be a Steward of God, please contact Karina Sandoval at 915-872-8412

## Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que dio a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que cree en El, no se pierda, más tenga vida eterna.

**Por Karina Sandoval**

Stewardship Coordinator

Las discusiones sobre la Corresponsabilidad generalmente comienzan reconociendo que todas las cosas provienen de Dios y que por obediencia y gratitud devolvemos una parte de esos dones a Dios,

ya sean dones de tiempo, talento o tesoro, los cuales se nos pide que presentemos ante Él y la Iglesia.

Nuestra discusión inicia con la reflexión de cómo nuestra identidad con Jesucristo debe guiar nuestro enfoque hacia la

Corresponsabilidad. Consistentemente y a lo largo de los relatos evangélicos de su ministerio terrenal, Jesús instruye a aquellos que le seguían debido a su esencial expectativa sobre sus discípulos: Él te quiere a ti, a todos y cada uno de los aspectos de tu vida, que le pertenezcan a Él. Él repetidamente advierte a sus seguidores sobre los peligros de las posesiones. Aunque no son malas en sí mismas, las posesiones son distracciones poderosas para poder vivir como discípulos.

"La comunidad de creyentes

era un corazón y una mente y nadie afirmaba que ninguna de sus posesiones eran solo de él,

sino que tenían todo en común. Con gran poder los apóstoles dieron testimonio de la resur-



rección del Señor Jesús y se les concedió un gran favor a todos. No había una persona necesitada entre ellos, ya que aquellos que tenían propiedades o casas, las vendían, traerían las ganancias de la venta y los ponían a los pies de los apóstoles y se distribuirían a cada uno, según las necesidades". Hechos 4: 32,3

Para obtener más información sobre cómo ser un buen corresponsal de Dios, comuníquese con Karina Sandoval al 915-872-8412

## You Are Making Progress! ¡Estás Contribuyendo al Progreso!

The Office of Religious Formation, a ministry fueled by faith and supported by Progress, will conduct youth camps at Centro San Juan Diego in Sunset Heights this summer and host a 3-day overnight camp focused on the themes of community, prayer, and service. For more information, please call 915.262.4700.

We're so proud of the great work happening all over the Diocese of El Paso. You are a big part of it. Progress has reached \$1,236,704 in pledges, getting us closer to the 2019 Catholic Ministry Appeal goal of \$2.1 million. We continue to be inspired by the unwavering faith, generosity, and commitment of our communities. Progress supports 15 ministries and reaches 600,000 Catholics across 10 counties. We ask that you continue to support ministries by giving to Progress. Together in Faith we are stronger.

Money raised through Progress represents 40% of all operating funds supporting the pastoral, spiritual, educational and human service programs that benefit thousands of individuals throughout the 10 counties of the Diocese of El Paso. The diocese also advances the work of every parish with direct financial assistance such as grants and support services.

istry Appeal, this vital work of the Church would not be possible. Make your contribution today at [www.2019Progress.org](http://www.2019Progress.org)!

*You can reach Annual Appeal Director Amy McQuillen at [amcquillen@elpasodiocese.org](mailto:amcquillen@elpasodiocese.org) or 915.872.8412. 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.*

La Oficina de Formación Religiosa, ministerio alimentado por la fe y sostenido por la Campaña de Progreso, llevará a cabo campamentos para jóvenes en el Centro San Juan Diego de "Sunset Heights", este próximo verano y organizará un campamento de 3 días de duración y enfocado en los temas de comunidad, oración y servicio. Para obtener más información, favor de llamar al 915.262.4700.

Estamos muy orgullosos del gran trabajo que se está realizando en toda la Diócesis de El Paso. Ustedes son una gran parte de ello. La Campaña de Progreso ha alcanzado ya la cantidad de

\$1,236,704 en promesas, lo que nos acerca a la meta de \$2.1 millones. Seguimos inspirados por la fe inquebrantable, la generosidad y el compromiso de nuestras comunidades. Progreso sustenta a 15 ministerios y

llega a 600,000 católicos en 10 condados. Le pedimos que por favor, continúe apoyando a los ministerios, donando a Progreso. Juntos en la fe somos más fuertes.

