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During the meet and greet with Pope Francis at the end of the Vatican's Conference on Human Trafficking, Bishop Mark J. Setiz presented The Pope with the prayer cards with the images of Jakelyn Caal and Felipe Gomez Alonzo, migrant children from Honduras who died on the border while on their immigrant journey into the United States in December of 2018.

## Diocesan Teacher of the Year



## Holy Week 2019



# God's work is found at the Diocesan Migrant Center

One of my responsibilities in the Communications Office ministry is to create videos to share the work being done throughout the diocese. One of my first assignments was to produce a video for the diocesan Migrant Center to request the aid of volunteers. This center has been open since November of 2019. It was one of my first assignments in which I was asked to produce a video for the request for aid of volunteers to the center.

As I visited the center, I had the opportunity to film a group of migrants as they entered the facility for the first time. Once I started filming, I noticed a fairly well dressed young man helping migrants. Moving throughout the facility, I encountered this young man again several times. I just thought, "he must be a volunteer."

I continued working through the center, observing the people and the services being provided while the coordinator of the facility started to speak to

this young man. She was congratulating him on how well he looked. She then hugged him. As they embraced, she turned to the migrants that were there and



said, "This is what you will all look like in a couple of days." This young man was proud and proceeded to tell the other migrants, "These people have treated me so well. I just can't believe that there is a place like this on earth." He hugged the coordinator and walked away.

Tears welled up in my eyes, I was moved by the pride I saw in this young man. It was very clear to me that here in this humble migrant center, I was in the

and I don't think I will be able to top it.

Finishing my work in the center, I headed out the door and again stumbled onto this young man, waiting for his ride to arrive to the bus station, where he would travel to his family that is sponsoring him here in the United States. I stopped to welcome him to this country and I asked him where he was from. He explained that he was from Honduras. "I never expected to be treated this way," he said. "Here, my wife, my daughter and I were treated like royalty. This is the first coat I have ever owned," he added. He pulled a

rosary out of his collar. "This coat, along with this rosary will be with me for the rest of my life. No matter what happens, I will always have this around my neck," he ended.

I was stunned. There was nothing more for me to say. All I did was just hug him and tell



**Editor's Column**  
*Fernie Ceniceros*

him good luck on his journey. As I walked away that day, I felt very blessed. I had truly seen the hand of God. That day, with my own eyes, I saw Jesus' teaching in real life; that we should love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

For donations to the migrant center at the Diocese of El Paso, you can either send a monetary donation to The Chancery office at 499 St. Mathews, El Paso, Texas 79907 c/o Patricia López. You can also deliver goods to 8330 Park Haven Drive, El Paso, Texas 79907 at The Hall of Martyrs. For a list of goods needed, visit the diocesan website at [www.elpasodiocese.org](http://www.elpasodiocese.org).

## La obra de Dios se encuentra en el Centro Diocesano de Migrantes.

Una de mis responsabilidades en el ministerio de la Oficina de Comunicaciones es crear videos para compartir el trabajo que se está realizando en toda la diócesis. Una de mis primeras tareas fue producir un video para el Centro Diocesano de Migrantes para solicitar la ayuda de voluntarios. Este centro ha estado abierto desde noviembre de 2019.

lo abrazó. Cuando se abrazaron, se dirigió a los inmigrantes que estaban allí y les dijo: "Así se verán todos en un par de días". Este joven estaba orgulloso y procedió a decírselo a los otros inmigrantes: "Estas personas me han tratado muy bien. Simplemente no puedo creer que haya un lugar como este en la tierra". Abrazó al coordinador y se

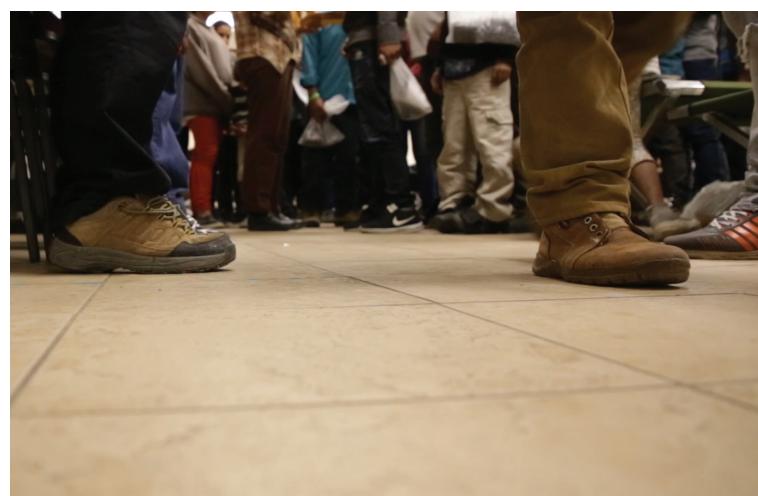
dijo, "Esto es lo que yo quería. Me detuve para darle la bienvenida a este país y le pregunté de dónde era. Explicó que era de Honduras. "Nunca esperé ser tratado de esta manera", dijo. "Aquí, mi mujer, mi hija y yo nos trataron como reyes. Esta es la primera capa que he tenido", agregó. Sacó un rosario de su cuello. "Este abrigo, junto con este rosario, estará conmigo por el resto de mi vida. Pase lo que pase, siempre tendré esto alrededor de

mi cuello," finalizó.

Me quedé sin palabras. No había nada más que decir. Todo lo que hice fue abrazarlo y darle buena suerte en su viaje. Cuando me alejé ese día, me sentí bendecido. Verdaderamente había visto la mano de Dios. Ese día, con mis propios ojos, vi la enseñanza de Jesús en la vida real; que debemos amar a nuestros vecinos como nos amamos a nosotros mismos.

Para donaciones al centro de

migrantes en la Diócesis de El Paso, puede enviar una donación monetaria a la oficina de The Chancery en 499 St. Mathews, El Paso, Texas 79907 c / o Patricia López. También puede entregar mercancías a 8330 Park Haven Drive, El Paso, Texas 79907 en The Hall of Martyrs. Para obtener una lista de los productos necesarios, visite el sitio web diocesano en [www.elpasodiocese.org](http://www.elpasodiocese.org).



Fue uno de mis primeros trabajos en los que se me pidió para producir un video para la solicitud de ayuda de voluntarios para el centro.

Al visitar el centro, tuve la oportunidad de filmar un grupo de migrantes al entrar en la instalación por primera vez. Ya que empecé a filmar, me di cuenta de un hombre bastante joven bien vestido ayudando a migrantes. Moviéndome por toda la instalación, me encontré con este joven varias veces. Solo pensé, "debe ser un voluntario".

Continué trabajando a través del centro, observando a la gente y los servicios que se brindaban mientras el coordinador de la instalación comenzó a hablar con este joven. Ella lo felicitaba por lo bien que se veía. Ella entonces

alejó.

Las lágrimas brotaron de mis ojos, me conmovió el orgullo que vi en este joven. Me quedó muy claro que aquí, en este humilde centro para migrantes, estaba en medio de la obra de Dios.

Ocasionalmente presumo que como fotógrafo y videógrafo, de vez en cuando tendrás la posibilidad de ver y experimentar cosas que otros no. Es una de las ventajas del trabajo. Honestamente, este momento fue lo último en beneficios y no creo que pueda superarlo.

Terminando mi trabajo en el centro, salí por la puerta y otra vez me topé con este joven, esperando que llegara a la estación de autobuses, donde viajaría a su familia que lo está patrocinando

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# Oh Death, Where is Your Victory!

BROKEN, SMASHED, SHATTERED! All our presuppositions, all our rash judgments, all our hopeless meanderings, all our sins scattered across the ground! They are strewn like so much exploded shrapnel littering the ground

outside an empty tomb.

Just when we thought that life had died, that the brokenness of the world had consumed its Maker. Just when it seemed that the hardness of human hearts had proved greater than mercy and compassion and for-

givenness. In the midst of that dark night of pain, Love arose and conquered! Broken humanity is healed from within!

Here on the border between Texas and Mexico in a place named "El Paso" we daily witness at a very local level one



## InSeitz Into The Faith Bishop Mark J. Seitz

example of what is ultimately a cosmic struggle between love and hate, solidarity and division, accompaniment and isolation, life and death.

Destitute families flee to our border, escaping the chaos of an evil nexus between narco-trafficking gangs and corrupt government officials and then navigating a minefield of threats to their lives as they pass through Mexico. Then they face new abuses at the hands of those responsible for U.S. border security. Those treated as the refuse of the world might well be expected to be broken and hopeless by the time they reach our shelters.

That is not the case! They are wary as they descend from

the Homeland Security buses, but they are far from hopeless. We volunteers gather to assist them, but their undying Faith raises us up. They ask us to pray and then they teach us how to pray with utter confidence. In that trust they continue the long journey.

Yes, it may have appeared that human depravity—our own and that of others—had broken us. But in the end, in union with our poor migrant brothers and sisters, we give witness: Christ is RISEN, sin and death destroyed! Alleluia!

## Happy Birthday Father

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| Victor Kayrouz (Msgr)           | 5/1  |
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| Roberto Coyne, MM               | 5/7  |
| Hector Chicas (OP)              | 5/11 |
| Fulgencio Mayorga (Extern)      | 5/16 |
| Bishop Mark Joseph Seitz        | 5/17 |
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| Kevin O'Neill, FSSP             | 5/19 |
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| Cong Chi Vo                     | 5/27 |
| Francisco Hernandez             | 5/29 |
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| Ralph Solis Jr.                 | 5/30 |
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## ¿Oh Muerte, Donde estás tu Victoria?

DESTROZADOS, APLASTADOS, ROTOS... Todas nuestras suposiciones, nuestros prejuicios, nuestras confusiones y desesperanzas, todos nuestros pecados dispersos por el suelo. Esparcidos

Aquí, en la frontera entre Texas y Méjico, en un lugar llamado "El Paso", día a día somos testigos locales del conflicto entre el amor y el odio, entre la solidaridad y la división, entre el acompañamiento y la sole-



como si una ametralladora hubiese explotado afuera de una tumba vacía.

Justo cuando creímos que la vida se había terminado y que la maldad del mundo había consumido a su Creador... Justo cuando parecía que la dureza del corazón humano se imponía sobre la misericordia, la compasión y el perdón... En medio de la noche oscura del dolor, el Amor surgió y conquistó. La debilidad humana es sanada desde dentro.

dad, entre la vida y la muerte.

Familias desplazadas huyen hacia nuestra frontera, escapando del caos producido por el perverso nexo entre pandillas de narcotraficantes y gobiernos corruptos. Así se embarcan en un viaje repleto de amenazas que les acompañan por todo Méjico. También se convierten en víctimas de abusos por parte de aquellos responsables de la seguridad de la frontera en los Estados Unidos. Uno podría claramente asumir que ellos, quienes son tratados como los desechos del mundo, llegan a

Nosotros, los voluntarios, los ayudamos, pero su Fe es la que nos alienta. Nos piden que oremos y nos enseñan a hacerlo con confianza. Es esa confianza la que les permite continuar su largo camino.