El dinero recaudado a través de Progreso representa el 40% de todos los fondos operativos que apoyan a los programas pastorales, espirituales, educativos y de servicio humano, los cuales benefician a miles de personas en los 10 condados de la Diócesis de El Paso. La diócesis también avanza el trabajo de cada parroquia con asistencia financiera directa, como subvenciones y servicios de apoyo.

Sin la Campaña para los Ministerios Católicos, esta obra tan vital para la Iglesia no sería posible. ¡Haga su contribución hoy en [www.2019Progress.org](http://www.2019Progress.org)!

*Adjunto el correo electrónico de la Directora de la Campaña Anual, Amy McQuillen, si necesita comunicarse con ella: [amcquillen@elpasodiocese.org](mailto:amcquillen@elpasodiocese.org), llamando al 915.872.8412. La Fundación para la Diócesis de El Paso está ubicada en 499 St. Matthew St. y el horario de oficina es de lunes a viernes de 9-12 y de 1-5, con previa cita.*



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# Cathedral High School Alumni Association is on a Mission

**By Sofia Larkin**  
Major Gifts Officer

The brotherhood of Cathedral High School alumni has always existed in some form or another, beginning with the first graduating class in 1927, but it was the formation of a brotherhood of Cathedral alumni in 1997 called the Cathedral Alumni and Associates Los Que Van Quedando (LQVQ) that was the precursor for the Cathedral High School Alumni Association.

In 1996, when Cathedral High School alumnus Danny Gutierrez, known as Mr. Cathedral, was on his deathbed and surrounded by 6 of his 1958 classmates, he whispered to them, "Cuiden a los que van quedando or "Take care of the ones who are left." A driving force for bringing people together and promoting Cathedral events, Danny's words inspired the men to formalize an alumni group. Eventually, it emerged into a non-profit, tax exempt corporation involved in charitable, educational, and religious and fund raising activities.

This Cathedral High School Alumni Association, open to all Cathedral men, works tirelessly

to ensure funding for young men to attend Cathedral by putting on the Irish Open golf tournament, Tamalada, and the Cathedral

High School Alumni Association Fund support financial aid, scholarships, and special needs of Cathedral High School. The

provided close to half a million dollars in scholarships. The Cathedral Alumni Association meets on the first Saturday of

Cathedral High School Alumni Association Fund in the Foundation's Catholic Legacy Fund for scholarships for Cathedral High School. With an initial gift of \$25,000, they set a goal of raising \$1 million for the permanent endowed fund. Today, the fund is 25% towards the goal and the team of alumni and friends is ready to cross the finish line with your help.

Become a Friend of the Foundation with a recurring monthly gift to the Cathedral High School Alumni Association Fund and cancel any time. Can your employer provide a match? Let us know and we can help. The Foundation's TAX ID number is 74-2983483. 1,000 x \$1,000 = \$1 million. Be a part of hitting this goal out of the park! Visit [supportcatholicschools.org](http://supportcatholicschools.org) to learn more.

You can reach Major Gifts Officer Sofia Larkin at [slarkin@elpasodiocese.org](mailto:slarkin@elpasodiocese.org) or 915.872.8412. 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.



Alumni Association/LQVQ and 19th Rifle Company USMCR Foundation Raffle. Proceeds from these events and annual distributions from the Cathedral

very first gift from the alumni association for scholarships was in 1997 in the amount of \$1,000. To date, the Cathedral High School Alumni Association has

every month at Cathedral High School.

In December, 2007 LQVQ, now the Cathedral High School Alumni Association, created the



**CHS Alumni Association Fund**



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## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

**By Sofia Larkin**  
Major Gifts Officer

Plans for the 13th Annual Foundation of Faith Dinner: When We Sing, We Pray Twice are underway and tickets and tables are going faster than usual. This year our guest is Catholic award-winning singer and songwriter, Matt Maher. Check out his inspiring music, the video of him playing for Pope Francis during Adoration at World Youth Day 2013, and read more about him at [mattmahermusic.com](http://mattmahermusic.com).

The annual dinner is set for Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the El Paso Convention Center from 5-9pm, with cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5pm. Your \$100 ticket includes the cocktail reception, a seated dinner with wine, Dei Gratia Award presentation honoring Yaz† and Rosie Daw, an exciting live auction with giving opportunities from \$20 and up, and our featured artist in concert, Matt Maher!