Sí... pareciera que la depravación humana (la nuestra y la de los demás) es la que nos destroza. Pero al final, unidos a nuestros pobres hermanos y hermanas migrantes, damos testimonio: Cristo ha Resucitado, el pecado y la muerte han sido destruidos ¡Aleluya!

## Bishop Seitz attends Conference on Human Trafficking in Rome

Bishop Mark J. Seitz, D.D Bishop of the Diocese of El Paso was invited to attend and participate in The International Conference on Human Trafficking, hosted by the Vatican's migrants and refugees section of the Department for the Integral Human Development Service. Nearly two hundred experts on the issue from all over the world included bishops, priests, religious and men and women. They gathered for the conference at the Fraterna Domus of Sacrofano, in the province of Rome. The purpose of the conference was to study projects aimed at making the document, Pastoral Orientations on Trafficking in Persons, approved by Pope Francis in 2018, fully operational. The other important objective was to promote a broader and deeper understanding of these issues and help coordinate actions to eradicate it.

"I went there to learn as much

as I possibly could on this topic," Bishop Seitz said. "I learned a lot that I wasn't so aware of before



*Bishop Seitz with Pope Francis during their exchange in a brief meet and greet on the final day of the conference.*

the conference when it comes to the topic of Human Trafficking. Human trafficking is very much a reality in our world, whether it be through the forced use of hu-

mans in sex work, forced labor and even in the trafficking of forced organ transplants, the se-

"The church has become a world leader on bringing to light these horrific activities. Especially now with the pastoral leadership of Pope Francis. No one community is immune to these horrific acts. These atrocities very frequently occur throughout our communities in the United States," he added. "Migrants and the marginalized are prime targets of these activities, and this is where it ties in to our work here in the diocese and why I felt I needed to learn as much as I could about this topic at this great opportunity in Rome," he said.

On the final day of the conference, Bishop Seitz also had the opportunity to listen to Pope Francis give a talk on Human Trafficking to members of the conference and concluded with a short meet and greet with the Holy Father.

"It was a very brief meeting

but I did get the opportunity to pass along prayers cards with the images of Jakelyn Caal and Felipe Gomez Alonzo, the two migrant children from Honduras who died while in Border Patrol custody late last year," he said. "I didn't give The Holy Father the prayer cards to place blame on any one entity or persons for the children's death, but rather as a way to bring attention to the fact their deaths are in some measure a consequence of policies that criminalize those who seek asylum and those policies which end up forcing desperate people more and more remote places to cross the border," he said. "It's important that we bring these issues to light so that our legislatures can properly write laws and provide services to the victims of Human Trafficking and those human persons seeking a better life in the United States." He ended.

## El obispo Seitz asiste a la conferencia sobre la trata de personas en Roma

El obispo Mark J. Seitz, D.D obispo de la Diócesis de El Paso fue invitado a asistir y participar en la Conferencia Internacional sobre Trata de Personas, organizada por la sección de migrantes y refugiados del Vaticano del Departamento para el Servicio de Desarrollo Humano Integral. Cerca de doscientos expertos en el tema de todo el mundo incluían obispos, sacerdotes, y religiosos hombres y mujeres. Se reunieron para la conferencia en la Fraterna Domus de Sacrofano, en la provincia de Roma. El propósito de la conferencia fue estudiar proyectos destinados a hacer que el documento, Orientaciones pastorales sobre la trata de personas, aprobado por el Papa Francisco en 2018, esté en pleno funcionamiento. El otro objetivo importante era promover una comprensión

más amplia y profunda de estos problemas y ayudar a coordinar



*Bishop Seitz holds the prayers cards of Jakelyn Caal and Felipe Gomez Alonzo before his meet and greet with the Pope.*

acciones para erradicarla.

"Fui allí para aprender todo

lo que pudiera sobre este tema", dijo el Obispo Seitz. "Aprendí mucho de lo que no estaba al tanto antes de la conferencia cuando se trataba del tema de la trata de personas. La trata de personas es una realidad en nuestro mundo, ya sea a través del uso forzado de personas en el trabajo sexual, el trabajo forzado e incluso en el tráfico de trasplantes de órganos forzados, la grave violación de la dignidad humana a través de la trata de personas es un pecado grave, es nada menos que la esclavitud moderna ", dijo el obispo Seitz.

"La iglesia se ha convertido en un líder mundial para sacar a la luz estas horribles actividades. Especialmente ahora con el liderazgo pastoral del papa Francisco. Ninguna comunidad es inmune a estos actos horribles. Estas atrocidades

ocurren con mucha frecuencia en nuestras comunidades en los Estados Unidos ", agregó. "Los migrantes y los marginados son los principales objetivos de estas actividades, y aquí es donde se relaciona con nuestro trabajo aquí en la diócesis y por qué sentí que necesitaba aprender todo lo que pudiera sobre este tema en esta gran oportunidad en Roma", él dijo.

En el último día de la conferencia, el obispo Seitz también tuvo la oportunidad de escuchar a Francisco dar una charla sobre la trata de personas a los miembros de la conferencia y concluyó con una breve reunión y saluda con el Santo Padre.

"Fue una reunión muy breve, pero tuve la oportunidad de pasar tarjetas de oración con las imágenes de Jakelyn Caal y Felipe Gómez Alonzo, concluyó.

los dos niños migrantes de Honduras que murieron mientras estaban bajo la custodia de el Border Patrol el año pasado", dijo. "No le di al Santo Padre las tarjetas de oración para culpar a ninguna entidad o persona por la muerte de los niños, sino como una forma de llamar la atención sobre el hecho de que sus muertes son, en cierta medida, una consecuencia de las políticas que criminalizan a los quién busca asilo y aquellas políticas que fuerzan a los migrantes desesperadas a lugares cada vez más remotos para cruzar la frontera. Es importante que revelemos estos problemas para que nuestras legislaturas puedan redactar leyes y brindar servicios a las víctimas de la trata de personas y a aquellas personas que buscan una vida mejor en los Estados Unidos", concluyó.

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# St. Joseph's Educator Named 2019 Diocesan Teacher of the Year

**By Sofía Larkin,  
Major Gifts Officer**

Erika Delgado, a 5th grade teacher at St. Joseph's School, was named 2019 Diocesan Teacher of the Year at the annual awards banquet on Thursday, April 4 at the El Paso Zoo. Chosen by her peers as the school's Teacher of the Year, she competed against 10 other teachers from across the Diocese of El Paso, the best of the best, for this year's Diocesan Teacher of the Year Award. When her name was announced as the winner, the St. Joseph's table erupted in cheers and applause.

Erika is the definition of what it is to be from this dynamic bilingual, bicultural community. She makes the daily commute from Juárez to teach at St. Joseph's School, a place she and her son call home. She accompanies her students, brings God into their conversations, and assures them that He is always with them. She believes it's her responsibility to plant the seed of social justice and continue the work of Jesus. Erika has created a God-centered, student-led classroom, coordinated countless community projects for the poor and the elderly on both sides of the border, and recognizes her responsibility as a role model. She is preparing students for the future through the use of technology and innovation and empowering them with the tools they need to be successful, critical thinkers. In and out of the

classroom, she is always teaching and sharing her gifts willingly with students and colleagues, and inspired a student-driven

grade for two years in Juárez at a private Catholic school and two years in Denver, Colorado. She credits her years there teach-



**Erika Delgado working with her students on a science experiment during her class at St. Joseph's**

multimedia project that received national recognition. Erika refers to herself not as a teacher, but as a Catholic teacher.

Erika graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a Bachelor's Degree in Bilingual Education in May, 2010. She took my exams and earned her certification EC-4 that same Summer. She immediately began working on her Master's Degree and completed studies as an Instructional Specialist for Bilingual Education in the Fall of 2012. Erika taught sixth

ing at a public school, including teaching Spanish to students ages 2-12 as a period of enormous growth. Erika moved back to El Paso because this is her home and she wanted to be close to her family and friends.

When Principal Marcela Hernández shared the opportunity to enter the Take A Stand Against Bullying Video Contest sponsored by Oxy Skin Care, Delgado and her class immediately started to brainstorm. The students, ages 10 and 11, shared that it's always hard being the

new kid in school or being the student that is excluded from activities and games. They created a huge poster with the words "It

should be very proud!"

Congratulations to all of the 2019 Teacher of the Year winners: Adriana Lezama, St. Patrick Cathedral School; Adriana López, St. Matthew Catholic School; Aracely Zamora, Father Yermo Elementary School; Bertha Laird, Most Holy Trinity Catholic School; Deborah Montoya, Cathedral High School; Elizabeth Vega, St. Raphael Catholic School; Estela del Real, St. Pius X Catholic School; Felix Rasari, Father Yermo High School; Gabriela González, Loretto Academy Elementary School; and Theresa Crow, Loretto Academy Middle School.

We have highly qualified, extraordinary teachers in all of our Catholic schools and this community is so fortunate they are part of the diocesan team. There is simply nothing like a Catholic education and it's the teachers who are the heart of Catholic schools. Erika Delgado will now compete for the State of Texas Catholic Teacher of the Year in the Fall of 2019. For more information, visit supportcatholicschools.org.

You can reach Major Gifts Officer Sofía 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.

## Educador de St. Joseph fue nombrada Maestra del Año Diocesano 2019

**Por Sofía Larkin,  
Oficial de Regalos Mayor**

Erika Delgado, maestra de quinto grado en la Escuela St. Joseph, fue nombrada Maestra Diocesana del Año 2019 en el banquete anual de premios el jueves 4 de abril en el zoológico de El Paso. Elegida por sus compañeros como la Maestra del Año de la escuela, compitió contra otras 10 maestras de la Diócesis de El Paso, la mejor de las mejores, por el Premio de la Maestra Diocesana del Año de este año. Cuando su nombre fue anunciado como el ganador, la mesa de St. Joseph estalló en aplausos y vitores.

Erika es la definición de lo que es ser de esta dinámica comunidad bicultural y bilingüe. Ella hace el viaje diario desde Juárez para enseñar en la Escuela St. Joseph, un lugar al que ella y su hijo llaman hogar. Ella acompaña a sus alumnos, lleva a Dios a sus conversaciones y les asegura que Él siempre está con ellos. Ella cree que es su responsabilidad plantar la semilla de la justicia social y continuar la obra de Jesús. Erika ha creado un aula centrada en Dios, dirigida por estudiantes, coordinando innumerables proyectos comunitarios para los pobres y los ancianos en ambos lados de la frontera, y reconoce su responsabilidad como un modelo a seguir. Ella está preparando a los estudiantes

para el futuro a través del uso de la tecnología y la innovación y les da las herramientas que necesitan para ser pensadores críticos y exitosos. Dentro y fuera del aula, ella siempre está enseñando y compartiendo sus dones voluntariamente con estudiantes y colegas, e inspiró un proyecto multimedia impulsado por estudiantes que recibió reconocimiento nacional. Erika se refiere a sí misma no como maestra, sino como maestra católica.

Erika se graduó de la Universidad de Texas en El Paso con una licenciatura en educación bilingüe en mayo de 2010. Tomó mis exámenes y obtuvo su certificación EC-4 ese mismo verano. Inmediatamente comenzó a trabajar en su Maestría y completó estudios como Especialista de Instrucción para la Educación Bilingüe en el otoño de 2012. Erika enseñó sexto grado durante dos años en una escuela católica privada y dos años en Denver, Colorado. Ella acredita sus años en la enseñanza en una escuela pública, incluida la enseñanza de español para estudiantes de 2 a 12 años como un período de enorme crecimiento. Erika regresó a El Paso porque esta es su casa y quería estar cerca de su familia y amigos.

Cuando la directora Marcela Hernández compartió la oportunidad de participar en el Concurso de videos de Take

A Stand Against Bullying patrocinado por Oxy Skin Care, Delgado y su clase empezaron a intercambiar ideas. Los estudiantes, de 10 y 11 años de edad, compartieron que siempre es difícil ser el nuevo niño en la escuela o ser el estudiante que está excluido de las actividades y los juegos. Crearon un enorme póster con las palabras "Empieza conmigo" para explicar que cualquier cambio que queramos ver debe comenzar primero con nosotros mismos y comenzar a crear un video de un minuto y treinta segundos. Tomó 2 días para filmar y 1 día para editar. El 5 de febrero, un representante de Scholastic National Partnerships informó a Erika que el video de sus estudiantes había sido seleccionado como Ganador del Gran Premio del concurso de videos de Take A Stand Against Bully-

ing y compartió: "Los equipos de Scholastic y Oxy estaban tan impresionados con el calibre de trabajo; ¡Tus estudiantes deberían estar muy orgullosos!

Felicitaciones a todos los ganadores de la Maestra del año 2019: Adriana Lezama, St. Patrick Cathedral School; Adriana López, Escuela Católica San Mateo; Aracely Zamora, Escuela Primaria Padre Yermo; Bertha Laird, Escuela Católica de la Santísima Trinidad; Deborah Montoya, High School secundaria de la catedral; Elizabeth Vega, Escuela Católica de San Rafael; Estela del Real, Escuela Católica San Pío X; Felix Rasari, padre de la preparatoria Yermo; Gabriela González, Loretto Academy Elementary School; y Theresa Crow, Loretto Academy Middle School.

Tenemos maestros altamente calificados y extraordinarios en

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# Sister of Charity Janet Gildea dies at age 62

Sister of Charity of Cincinnati Janet Gildea died April 4, 2019, at the age of 62 in the Sisters of Charity community home in Anthony, New Mexico. She valiantly endured metastatic ovarian cancer for 11 years. Sister Janet was born on Sept. 11, 1956, to Eugene and Carol (Shelzer) Gildea in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was one of six children. She was a Sister of Charity for 36 years.

Sister Janet grew up as part of an active family of faith in Fort Wayne; her family attended St. Henry parish and she graduated from Bishop Luers High School in 1974. She first met the Sisters of Charity when attending the College of Mount St. Joseph (Cincinnati, Ohio) in 1974. During her years at the Mount she experienced the hospitality of the Sisters in sharing opportunities for spiritual growth and friendship while also discerning God's call. The call was to continue her studies in preparation for service as a physician, but hand-in-hand came the invitation to vowed life as a Sister of Charity. Sister Janet entered the Congregation in 1982.

Sister Janet earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from the College of Mount St. Joseph in 1978 and graduated from Indiana University's School of Medicine (Indianapolis, Indiana) in 1982.

Sister Janet's ministries included 35 years of medical service to the poor in Kentucky,

New Mexico, Texas and a colonia in Anapra, Mexico; she would term it 'poverty medicine' because she preferred working in clinics for the poor in



underserved communities. She began her family practice residency in 1982 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Covington, Kentucky. In 1986 she headed to Santa Fe, New Mexico, working part-time at both Villa Therese Clinic and a federally funded clinic for medically needy families. In 1991 Sister Janet became medical director at San Vicente Clinic near El Paso, Texas, and four years later she co-founded La Clinica Guadalupana for families living in desperate poverty on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. This ministry expanded to provide much needed assistance for children with special needs through the Santo Niño Project in Anapra, Mexico. She would remain at the border the remainder of her

life, learning from the people about perseverance, courage, creativity and celebration. As Sister Janet shared, "They gave me Our Lady of Guadalupe and taught me to experience the Gospel from the perspective of God's favorite people – the poor. Serving her most beloved children I am learning lessons of compassion, advocacy, accompaniment and radical dependence on God."

Another aspect of the call to religious life for Sister Janet was the desire to help other young women pursue a call to service that could also include a call to vowed life. She joined the Sisters of Charity Vocation Team, and in 2007 she was instrumental in the development of a vocation video to expand outreach. She gave much of her energy to encouraging vocations, serving as director of initial formation for the Sisters of Charity Congregation. She was a National Religious Vocation Conference member, shared her vocation story on her blog, Each Day Counts, and was a frequent writer/contributor for Global Sisters Report. She also served as the El Paso Diocesan Liaison for Women Religious.

Sister Janet saw great value in the outreach-service component that young people offer the world in their desire to make it a better place. To add to their contributions she and initial formation/vocation teams in the Sisters of Charity Federation conducted

a study, requesting a grant from the Catholic Volunteer Network for a program for young women returning from volunteer mission experiences after college. The program offers participants the opportunity to live in community, receive spiritual direction, career and individual counseling, and take time to discern the 'what to do next' with their lives. Known as AVE (After Volunteer Experience), the opportunity is offered to young women transitioning from a year of volunteer service at Casa Caridad in Anthony, New Mexico, Sister Janet's home community. It has proven to fill a void for these young women and provides a reflective time for direction and relationship building in a trusting environment.

John E. Burger of the Missionary Society of St. Columban shared the following remembrance, "Sister Janet was a teacher, a healer and, as many of us know, an incredible cook. For years whatever Columbans were at the border enjoyed wonderful Christmas and Easter meals at Casa Caridad. Sister Janet will be missed by many but her spirit clearly lives on in her community and all of us who knew and loved and worked with and broke bread with this woman of profound faith."

For her Sisters and those who knew her best, Sister Janet's own words speak of the woman she was and the passion she felt for religious life today: "There are

so many needs for which religious women are uniquely positioned to respond. For those who desire to serve Jesus in the poor, to deepen their relationship with God and to live in a community of faith, being a Sister of Charity is a wonderful option and a great adventure."

Sister Janet is survived by her father, Eugene "Bud" Gildea, her brothers Steve and John, and sisters Jane Gildea, Ellen Douglas and Ann Van Fleteren as well as 11 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Carol.

*The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, whose Motherhouse is located in Delhi Township, a western suburb of Cincinnati, is an apostolic Catholic women's religious community that exists to carry out the Gospel of Jesus Christ through service and prayer in the world. Sisters, using their professional talents as ministers of education, health care, pastoral and social services, as well as caring for all creation, currently live and minister in 17 U.S. states, in Guatemala, Mexico and the West Indies. They also sponsor institutions to address education, health care and social service needs, with particular concern for direct service to the poor.*

*The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati are joined in mission by 208 Associates.*

*Visit the Sisters of Charity Web site at [www.srcharitycinti.org](http://www.srcharitycinti.org)*

## La hermana de la caridad Janet Gildea fallece a los 62 años.

La Hermana de la Caridad de Cincinnati, Janet Gildea, falleció el 4 de abril de 2019 a la edad de 62 años en la casa de la comunidad de las Hermanas de la Caridad en Anthony, Nuevo México. Ella soportó valientemente el cáncer de ovario metastásico durante 11 años. La hermana Janet nació el 11 de septiembre de 1956, de Eugene y Carol (Shelzer) Gildea en Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ella era una de seis hijos. Ella fue una Hermana de la Caridad por 36 años.

La hermana Janet creció como parte de una familia activa de fe en Fort Wayne; su familia asistió a la parroquia de St. Henry y se graduó de la escuela secundaria Bishop Luers en 1974. Conoció a las Hermanas de la Caridad cuando asistió a la Universidad de Mount St. Joseph (Cincinnati, Ohio) en 1974. Durante sus años en Mount, experimentó la hospitalidad de las Hermanas al compartir oportunidades para el crecimiento espiritual y la amistad, al mismo tiempo que disciernen el llamado de Dios. El llamado fue continuar sus estudios en preparación para el servicio como médico, pero de la mano vino la invitación a jurar la vida como Hermana de la Caridad. La hermana Janet entró en la Congregación en 1982.

La hermana Janet obtuvo una licenciatura en biología de la Facultad de Mount St. Joseph en 1978 y se graduó de la Escuela de Medicina de la Universidad de Indiana (Indianapolis, Indiana) en 1982.

Los ministerios de la hermana Janet incluyeron 35 años de servicio médico a los pobres en Kentucky, Nuevo México, Texas y una colonia en Anapra, México; ella lo llamaría "medicina de la pobreza" porque prefería trabajar en clínicas para los pobres en comunidades marginadas. Comenzó su residencia de medicina familiar en 1982 en el Centro Médico St. Elizabeth en Covington, Kentucky. En 1986 se dirigió a Santa Fe, Nuevo México, trabajando a tiempo parcial en la Clínica Villa Therese y en una clínica financiada con fondos federales para familias con necesidades médicas. En 1991, la hermana Janet se convirtió en directora médica de la Clínica San Vicente, cerca de El Paso, Texas, y cuatro años más tarde, fue cofundadora de La Clínica Guadalupana para familias que viven en la pobreza extrema en ambos lados de la frontera de EE. UU. Y México. Este ministerio se amplió para brindar asistencia muy necesaria a niños con necesidades especiales a través del Proyecto Santo Niño en Anapra, México. Permanecerá en la frontera el resto de su vida, aprendiendo de la gente sobre la perseverancia, el coraje, la creatividad y la celebración. Como dijo la hermana Janet, "Me dieron a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y me enseñaron a experimentar el Evangelio desde la perspectiva de las personas favoritas de Dios: los pobres. "Al servicio de sus hijos más queridos, estoy aprendiendo lecciones de compasión, defensa,

acompañamiento y dependencia radical de Dios".

Otro aspecto del llamado a la vida religiosa para la hermana Janet fue el deseo de ayudar a otras mujeres jóvenes a realizar un llamado al servicio que también podría incluir un llamado a la vida prometida. Se unió al equipo de vocación de las Hermanas de la Caridad, y en 2007 fue instrumental en el desarrollo de un video vocacional para ampliar el alcance. Dedicó gran parte de su energía a fomentar las vocaciones y fue directora de formación inicial de la Congregación de las Hermanas de la Caridad. Fue miembro de la Conferencia Nacional de Vocaciones Religiosas, compartió su historia de vocación en su blog, Cada día cuenta, y fue una frecuente escritora / colaboradora de Global Sisters Report. Ella también se desempeñó como Enlace Diocesana de El Paso para Mujeres Religiosas.