A VIP event with Matt Maher for sponsors of \$2,500 and up is scheduled for Wednesday,



Matt Maher on Thursday, September 19 at St. Raphael Parish at 8:15am. Be there for all of it!

Tickets are \$100 per person

ing our new Cocktail Reception Sponsorship. Proceeds from this event support the work of the Foundation in sustaining the

long-term needs of the ministries, parishes and schools of the Diocese of El Paso. As the fundraiser and development arm for the Diocese, the Foundation, a Texas nonprofit 501(c)3, makes a measurable impact on the lives

donors living and serving in communities across 10 counties.

The Foundation of Faith Dinner aims to bring the community together to celebrate faith, experience the wisdom and grace of renowned national and international speakers, and disseminate the Stewardship message of, "Pray, Serve, Give." Foundation of Faith Dinner Chair, Andi Meece, has one goal this year: that every parish is represented at the annual dinner. We look forward to celebrating as one big family and show you how grateful we are for each and every one of you.

To learn more and to purchase your tickets, tables, and sponsorships, please visit [fodinner.org](http://fodinner.org) or contact Julie Ruiz at the Foundation at 915.872.8412 or [slarkin@elpasodiocese.org](mailto:slarkin@elpasodiocese.org). Posters, brochures, and information are available at the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso.

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# The Foundation Welcomes the Teachers Salary Subsidy Fund

**By Sofia Larkin**  
Major Gifts Officer

In 2019, the Foundation welcomed the Teachers Salary Subsidy Fund to the Catholic Legacy Fund, the Foundation's endowment program. The endowed fund, established by the Office of Education with a gift of \$500,000, will help ensure that educators at each of El Paso's 9 Catholic schools in the Diocese of El Paso have the funds necessary for salary support.

The Catholic schools in the Diocese of El Paso are staffed by men and women who have dedicated their lives to helping students receive a high quality education and to help them develop a love of God and their faith. Catholic school educators are paid substantially less than their public school counterparts but stress that they love their jobs, love being in a Catholic school, and feel strongly that being a teacher is a vocation and a calling. As a Church, we are keenly aware of our responsibility to ensure what we pay our teachers is a just and living wage. The Teacher's Salary Subsidy Fund was established to assist schools who struggle to meet the Church's commitment to pay a just wage.

In 2009, Michael and Clara Miles established a fund for Catholic high school scholarships with a gift of \$2.9 million. Their generous and thoughtful act

laid the groundwork for what is known today as the Catholic Foundation's Scholarship Program.

The Foundation secures grants and manages endowments to help children from low and middle-income fam-

ilies have the opportunity to experience the gift of a Catholic education. The Foundation manages 96 separate

endowed funds—25 are designated for Catholic schools and have a combined value of over \$8 million. Building our Catholic school endowment funds to our initial goal of \$12 million will generate \$480,000 annually to support Catholic education.

Funds for Catholic schools include the Luz Ulrickson Scholarship Fund for Cathedral High School, the Elizabeth Wiehe Scholarship Fund for St. Raphael Catholic School, and the Nancy Mendez Saucedo Scholarship for Father Yermo High School.

Help the Foundation grow the Teachers Salary Subsidy Fund and support our exemplary Catholic school teachers. Become a Friend of the Foundation with a recurring monthly gift to a Catholic school fund. It's easy and you can cancel any time. Visit [supportcatholicschools.org](http://supportcatholicschools.org) to learn more.

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Cathedral High School Religion Deborah Montoya photographed with her Cathedral High School students.



St. Patrick School Teacher of the Year Adriana Lezama photographed with her 2nd grade students in the spring.

## Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign Colecta para La Campaña Católica de Comunicaciones

There will be a Special Collection on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2, 2019 for the Catholic Communications Campaign

The Rio Grande Catholic and the Catholic Communications Campaign share an important mission in the Church; to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press.

The Catholic Communications Campaign provides funds for national and diocesan communications projects. Contributions to this campaign works in two levels. Half of all donations are given to bishops to support communications in their dioceses. This means that The Rio Grande Catholic receives 50 percent of the donations that our parishioners give to this collection. The remaining 50 percent supports national television, radio, internet, and print programs that reach beyond the diocesan

level.

Habrá una Ofrenda Especial Anual el sábado 1 de junio, y el domingo 2 de junio del 2019 para la Campaña Católica de Comunicaciones

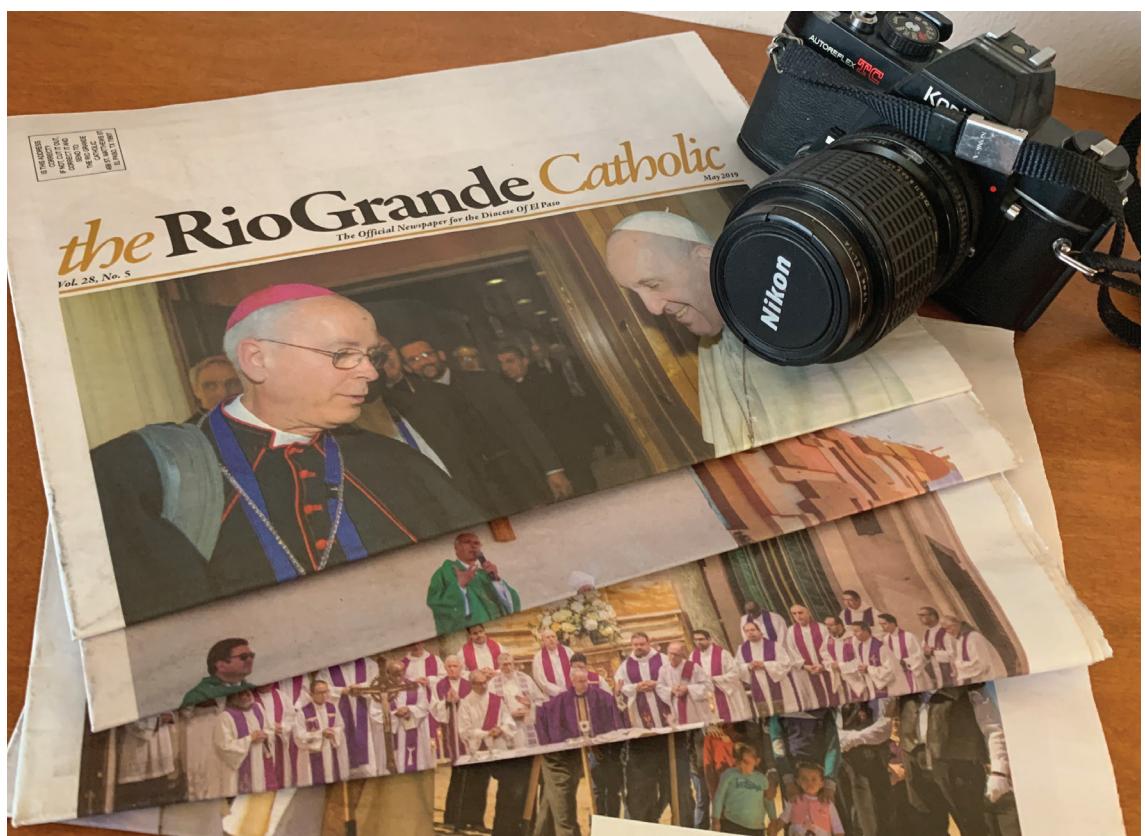
Nuestro periódico diocesano, El Rio Grande Catholic, y la Campaña Católica de Comunicaciones comparten una importante misión en la Iglesia; para contribuir al proceso de evangelizar fomentando las actividades con relación a la televisión, el radio y otros medios, y a través de proyectos especiales de la prensa Católica.

Esta colecta provee fondos para los proyectos de comunicaciones nacionales y diocesanos. Las contribuciones que los fieles hacen a la colecta de la Campaña Católica de Comunicaciones funcionan a dos niveles. Los obispos destinan la mitad de lo recaudado para sostener las comunicaciones de la Iglesia en sus propias diócesis. Esto significa que El Rio Grande Cath-

olic recibe 50 por ciento de las donaciones hechas por nuestros feligreses a esta colecta. La otra

mitad se destina a sostener las actividades de la Iglesia a nivel nacional en televisión, radio,

Internet y material impreso, más allá del alcance del nivel de las diócesis.