La hermana Janet vio un gran valor en el componente de servicios de divulgación que los jóvenes ofrecen al mundo en su deseo de que sea un lugar mejor. Para agregar a sus contribuciones, ella y los equipos de formación / vocación inicial en la Federación de Hermanas de la Caridad realizaron un estudio, solicitando una beca de la Red de Voluntarios Católicos para un programa para mujeres jóvenes que regresan de experiencias misioneras voluntarias después de la universidad. El programa ofrece a los partici-

pantes la oportunidad de vivir en comunidad, recibir orientación espiritual, orientación profesional e individual, y tomarse un tiempo para discernir el "qué hacer a continuación" con sus vidas. Conocida como AVE (Después de la experiencia de voluntariado), se ofrece la oportunidad a mujeres jóvenes en transición de un año de servicio voluntario en Casa Caridad en Anthony, Nuevo México, la comunidad de la Hermana Janet. Ha demostrado llenar un vacío para estas mujeres jóvenes y proporciona un tiempo de reflexión para la dirección y la construcción de relaciones en un entorno de confianza.

John E. Burger de la Sociedad Misionera de San Columbano compartió el siguiente recuerdo: "La hermana Janet era maestra, sanadora y, como muchos de nosotros sabemos, una cocinera increíble. Durante años, cualquier cosa que los colombianos estuvieran en la frontera disfrutó de maravillosas comidas de Navidad y Semana Santa en Casa Caridad. La hermana Janet será extrañada por muchos, pero su espíritu claramente vive en su comunidad y en todos los que conocimos, amamos, trabajamos y partimos el pan con esta mujer de profunda fe". Para sus hermanas y para quienes sabían lo mejor que podían, las propias palabras de la hermana Janet hablan de la mujer que era y de la pasión que sentía por la vida religiosa de hoy: "Hay tantas necesidades a las cuales las mujeres reli-

giosas están en una posición única para responder. Para aquellos que desean servir a Jesús en los pobres, profundizar su relación con Dios y vivir en una comunidad de fe, ser una Hermana de la Caridad es una opción maravillosa y una gran aventura."

A la hermana Janet le sobreviven su padre, Eugene "Bud" Gildea, sus hermanos Steve y John, y sus hermanas Jane Gildea, Ellen Douglas y Ann Van Fleteren, así como 11 sobrinas y sobrinos. Le precedieron en la muerte su madre, Carol.

Las Hermanas de la Caridad de Cincinnati, cuya Casa Madre está ubicada en Delhi Township, un suburbio al oeste de Cincinnati, es una comunidad religiosa católica apostólica que existe para llevar a cabo el Evangelio de Jesucristo a través del servicio y la oración en el mundo. Hermanas, que utilizan sus talentos profesionales como ministros de educación, salud, pastoral y servicios sociales, así como para cuidar a toda la creación, actualmente viven y ministerian en 17 estados de EE. UU., En Guatemala, México y las Indias Occidentales. También patrocinan instituciones para atender las necesidades de educación, atención médica y servicios sociales, con especial preocupación por el servicio directo a los pobres.

Las Hermanas de la Caridad de Cincinnati están unidas en misión por 208 Asociados. Visite el sitio web de las Hermanas de la Caridad en [www.srcharitycinti.org](http://www.srcharitycinti.org)

## Cathedral HS Names New Principal

Cathedral High School announced the appointment of Mr. Adolfo Sanchez, MA, as the new principal of this Cathedral High School as it begins its 95th year next August. After a year-long search, Mr. Sanchez was selected from a pool of over 200 applicants. Mr. Sanchez brings over thirty years of experience in the classroom as an English teacher and as an administrator with YISD.

"Mr. Sanchez has brought a fresh set of eyes, energy for positive change, and a healthy discipline to Cathedral," said Brother Nick Gonzalez, interim principal. "He has a great team in place to help him implement planned initiatives for next year. Mr. Sanchez is a wonderful Lasallian who is prepared to lead."

To assist Mr. Sanchez with the continuation of the Lasal-

lian tradition at CHS, Brother Javier Hansen, FSC, has been appointed as Lasallian animator



Administrative team of Cathedral High School, Principal Adolfo Sanchez and Assistant Principal Pedro Maldonado.

for the community and campus.

The Delasalle Christian Brothers also announced the

appointment of Brother Nick Gonzalez, FSC, as the new Assistant to the Provincial (the head) of the District of San Francisco New Orleans. Brother Gonzales, a native El Pasoan has been a part of the Cathedral high school family for over 20 years.

The District of San Francisco New Orleans covers eight states and 22 Lasallian schools. Brother Gonzalez will be responsible for the Christian Brothers in educational ministry as well as the

spiritual and educational formation of aspiring young Brothers.

"It certainly is a bitter sweet moment as I accept this next position in my ministry," Brother Nick said. "But, I do know that under the leadership of Mr. Sanchez, and Mr. Maldonado and Brother Javier continuing the Lasallian tradition here at Cathedral High School."

"It is quite rare to see a Brother serve a community for this long, Bishop Mark Seitz added. "But we have great expectations for Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Maldonado and Brother Javier."

Brother Nick Gonzalez's promotion means that Cathedral HS will have a strong advocate at the provincial level where decisions are made. Brother will report to his new assignment in Napa, CA, in July 2019.

## Catedral HS nombra nuevo director

La escuela primaria de Cathedral anunció el nombramiento del Sr. Adolfo Sánchez, MA, como el nuevo director de la escuela, que comienza su 95 años el próximo agosto. Después de una búsqueda de un año, el Sr. Sánchez fue seleccionado de un grupo de más de 200 solicitantes. El Sr. Sanchez aporta más de treinta años de

está preparado para liderar".

Para ayudar al Sr. Sánchez con la continuación de la tradición lasaliana en CHS, el Hermano Javier Hansen, FSC, ha sido nombrado animador lasaliano para la comunidad y el campus.

Delasalle Christian Brothers también anunció el nombramiento del Hermano Nick Gonzalez, FSC, como el nue-

y educativo de los aspirantes a los Hermanos jóvenes.

"Ciertamente es un momento agredulce, ya que acepto la siguiente posición en mi ministerio", dijo el hermano Nick. "Pero sí sé que bajo la dirección del Sr. Sánchez, y el Sr. Maldonado y el

Hermano Javier continúan la tradición lasaliana aquí en la Escuela Secundaria Cathedral".

"Es bastante raro ver a un Hermano servir a una comunidad durante tanto tiempo", agregó el Obispo Mark Seitz. "Pero tenemos grandes expectativas para el señor Sánchez, el señor Maldonado y el

hermano Javier".

La promoción del hermano Nick Gonzalez significa que Cathedral HS tendrá un fuerte defensor a nivel provincial donde se toman las decisiones. Hermano informará a su nueva asignación en Napa, California, en julio de 2019.

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Cathedral High School, Principal Adolfo Sanchez

experiencia en el aula como profesor de inglés y administrador de YISD.

"El Señor. Sánchez ha traído un nuevo juego de los ojos, la energía para el cambio positivo, y una sana disciplina a la catedral", dijo el hermano Nick González, directora interina. "Él tiene un gran equipo para ayudarlo a implementar las iniciativas planificadas para el próximo año. El Sr. Sánchez es un maravilloso lasaliano que

vo Asistente del Provincial (el jefe) del Distrito de San Francisco, Nueva Orleans. El hermano Gonzales, un nativo de El Paso, ha sido parte de la familia de la preparatoria Cathedral durante más de 20 años.

El Distrito de San Francisco Nueva Orleans abarca ocho estados y 22 escuelas lasallistas. Hermano González estará a cargo de los Hermanos en el ministerio de educación, así como la formación espiritual

# Why Young People Need Renewal

**By Friar Mario Serrano,  
Director of the Newman Center**

University students live in a stress-filled world as they feel the effects of all the world's crises that enter into their lives through their smartphones. In an instant many become aware of the tragic and worrisome events. Drained by the news of acts of terrorisms, school violence, or natural disasters along with balancing the one question that is persistent in their life: What am I called to be?

Demands and expectations from family, friends, and their studies can be an overwhelming experience and make it difficult for any to consider where their faith life stands. Especially when many are entering an arena that has never been entered by other family members. Yet, the San Romero University Ministry Student Center sits on

the sidelines of UTEP becoming a place to regain a sense of hope, purpose, and perspec-

young people are looking for relationships, not religion; spirituality, not rules; and role mod-



**Friar Mario Serrano, Director of the UTEP Newman Center gives his blessing to a student following Ash Wednesday Services at the UTEP Student Union.**

tive that enables them to get up again and keep going.

We strive to be a community of friendship, aware that today's

els, not rhetoric. Young people are hungering for authenticity, inspiration, and a relationship with God that is real. In the

words of a saint, "Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, rules to be followed, or prohibitions. Seen that way, it puts us off. Christianity is a person who loved me immensely,

who demands and claims my love. Christianity is Christ." (Saint Oscar Romero, Homily (6 November 1977), in Su Pensamiento, I-II, San Salvador, 2000, p. 312.)

We are a place where we empower university students by rebuilding a culture of encounter with Christ through accompaniment and allowing the Holy Spirit to lead and transform our lives and where questions are reimagined. A place where the question is no longer "What I am called to be?" but "Whose am I called to be?"

Indeed, "Christ is alive!" These are the words of Pope

Francis in his most recent Apostolic Exhortation. As a Franciscan friar, who is privileged to minister to and with university students, I was eagerly awaiting Pope Francis' words to the Young People and the entire People of God.

"Young people are not meant to become discouraged; they are meant to dream great things, to seek vast horizons, to aim higher, to take on the world, to accept challenges and to offer the best of themselves to the building of something better. That is why I constantly urge young people not to let themselves be robbed of hope; to each of them I repeat: 'Let no one despise your youth' (1 Tim 4:12)."

(Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, #15)

Young people and not so young people I encourage you to come and visit San Romero University Ministry Student Center, a place where hope lives.

# ¿Por qué los jóvenes necesitan renovación?

**Por fraile Mario Serrano,  
Director de el Newman Center**

Los estudiantes universitarios viven en un mundo lleno de estrés al sentir los efectos de todas las crisis del mundo que entran en sus vidas a través

en la que nunca han entrado otros miembros de la familia. Sin embargo, el Centro de Estudiantes del Ministerio de la Universidad de San Romero se encuentra al margen de UTEP convirtiéndose en un lugar para

El cristianismo es una persona que me amó inmensamente, que exige y reclama mi amor. El cristianismo es Cristo". (San Oscar Romero, Homilia (6 de noviembre de 1977), en Su Pensamiento, I-II, San Salvador, 2000, p. 312.)

Somos un lugar donde capacitamos a los estudiantes universitarios al reconstruir una cultura de encuentro con Cristo a través del acompañamiento y al permitir que el Espíritu Santo guíe y transforme nuestras vidas y donde las preguntas se vuelven a imaginar. Un lugar donde la pregunta ya no es "¿Para qué estoy llamado a ser?", Sino "¿A quién debo llamar para ser?"