# I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing (Jn. 15:5)

**By Fr. John Telles**  
Director of Seminarists

Dear Deacon Miguel,

It has been over ten years since you arrived here from Colombia to become a seminarian for the Diocese of El Paso. I remember well that Fr. Julio Cesar came with you to present you to Bishop Ochoa and I will never forget my thoughts on that day. I recall thinking: "What a generous act for a young man to leave his home and family and travel so far away to serve in a country and a diocese that he does not know. How unselfish and generous of his parents to give permission for their son to leave home to become a part of our community."

And now, Miguel, your preparation is complete and, in two days, you will be ordained a priest of Jesus Christ. On that day your life will change forever. Many persons will assume that, upon receiving priestly ordination, you will be removed from the world and the people in it so that you can better serve the church. But that is not the case at all! When the Bishop lays his hands on your head and prays the prayer of the Holy Spirit over you, you will NOT be removed from the world and the people in it.

Rather, that very sacrament will commit you to live in the world with generosity and love in service to those people. The

sacrament of priesthood will claim you for the One who will come to make his home in your heart. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will call you to be his instrument

ments in your priestly life when you will feel that, because of your human weakness, you will not be able to fulfill the mission given you by the Church.



**Fr. John Telles imposes his prayers on the newly ordained Fr. Miguel Perez.**

to those who seek God's love and need his healing. He will empower you to give witness to the mercy of a loving Father.

And if you remain faithful to the sacrament of priesthood and hold it at the center of your life you will, over time, discern the new life hidden in your heart. It is the life of Jesus Christ who will transform your heart into the heart of the Good Shepherd so that you can become not only a good priest, but a holy priest.

Of course, there will be mo-

On those days and in those moments, you must trust more than ever in the One you have come to know and love as your Lord. You must never forget that he is the vine and you are the branch and that, if you remain in him, you will bear much fruit. It is in his life that your life as a priest will find its new meaning because Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit .... (In. 15:5).

Sometimes, Miguel, in your priestly ministry you will come

across people who will approach you seeking the perfect man. You must not take those persons to seriously. Least of all, you shouldn't take seriously

ly the temptation to be the perfect man. Only Christ is perfect. But, at other times, there will be persons approaching you who come seeking the blessing of God. You must always take those persons seriously for they are the reason you are a priest. These are the ones for whom you must be a true father.

When you extend your hands in prayer for people; when someone opens their heart to you and asks for the forgiveness of their sins; when, in the sacrament of anointing, you bring Christ's healing to a person who is sick; when you bless the sacred relationship of a man & woman in marriage; when, through baptism a baby becomes a child of God: remember that, at that very moment, you are the instrument of Christ's merciful love for that person. And when you take bread and wine in your hands and say those simple yet remarkable words: This is my

Body - This is my Blood remember that you hold the Mystery of Love in your hands; a mystery that require you to surrender yourself to Christ in service to his church as Christ surrendered himself to the Father for our sake.

But Miguel the responsibility for your priestly life and ministry is not yours alone. It belongs to all of us as well - the Christian community. All of us Catholic laity and priests alike have a responsibility to support and affirm you in your priestly life so that you can become the priest you are called to be. We must contribute to your priestly ministry not only with our prayers, but with our actions. We must respect you as a priest and encourage you as you live out your promise of celibacy and your obedience to the bishop. We must collaborate with you as you try to build up the family of God in your parish. We must be willing to challenge you to always be a good priest, but be patient and forgiving of your human limitations. We must never forget that, although you have a divine calling, you are only a human being.

Father Miguel, the Church of El Paso is blessed by your priestly ordination and we give thanks to the Lord Jesus that you have offered your life in service to his Church. May God who has begun this good work in you bring it to fulfillment. Amen.

# Yo soy la vida, ustedes los sarmientos; el que permanece en mí y yo en él ese da fruto abundante, porque sin mi nada pueden hacer (Jn. 15:5)

**Por Fr. John Telles**  
Director de Seminaristas

Estimado Diacono Miguel,  
Han pasado mas de diez años desde que llegaste de Colombia para convertirte en un seminarista de la Diócesis de El Paso. Recuerdo bien que el padre Julio Cesar vino contigo para presentarte al Sr. Obispo Ochoa y nunca olvidare mis pensamientos de ese día. Recuerdo que pensé: "Que acto tan generoso de este joven de dejar su hogar y su familia y viajar tan lejos para servir en un país Y a una diócesis que él no conoce. Qué desinterés y generosidad de parte de sus padres al dar permiso para que su hijo salga de su hogar y se convierta en parte de nuestra comunidad."