De hecho, "¡Cristo está vivo!" Estas son las palabras del Papa Francisco en su más reciente Exhortación Apostólica. Como fraile franciscano, que tiene el privilegio de ministrar a los estudiantes universitarios y con ellos, estaba esperando con impaciencia las palabras del Papa Francisco a

los jóvenes y al pueblo de Dios.

"Los jóvenes no están destinados a desanimarse; están destinados a soñar grandes cosas, a buscar vastos horizontes, a apuntar más alto, a enfrentarse al mundo, a aceptar desafíos y a ofrecer lo mejor de sí mismos para construir algo mejor. Por eso insto constantemente



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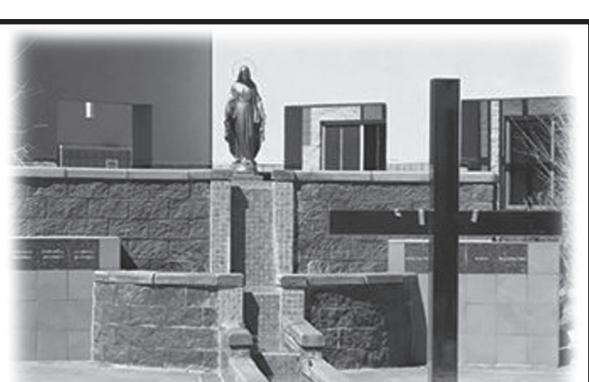
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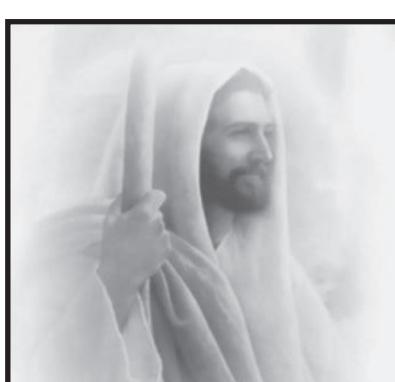
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# Collection for the Major Seminary Fund Appeal

There will be a Special Offering on Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12, 2019 for the Major Seminarists Program.

One of the most pressing needs in the Diocese of El Paso is the recruitment and education of seminarists.

## Colecta para los Seminaristas Mayores

Habrá una Ofrenda Especial el sábado, 11 y domingo 12 de mayo del 2019 para los Seminaristas Mayores.

Una de las necesidades más urgentes de la Diócesis de El Paso es el reclutamiento y la educación de seminaristas. El propósito del Programa de los Seminaristas Mayores es el de proporcionar el cuidado pastoral a los seminaristas diocesanos y de ofrecerles guía y apoyo una vez que han ingresado a uno de los seminarios mayores.

Unas de las historias más impactantes de nuestra Diócesis ha sido el esfuerzo en estos últimos años de incrementar el número de seminaristas que consagran sus vidas al servicio para la iglesia y la de los feligreses. Actualmente hay 26 seminaristas estudiando en el Seminario de Asunción (San Antonio), Seminario Mundelein (Chicago), Seminario Santa María (Houston), Seminario Santísima Trinidad (Irving) y Sagrado Corazón en Milwaukee. La Diócesis espera un total de 30 seminaristas para agosto de este año. La Diócesis los ayuda económicamente con los gastos del seminario, su alimentación, hospedaje y seguro médico.

Por favor dé se la oportunidad de contribuir a la educación de los futuros sacerdotes de nuestra Diócesis. Muchas gracias por su apoyo.

The purpose of the Major Seminarian Office is to provide for the pastoral care of the diocesan seminarians and offer them support and guidance once they have entered one of the major seminaries.

One of the greatest success stories of our Diocese is its

efforts in the last few years in increasing the number of seminarians who will dedicate their lives to the service of the church and God's people. Currently the Diocese of El Paso has 26 seminarians studying at Assumption Seminary (San Antonio), Mundelein Seminary (Chicago), St. Mary's Seminary (Houston), Holy Trinity (Irving), and Sacred Heart Seminary in Milwaukee. The Diocese expects a total of 30 seminarians during the next academic year starting in August. The Diocese must cover the expenses

of the students' tuition, room and board, and medical insurance.

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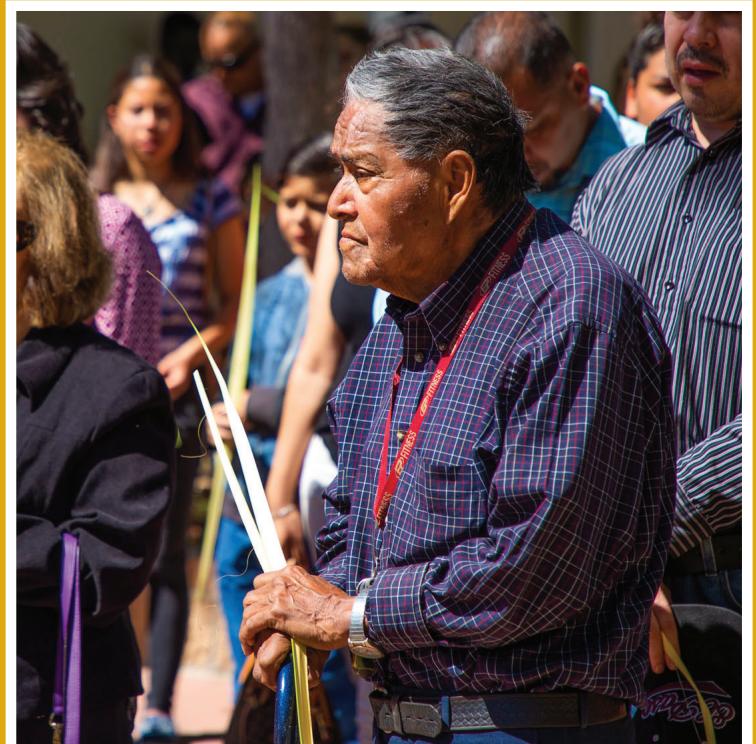
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# The Diocese of El Paso Celebrates Holy Week 2019

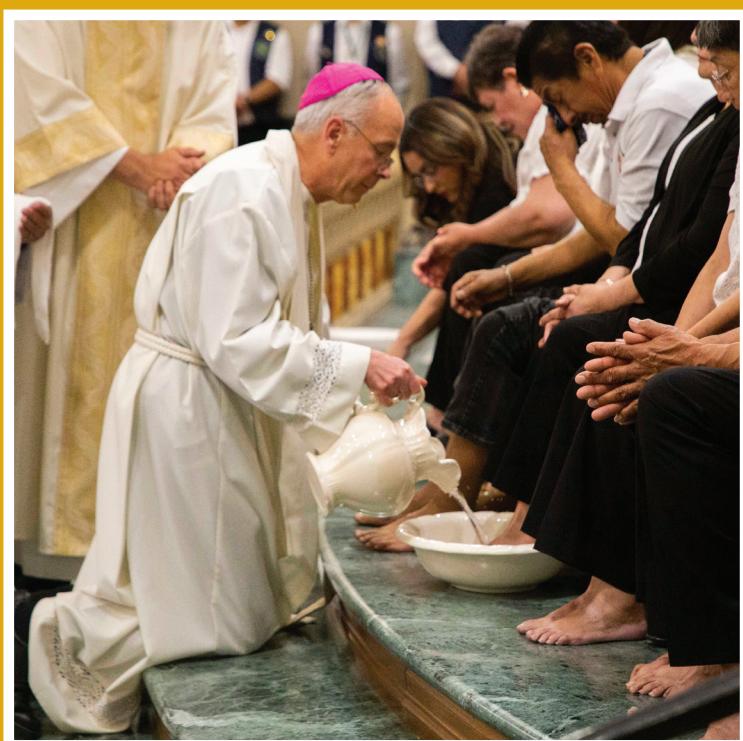
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Bishop Mark J. Seitz celebrates the chrism mass at St. Patrick Cathedral with priests from the throughout the Catholic Diocese of El Paso.



A parishioner from Blessed Sacrament Parish listens to the Gospel during Palm Sunday Services.



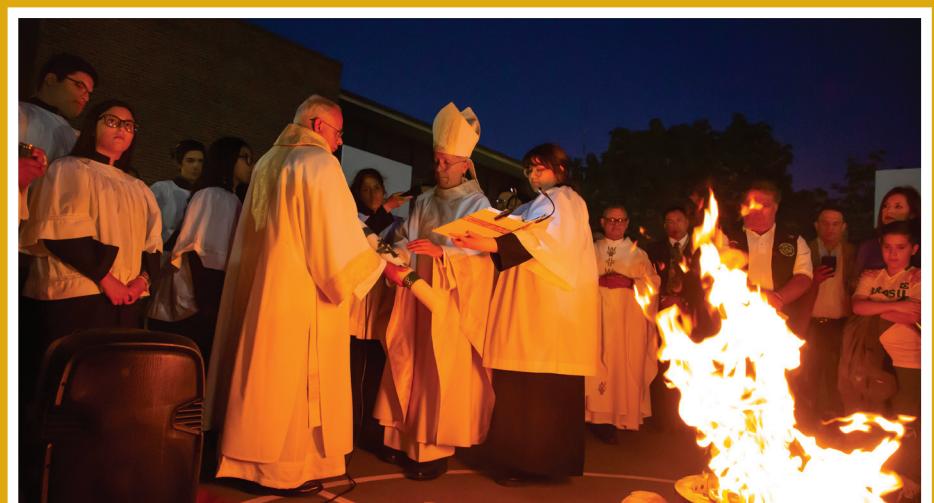
Bishop Mark J. Seitz washes the feet of the faithful during the Holy Thursday liturgy at St. Patrick Cathedral.



Faithful from San Felipe de Jesus in Socorro, Texas reenact The Passion of Our Lord Jesus during the 14 Stations of the cross.



Faithful held vigil with the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday at San Judas Tadeo Parish in West El Paso.



Bishop Mark J. Seitz venerates the Paschal Candle during the East Vigil.



A Catechumen receives the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter Vigil at St. Patrick Cathedral.

# Sisters of Loretto Named Father Rahm Person of the Year

The Sisters of Loretto have been named Sacred Heart's 2019 Segundo Barrio Person of the Year. The Father Rahm Segundo Barrio Person of the Year Award recognizes an individual or organization committed to the betterment, works, and service to the cultural, historical, economic, educational, and social empowerment of the Segundo Barrio, and its inhabitants, values, and unique experience.

The mission of the Father Rahm Segundo Barrio Person of the Year Award is to highlight, support and expand the unique historical and cultural imprint of the Segundo Barrio, its people and place in the history of the Paso del Norte region, in their honor in late April.

with particular emphasis to the contribution of the Mexican-American and Chicano experience, anchored in family, faith, and the American immigrant experience, and the contribution of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) through Sacred Heart parish, its ministries to the Segundo Barrio, El Paso and the region.

The Sisters of Loretto are a religious order founded in Ken-

tucky in 1812 by Mary Rhodes, Christine Stuart, and Nancy Havern and Father Charles Ner-

nearby Mexico. In September 1892 the Sisters of Loretto relocated St. Joseph Academy in El

tius (1905-57), Guardian Angel (1912-73), Holy Family (1922-25), St. Joseph (1923-77), St.

Loretto.

"We are celebrating and honoring the Sisters of Loretto for their amazing work to the segundo barrio and to the entire El Paso region," Fr. Ron Gonzalez, SJ said. "This event is our signatory event and we have been raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish while also honoring those that have served the segundo barrio and the people of El Paso," He added.

"I am just so proud to be part of this long tradition of service that the sisters have provided to El Paso since 1892," Sr. Helen Santamaria, SL said. "There have been many women religious of the order that were very vital to the segundo barrio over the last 100 years. We have a couple of Sisters here tonight that have worked throughout the El Paso region, and we are all thrilled to receive this recognition from Sacred Heart Parish," she said.

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bought 1,912 acres of desert land in Austin Terrace where the current building was completed in 1923 on a seven acre campus. Besides the schools, the Sisters of Loretto administered Nazareth Hall in El Paso, a nursing home built in 1962 for the retired and infirm Sisters of

"You will find that the Sisters of Loretto have a huge heart and give very selflessly of themselves to the poor and the marginalized," Fr. Ron Gonzalez, SJ said. "I would hope that their example would inspire young people to give their lives to being a religious person, either a nun or brother or priest," he ended.



**Father Ron Gonzalez, SJ presents Father Rahm Segundo Barrio Person of the Year Award to the Sisters of Loretto at a dinner held in their honor in late April.**

inckx, with a focus from its beginning on teaching. The sisters moved west in 1852, four years after the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ceded the Southwest to the United States. The first Lorette school in Texas, St. Joseph's Academy in San Elizario, was opened in 1879. This academy was a boarding and day school for girls from the Rio Grande valley, and from

Paso, in the building formerly occupied by a school operated by the Sisters of Mercy. In October of the same year Sacred Heart School, the first Lorette taught parochial school in Texas, began operations on South Oregon Street in El Paso. Subsequent parochial schools were opened and operated in El Paso by the sisters: St. Mary's at Immaculate Conception (1903-66), St. Ignatius (1923-79), and Assumption (1960-64).

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## Hermanas de Loretto nombradas Padre Rahm Persona del Año

Las Hermanas de Loretto han sido nombradas la Personas del Año del Segundo Barrio de la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón en 2019. El Premio a la Personas del Año del Padre Rahm Segundo Barrio reconoce a una persona u organización comprometida con el mejoramiento, el trabajo y el servicio al empoderamiento cultural, histórico, económico, educativo y social del Segundo Barrio, y sus habitantes, valores y valores únicos de experiencia.

La misión del Premio a la Persona del Año del Padre Rahm Segundo Barrio es resaltar, apoyar y ampliar la huella histórica y cultural única del Segundo Barrio, su gente y su lugar en la historia de la región del Paso del Norte, con especial énfasis en la contribución de la experiencia mexicano-estadounidense y chicana, anclada en la familia, la fe y la experiencia del inmigrante estadounidense, y la contribución de la orden de Jesuitas a través de la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón, sus ministerios al Segundo Barrio, El Paso y la región.

Las Hermanas de Loretto son una orden religiosa fundada en Kentucky en 1812 por Mary Rhodes, Christine Stuart, y Nancy Havern y el Padre Charles Nerinckx, con un enfoque desde su inicio en la enseñanza. Las hermanas se

mudaron al oeste en 1852, cuatro años después del Tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo, que cedió el Suroeste a los Estados

anteriormente ocupado por una escuela operada por las Hermanas de la Misericordia. En octubre del mismo año, Sacred

(1922-25), St. Joseph (1923-77), St. Patrick (1923-79), and Assumption (1960-64).

En 1921, Mother Praxades



**Sister Helen Santamaria attended the Father Rahm Segundo Barrio Person of the Year dinner with a cohort of Sisters of Loretto that have served here in the diocese from around the country.**

Unidos. La primera escuela de Lorette en Texas, St. Joseph's Academy en San Elizario, se inauguró en 1879. Esta academia era una escuela de internado y diurna para niñas del valle del Río Grande y de las cercanías de México. En septiembre de 1892, las Hermanas de Loretto se mudaron a la Academia St. Joseph en El Paso, en el edificio

Heart School, la primera escuela parroquial enseñada por Lorette en Texas, comenzó a operar en la calle South Oregon en El Paso. Las siguientes escuelas parroquiales fueron abiertas y operadas en El Paso por las hermanas: St. Mary's at Immaculate Conception (1903-66), St. Ignatius (1905-57), Guardian Angel (1912-73), Holy Family

compró 1,912 acres de tierra desértica en Austin Terrace, donde el edificio actual se completó en 1923 en un campus de siete acres. Además de las escuelas, las Hermanas de Loretto administraron Nazareth Hall en El Paso, un hogar de ancianos construido en 1962 para las Hermanas de Loretto retiradas y enfermas.

"Estamos celebrando y honrando a las Hermanas de Loretto por su increíble trabajo en el segundo barrio y en toda la región de El Paso," dijo el padre Ron González, SJ. "Este evento es nuestro evento signatario y hemos estado recaudando fondos para la parroquia del sagrado corazón, mientras que también honra a aquellos que han servido al segundo barrio y a la gente de El Paso," el agregó.

"Estoy muy orgullosa de ser parte de esta larga tradición de servicio que las hermanas han brindado a El Paso desde 1892", dijo la Hna. Helen Santamaria, SL. "Ha habido muchas religiosas de la orden que fueron muy importantes para el segundo barrio en los últimos 100 años. "Tenemos un par de Hermanas aquí esta noche que han trabajado en toda la región de El Paso, y todos estamos encantados de recibir este reconocimiento de la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón", ella dijo.

"Encontrarás que las Hermanas de Loretto tienen un gran corazón y se entregan de forma muy desinteresada a los pobres y marginados", el P. Ron Gonzalez, dijo SJ. "Espero que su ejemplo inspire a los jóvenes a dar su vida por ser una persona religiosa, ya sea monja o hermano o sacerdote", concluyó.

# Nobody Gets Hurt?

A few years back, I gave a talk entitled "Thinking Through the Transgender Question" at a local parish. In the audience were several individuals supporting the transgender movement. During the question-and-answer session, one of them, a young woman, raised this difficulty: "If someone wants to transition, how does that hurt anybody else? If my friend wants to be transgender, how would that harm any of us?"

Behind this line of argument, first, is the widely held notion that each of us is an isolated unit and our private choices don't affect others. Yet the old adage that no man is an island rings perennially true. Grave harms to others, in fact, follow in the wake of the radical personal decision to "switch genders."

I recently spent some time with a husband and wife who had a son struggling with depression and schizophrenia and who was convinced he was a woman. They shared with me how their son no longer spoke to any of his siblings or relatives, shutting everyone out of his life. He moved away to link up with the transgender community at his college for sup-

port, and his parents summed up his new way of thinking as the detonation of a bomb that had ravaged the whole family.

That kind of devastation has been thoroughly catalogued by those who have gone all the way through the process of transitioning, and years or decades later come to regret it.

Walt Heyer is one such individual who turned to hormones and surgeries to try to take on the appearance of a woman. Many years later, he "detransitioned," and started writing and speaking about his experiences. He has summarized the painful effects of his choices on those around him in several of his essays.

"Being transgender required destroying the identity of Walt so my female persona, Laura, would feel unshackled from Walt's past, with all of its hurt, shame, and abuse," he wrote. "It's a marvelous distraction for a while, but it isn't a permanent solution when the underlying issues remain unaddressed. Gender change is at its heart a self-destructive act. Transgenders not only annihilate their birth identity, they destroy everyone and everything in their wake: family, wife, children,

brothers or sisters, and career."

Walt had been married for many years, but after transitioning, he and his wife divorced. Communication with his children ceased. He was fired from his well-paying job as an engineer, and became practically destitute. Virtually all the significant relationships in his life were damaged, some irretrievably.

In his essay, Walt follows the trail of breadcrumbs in his own life to its logical conclusion.

"It occurred to me after much self-reflection that asking a surgeon to modify my appearance through a series of cosmetic procedures was simply a socially acceptable means of self-mutilation and self-destruction," he stated. "Taken to the extreme, self-destruction leads to suicide."

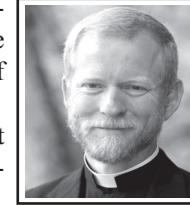
Follow-up studies of those who undergo sex-change operations have shown that they experienced highly elevated suicide rates, even many years post-surgery, revealing yet another of the grave harms associated with transitioning that brings untold heartache to family and friends, relatives and acquaintances.

Beyond wreaking havoc in the life of patients and those around them, other damaging

societal consequences arise in the wake of transitioning.

In a recent article in *Public Discourse*, Dr. Monique Robles, a pediatric critical care specialist, stresses how schools and institutions of higher learning are now "enforcing the use of preferred gender pronouns and opening bathrooms and sports teams to students of the opposite biological sex. Educators who refuse to comply are losing their jobs. Parents who do not agree with the transaffirmative approach for their gender dysphoric children are faced with legal consequences. In the sports arena, biological males identifying as transgender are competing in women's events with an unfair biological advantage. Biological females who claim to be male are allowed the unfair advantage of competing while taking testosterone, which is considered 'doping' in any other circumstance."

Coming to the conclusion that "no one gets hurt" whenever someone transitions is simply naïve, contradicted by the facts on the ground and by the tortuous lives of those pursuing this misguided "solution"



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

to their gender confusion. They, along with their families and broader society, clearly deserve better.

Instead of propping up a fictitious and harmful understanding of human masculinity and femininity, we owe it to those struggling with gender dysphoria to address compassionately their underlying mental health concerns. Through evidence-based therapies, including appropriate psychiatric and interpersonal outreach and counseling, we hope to bring healing, preserve family unity, and help sustain important, lifelong friendships.

That's what those struggling with their gender dysphoria deserve and all those who love them desire.

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org)

# What Job Could be More Important

and father of our new baby!

The Catholic Church agrees with my husband but gives him and all fathers the credit they also deserve when the Church calls the family the "domestic church," modeled after the Holy

and the one they will carry with them for the rest of their lives and into every relationship they experience. Domestic church? I'm thinking more like "cathedral" in the family's importance to our individual and societal

and form a piece of wood into a table. Work ethics, courtesy for customers, strength of character when a conflict might arise with sellers of needed materials,



Family itself. Within the family, children learn respect as they witness the way a husband cherishes his wife and a wife loves her husband. Self-respect and empathy go hand in hand as parents nurture their children and help them realize that they truly are miracles made in the image and likeness of God along with every other person in the world since we all belong to the larger family with God as our Father.

Loving, cherishing, caring, nurturing, teaching, and learning from one another – these are important aspects of family and society as a whole. The family is the original social unit, the first group an individual belongs to

well-being, but let's not get carried away with titles.