Y ahora, Miguel, tu preparación se ha completado, y en dos días, serás ordenado sacerdote de Jesucristo. En ese día tu vida cambiara para siempre. Muchas personas asumirán que al recibir la ordenación sacerdotal, serás separado del mundo y de las personas que están en el para que puedas servir mejor a la iglesia.

iPero es absolutamente todo lo contrario ! Cuando el Obispo imponga sus manos sobre tu cabeza y recie la oración del Espíritu Santo sobre ti, No serás removido del mundo y de las personas que lo rodean. Mas bien, este sacramento te comprometerá a vivir en ese mundo

con generosidad y amor al servicio de esas personas. Jesus, el Buen Pastor que vendrá hacer

que puedas convertirte no solo en un buen sacerdote, sino en un santo sacerdote.



**Fr. Miguel Perez vows obedience to our bishop, Bishop Mark J. Seitz during Fr. Perez's ordination on May 24.**

morada en tu corazón, por media del sacramento del sacerdocio, te reclamará y llamará, para que seas su instrumento para aquellos que buscan el amor de Dios y necesitan su sanación. El te empodera para dar testimonio de la misericordia de nuestro Padre amoroso.

Y si permaneces fiel al sacramento del sacerdocio y lo mantienes en el centro de tu vida, con el tiempo, discernirás la nueva vida oculta en tu corazón. Es la vida de Jesucristo que transformará tu corazón en el corazón del Buen Pastor para

Por supuesto que habrá momentos en tu vida sacerdotal en los que sentirás que debido a tu debilidad humana, no puedes cumplir la misión que te ha encargado la Iglesia. En esos días y en esos momentos, debes confiar más que nunca en Aquel que has llegado a conocer y amar como tu Señor nunca debes olvidar que el es la vid y tú eres la rama, y que, si permaneces en él, darás mucho fruto. Es en su vida que tu vida como sacerdote encontrará su nuevo significado porque, el que permanece en Cristo y Cristo en él, ese das fru-

to abundante (Jn 15: 5).

A veces Miguel, en tu ministerio sacerdotal te encontrarás

con personas que se te acercaran buscando al hombre perfecto, no debes restar atención a esas personas, y mucho menos, prestar atención a la tentación de ser el hombre perfecto. Solo Cristo es perfecto. En otras ocasiones, habrá persona que se acerquen a ti buscando la bendición de Dios. Siempre debes prestar atención a esas personas porque son la razón por la que eres sacerdote. Sé para esas personas un verdadero padre.

Y recuerda:

Cuando extiendes las manos en oración por las personas;

Cuando alguien te abre su corazón y te pide el perdón de sus pecados;

Cuando, en el sacramento de la unción, trae la anidad de Cristo a una persona enferma;

Cuando bendices la relación sagrada de un hombre y una mujer en el matrimonio;

Cuando a través del bautismo, un bebe se convierte en un hijo de Dios;

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Debemos contribuir a tu ministerio sacerdotal, no solo con nuestras oraciones, sino también con nuestras acciones.

Debemos respetarte como sacerdote y alentarte a que vivas tu promesa de celibato y tu obediencia al obispo.

Debemos colaborar con ti go a tratar de construir la familia de Dios en tu parroquia.

Debemos estar dispuestos a desafiarlo a ser siempre un buen sacerdote, pero debemos tener paciencia, comprensión y saber perdonar tus limitaciones humanas.

Nunca debemos olvidar que, aunque tienes una vocación divina, solo eres un ser humano como todos nosotros.

Padre Miguel, la Iglesia de El Paso es bendecida con tu ordenación sacerdotal y le agradecemos al Señor Jesus que hayas ofrecido tu vida al servicio de su Iglesia.

Que Dios, que ha comenzado esta buena obra en ti, la lleve a su plenitud. Amen.



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