Whether a church or a cathedral or a humble home, children learn from their parents. While there are no definitive lines of responsibilities, fathers are often the protectors and mothers are the nurturers. And since there are plenty of duties to pass around, hopefully, parents share in all of them, but mothers are often the softer of the two.

Imagine life in Nazareth in the home of Joseph and Mary with Jesus as a child. Joseph would naturally have taught his son the family trade but there were important values to learn along with the proper way to cut

charity for those who couldn't pay the full rate, and the list goes on and on without even considering how to hammer a nail into wood.

What about Mary? As a young child, Jesus would have begun learning about His Jewish faith at His mother's knee. Jesus would also have learned empathy when His mother asked Him to carry a loaf of bread to an ailing neighbor, kindness when she encouraged Him to share His belongings with another child, compassion upon seeing a beggar on the street, patience and tolerance for the failings of others when children teased or mocked Him for not joining



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

in their questionable activities. Again, the list goes on and on.

Don't those same lists go on and on in every family? Mothers are mediators between their children's arguments. Examples of chastity and modesty in approving or denying the outfits our children wear. Counselors when listening to their hopes, dreams, problems and failures. Judges who explain how consequences follow actions as well as who demonstrate forgiveness and mercy to our children.

In modeling ourselves after Mary, our Heavenly Mother, we help our children to walk a more narrow path chosen by God rather than giving in to the temptations of the world. We help them to live their faith and have the strength to be a reflection of the light of Christ. And, hopefully, their actions which were learned in the home will spread out in a ripple effect to encourage others to do the same.

Mary was the ark of the new covenant who bore the Son of God in her womb. She was His Mother from the moment of conception and throughout all of time. May we help all mothers to follow her example and bear God's light into the world through our love and teaching, our joys and our tears, our words and our actions.

Happy Mother's Day to every mother who has been an inspiration to a child, their own and the ones their children have gone on to inspire as well.

# Personas Interesantes!

En estos días estaba recordando una canción que cantábamos mucho cuando estuve en un grupo juvenil y que siempre se me hizo muy interesante el mensaje de sus letras, que dice así: "Esta mañana de paseo con la gente me encontré al lechero, al cartero y al policía, salude en puertas y ventanas también recuerdos vi mucha gente que antes ni siquiera la vi... Y entonces me di cuenta de una gran realidad LAS COSAS SON IMPORTANTES PERO LA GENTE LO ES MAS... con más gente, a favor de la gente en cada pueblo y nación, habría menos gente difícil y más gente con corazón". (Autor de la canción: Enrique y Ana).

Todo lo que hay en el mundo de la naturaleza es maravilloso y tantas obras de hombres y mujeres a veces geniales son bellísimas, pero lo más importante en este mundo que nos rodea es la gente. ¡De aquí se deduce que la lección más útil que tienes que aprender es SABER RELACIONARTE Y TRATAR CON LA GENTE! El éxito y felicidad de tu vida depende de cómo convivas con la gente. Parece increíble y te sorprenderá que te lo diga, que tu propio bienestar y tu tranquilidad depende de cómo caigas a la gente, porque toda tu vida está relacionada con la gente; un talento, una habilidad, un don especial, de nada sirve si no es apreciado y puesto al servicio de la gente. Si quieras llegar a ser algo en tu vida, tienes que aprender a llevarte bien con toda la gente. Al mismo Dios no llegarás, si no vas acompañado de la gente. Vive entre la gente. Te debes a la gente. Tienes que vivir para la gente.

Nunca confundas al hombre por sus defectos o con sus cu-

alidades. Todo ser humano, sea quien sea y fuere como fuere, merece nuestro respeto, nuestro aprecio y nuestra comprensión, porque así como lo ves, es el objeto del gran amor de Dios. El que ama a una persona porque es rica, bonita, simpática, y culta, y el que la desprecia porque es antipática, pobre, inculta, desagradable, ama y odia las cuali-

valor fácilmente! Se necesita tiempo y trato para conocer la vida, la historia y los sacrificios de la persona...

¿Cómo es la mejor manera de vivir? El bien o el mal que causemos a un semejante, no solo impacta a la persona que lo recibe, sino a su familia, amigos, vecinos y conocidos. No hay actos puramente personales.

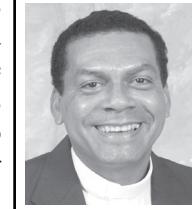


dades o los defectos, pero no a la persona. El auténtico amor cristiano, nunca encuentra razones para odiar, solo encuentra motivos para abrir las puertas del corazón a todos! Quien ama cristianamente, ama a todo ser humano, porque independientemente de sus defectos y cualidades, en cada uno encuentra latente la huella del Creador. No olvides: TODA PERSONA TIENE UN VALOR INCALCULABLE! Pero no vemos ese

Todo lo que decimos, hacemos y pensamos afecta a otras personas. A Jesús le hicieron esta pregunta una vez. Un líder religioso, le preguntó ¿"Cuál es el más grande de los Mandamientos?" Jesús le respondió: "Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente...y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". (Mateo 22, 37-39) Y al hacerlo, él también respondió la pregunta "¿Cómo es el mejor modo de vivir?".

"Siquieres ser una persona interesante lee libros." Esto es lo que me dijo el Padre Rector del seminario.

En ese momento no pensé mucho sobre ello, pero el tiempo ha probado que no solo estaba en lo cierto sino también que era sabio. Las personas más interesantes que conozco leen libros. Les encantan los libros. Muchas de las mejores



**Vida del Espíritu**  
Padre Wilson Cuevas

la Biblia es un libro viejo o que ya pasó a la historia. Dicen que estaba bien para los tiempos remotos y que contiene algunas páginas de interés, pero que no sirven para hoy; que vivimos en el siglo de las luces y hemos avanzado tanto en la tecnología y en la ciencia, que las personas pueden andar perfectamente bien sin la Biblia. Lo mismo sería decir que el sol, que ha brillado tanto tiempo, es ya tan viejo que es una cosa atrasada; o que cuando un hombre construye una casa, ya no debe ponerle ventanas desde que hemos descubierto la luz eléctrica. Yo les aconsejo a quienes piensan que la Biblia es demasiado vieja y que esta fuera de moda que no pongan ventanas en sus casas, sino que alumbren a estas con luz eléctrica, ya que lo que buscan es lo novedoso.

Le pregunto a aquel hombre la siguiente vez que lo vi. Si había hecho el intento de leer algún trocito de la Biblia y estaba tan entusiasmado, que está leyendo una página diaria. Le sugerí que en cada capítulo seleccionara el versículo o la frase que más le impresionara y tuviera una breve conversación con Dios acerca de lo que ese versículo o esa frase le estaba diciendo. Mi propósito era ayudarle a construir su vida espiritual. Estoy convencido que las personas que leen la Biblia toman mejores decisiones. No se hace un mundo diferente con personas indiferentes. La Biblia nos da una perspectiva increíble de Dios, de la vida y del mundo. Y recuerda, si no lo programas, probablemente no sucederá. !

FELICES PASCUAS !

## Interesting People

During these past days I was remembering a song that we sang a lot when I was in a youth group, and the message of the lyrics was always very interesting. It said: "This morning as I walked I met the milkman, the postman and the police, I greeted people who were standing at their doors and windows, and I also had memories of people I had not seen in a long time... And then I realized a great reality THINGS ARE IMPORTANT BUT PEOPLE ARE MORE IMPORTANT ... with more people, in every town and nation, there would be fewer difficult people and more people with hearts. "(Author of the song: Enrique and Ana).

Everything in the world of nature is wonderful, as are the many works created by great men and women and although beautiful, still the most important thing in this world that surrounds us is people. From this follows the most useful lesson you have to learn. It is to KNOW HOW TO RELATE AND WORK WITH PEOPLE! The success and happiness of your

life depends on how you coexist with people. It seems incredible and you will be surprised if I tell you, that your own well-being and your tranquility depends on how you treat other people, because your whole life is related to people; a talent, a skill, a special gift, these are useless if they are not appreciated and placed at the service of others. If you want to become something in your life, you have to learn to get along with all people. God himself will not come, if you are not accompanied by people. Live among the people. You owe it to people. You have to live for all people.

Never confuse man over his defects or with his qualities. Every human being, whomever

or however he may be, deserves our respect, our appreciation and our understanding, because as you see it, it is the object of God's great love. The one who loves a person because he/she is rich, beautiful, nice, and educated, or who despises him/her because he/she is unfriendly, poor, uncultured, and unpleasant, loves or hates quali-

ties or defects but not the actual person. True Christian love never finds reasons to hate, it only finds reasons to open the doors of the heart to everyone! He who loves Christianity, loves every human being, because regardless of their shortcomings or qualities, a trace of the Creator is in everyone. Do not forget: EVERY PERSON HAS AN INCREDIBLE VALUE! But we do not see that value easily! It takes time and effort to get to know the life, history and sacrifices of each person...

What is the best way to live? The good or evil that we cause to anybody not only

impacts the person who receives it, but their family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances as well. There are no purely personal acts. Everything we say, do and think affects others. Jesus was asked this question once. A religious leader asked him,

"What is the greatest Commandment?" Jesus replied: "You will love the Lord your

God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind ... and your neighbor as yourself. And in doing so, He also answered the question "What is the best way to live?"

(Matthew 22, 37-39).

"If you want to be an interesting person, read books" this is what the Rector told me

at the seminary. At that time I did not think much about it, but time has proven that he was not only right but also that he was wise. The most interesting people I know read books. They love books. Many of the best conversations I have start with "What are you reading at the moment?" There are so many good books in this world and since I do not have much time to read, I find it fascinating to hear about what people are reading. I learn a lot from their comments...

Once I asked a man who lit a candle. Have you read the Bible? He replied "Not really". Many people believe that the Bible is an old book that is long past in history. They say it was fine for ancient times and it contains some pages of interest, but it is no longer relevant in today's world; that we live in modern times and have advanced so much in technology and science that people can function perfectly well without the Bible. The same could be said about the sun, which has shone so long, and is already so old that it is primitive; or that when a

man builds a house, he should not put windows on it since the discovery of electricity. I advise those who think that the Bible is too old and that it is out of fashion, to not put windows in their homes, but light them only with electric lights, since what they seek is novelty and all things modern and "the latest."

I asked that same man the next time I saw him if he had made an attempt to read even a small part of the Bible, and he was so excited because he's reading one page daily. I suggested that in each chapter he select the verse or phrase that best suits him and have a brief conversation with God about what that verse or phrase was telling him. My purpose was to help him build a spiritual life. I am convinced that people who read the Bible make better decisions. One cannot create a different world with indifferent people. The Bible gives us an incredible perspective of God, of life and of the world. And remember, if you do not plan it, it probably will not happen. !

HAPPY EASTER!

# Nocturnal Worship Team Celebrates Anniversary

## Ministerio de Adoracion Nocturna Celebra Anniversario

The Ministry of Nocturnal worship of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso Tx. Celebrated the 2nd Anniversary of the consecration of the section of the parish of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

A vigil to "The Blessed Sacrament" and the Holy Mass was celebrated in honor of the anniversary. Members of this ministry were accompanied in their joyful journey by our brothers and sisters worshipers of other community sections, as well as parishioners of the Catholic parish community. During the Eucharistic celebration, new candidates accepted the Lord by consecrating to him, some as active worshipers and others as honorary worshippers.

The Nocturnal Adoration Association, is intended to guard and pray during the night hours to Christ in the Eucharist, to console his heart by offering the sufferings in



*The Ministry of Nocturnal worship to the Blessed Sacrament celebrates its 2 year anniversary, photographed here with Pastor Rev. Wilson Cuevas. Photo by Christ Chavez.*

atonement for his own sins, national sins and those of the entire world, the essence if this consecration is to give testimonial to the faithful followers that Jesus Christ our Lord

and Savior is present, under the sacramental species. The consecration makes a tribute in honor to God and promotes the eucharistic adoration and glorify our heavenly father in "JE-

SUS IN THE EUCHARIST".

El Ministerio de Adoración Nocturna de esta Diócesis de El Paso Tx. Festejó el II Aniversario de consagración de la

sección (parroquia) San Pio X con una vigilia al Santísimo Sacramento, concluyendo con la Santa Misa. Miembros de este ministerio fueron acompañados en su alegría por hermanos Adoradores de otras secciones, así como de los feligreses de esa comunidad parroquial. Durante la celebración Eucarística, nuevos candidatos dijeron SI al Señor consagrándose a Él como Adoradores Activos y otros como Adoradores Honorarios.

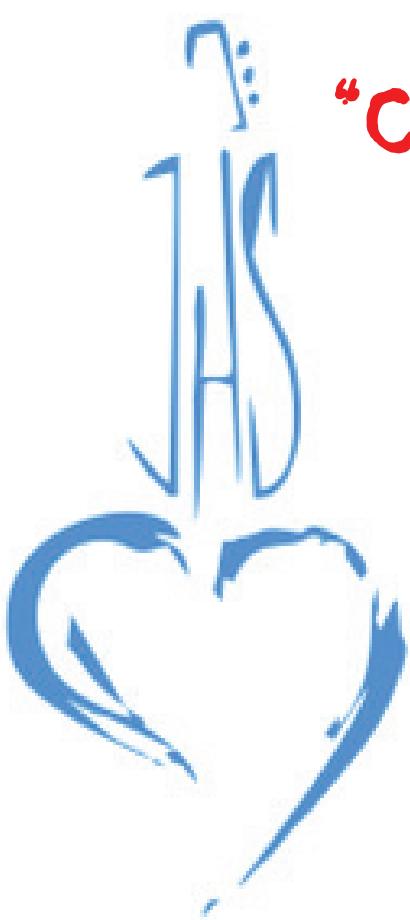
La Asociación de Adoración Nocturna, tiene por objeto hacer guardia y oración durante las horas de la noche a Cristo en la Eucaristía, consolar su corazón al ofrecer los sufrimientos en expiación por sus propios pecados, los pecados nacionales y los del mundo entero, dar testimonio a los fieles de que Jesucristo es el Señor y Salvador y que a El, presente bajo las especies sacramentales, se le rinde el culto de adoración que ha de tributarse a Dios, y promover la adoración eucarística. TODO POR JESUS EN LA EUCARISTIA!!

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# Tepeyac Institute Continues growth at 30 plus

**By Deacon Jesus Cardenas  
Director Tepeyac Institute**

After a whole year of celebrations, the Tepeyac Institute enters into a new development cycle with many plans that are on their way or about to begin at our campus. Inspired with the words of Saint Paul in the letter to the Hebrews (5:12-14) we are looking for ways to provide a more solid education for those people who have already completed our programs of Christian Formation, Ministry Training, Certification of Theology, Bible Study (In Spanish) and other courses focusing on the development of the God-given skills to fulfill the mission that has been commanded to us.

**COMMUNITIES OF WEST TEXAS:** In the past months we have initiated an aggressive formation program for the Diocesan communities that are a little bit away from us. We taught the 12 classes of Christian Formation, as well as Ministerial Training, to the community of Our Lady of Peace Alpine. Recently, we are going with these classes to the communities of Saint Therese at presidio and Our Lady of Fatima at Van Horn; and very soon we will be going to Monahans and Kermit.

**MASTER'S DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION:** Last year, we started with the programs of the Master in Pastoral Studies and the Certification in Pastoral

Theology with the University of St. Thomas at Houston, which is part of Saint Mary's Seminary of the Galveston-Houston Diocese. These programs are scheduled to have their commencement in December 2021 when they conclude the academic requirements to receive the master's degree or Certification, which endorses

es in the mornings to support those people who we were not taking care of their needs before as we should.

**NEW MINISTRIES:** Within the training program for ministries, we have focused on the development of programs to provide the participants with the theological knowledge to



*Certificate Recipients of the Institute of Tepeyac.*

their preparation to support and accompany people in need in pastoral programs at parishes, hospitals, jails, nursing homes y other places

**FORMATION CLASSES IN THE MORNINGS:** For the first time we started Christian formation classes in the 10am to noon schedule, and we had a pleasant surprise with a group of people interested in learning in this morning program. We are going to continue the process with the introduction of ministerial class-

sustain their ministerial activities commended to us from the day of our baptism. Between the new ministries we included Matachines (last year), and this year we are reinforcing the Guadalupanos, migrants support, evangelization, pastoral council, and with the support of our Chancellor Patricia Lopez and Leticia Macias from Finance office, we provided training to the member of the Finance Council.

**HOLD ON TO JESUS:** Exploring all possibilities for the

encounter with our Lord, the Institute worked along with a group of lay people on the development, planning and execution of a healing retreat named: "Hold on to Jesus" with the participation of Father Pedro Nunez, the singer Roberto Ramírez and the preacher Carlos Arguello. This event was a sound success at the El Paso Coliseum with more than 3,500 Catholics praising God and experiencing a moment of reflection and healing in the Lord.

**DIPLOMA PROGRAM "THE TRUTH ABOUT GUADALUPE":** We are about to begin with this program along with the Institute of Superior Studies of the Basilica of Guadalupe; the diploma course is a 120-hours program that will take to know all the truth about the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This course was developed by Father Eduardo García, who was the defender of the cause of canonization of Saint Juan Diego. These classes begin this May and end in May 2020, having sessions every week on Mondays from 7 to 9pm or Wednesdays from 10 to noon. We are translating this program to have it available in English this fall!

**PILGRIMAGE "FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PETER MALDONADO":** Departing on Saturday the 22nd and returning on Wednesday June 26th, we are going to Chihuahua City to see the places

that influenced and formed the life of the Chihuahua's Martyr Saint Peter of Jesus Maldonado. We will have the opportunity of visiting the place of the apprehension, the hospital where he died, the cemetery where he is buried, the church of his first Canta Missa, the seminary where he was formed, and the place where his sanctuary is being. This trip has the purpose of educating us and help us to deepen into our faith through the knowledge of the life of this holy martyr.

**DIPLOMA PROGRAM "HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WITH IGNATIAN":** This program comes from the Iberamerican University and will begin this fall season to provide the participant with the necessary tools for those who want to accompany communities. The program begins helping the students to find themselves so that they can adequately accompany others later. This program will be in a weekend once a month starting in August and until May 2020. The participants that successfully conclude these studies will receive a Diploma granted by this prestigious University. We can have simultaneous translation if a group of students needs it.

We continue growing with your support and prayers. Our mission is to help all the baptized to grow and develop their skills to accomplish the mission commanded to them by Our Lord Jesus Christ who sent us to be priest, prophets and kings, taking the good news of His love to every living creature.

los miércoles de 10 a 12pm.

**P E R E G R I N A C I O N "SIGUIENDO LAS HUELLAS DE SAN PEDRO MALDONADO":** A partir del sábado 22 y regresando el miércoles 26 de Junio, vamos a ir a la ciudad de Chihuahua para conocer los lugares que influyeron y forjaron la vida del Mártir Chihuahuense San Pedro de Jesus Maldonado. Tendremos la oportunidad de visitar el lugar de la aprehensión, el hospital donde murió, el cementerio donde esta sepultado, la iglesia de su primer Cántamisa, el seminario donde fue formado, y el sitio donde se esta construyendo su santuario. Este viaje tiene el propósito de educarnos y profundizar en nuestra fe a través del conocimiento de la vida de este santo mártir.

**DIPLOMADO "DESARROLLO HUMANO CON ESPIRITUALIDAD IGNACIANA":** Este programa de la Universidad Iberoamericana iniciará en el otoño para proporcionar las herramientas necesarias a quienes quieran ser acompañantes de comunidades, para que se encuentren consigo mismos y luego puedan hacer adecuadamente la labor de acompañamiento. Este programa se llevará a cabo un fin de semana de cada mes de Agosto hasta Mayo del 2020. Los participantes que concluyan satisfactoriamente estos estudios recibirán su Diploma otorgado por la Ibero.

Seguimos creciendo con su apoyo y sus oraciones. Nuestra misión es ayudar a todos los bautizados a desarrollarse para llevar a cabo la misión encomendada por Nuestro Señor Jesus quien nos envió a ser sacerdotes, profetas y reyes, para llevar a toda criatura viviente la Buena Nueva de su amor.

## Instituto Tepeyac creciendo en 30 plus

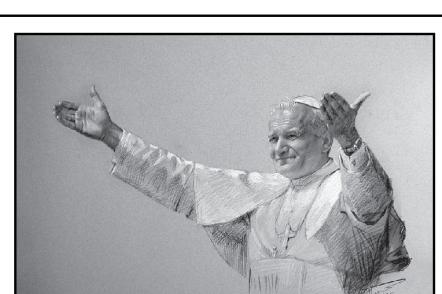
**Por Deacono Jesus Cardenas  
Director del Instituto de Tepeyac**

Después de tener un año entero de celebraciones, el Instituto Tepeyac entra en un nuevo ciclo de desarrollo con muchos planes que han iniciado o están por iniciar en nuestro campus. Inspirados en las palabras de San Pablo en la carta a los Hebreos (5:12-14) estamos buscando maneras de proporcionar una educación más sólida para aquellas personas que han completado nuestros programas de Formación Cristiana, Entrenamiento en Ministerios, Certificación de Teología, Estudio Bíblico y otros cursos enfocados en desarrollar las habilidades que Dios nos ha otorgado para cumplir la misión que se nos ha encargado.

**COMUNIDADES DEL OESTE DE TEXAS:** En los últimos meses hemos iniciado un agresivo programa de formación para las comunidades Diocesanas que están un poco más lejos de nosotros. Fuimos a dar las 12 clases de formación cristiana y ministerial a la comunidad de Nuestra Señora de la Paz en Alpine. Recientemente, estamos viendo con estas clases a las comunidades de Santa Teresa de Jesús en Presidio y Nuestra Señora de Fátima en Van Horn; y muy pronto estaremos en Monahans y Kermit.

**MAESTRIA Y CERTIFICACION:** Desde el año pasado iniciamos un programa de Maestría en Estudios Pastorales con la Universidad Santo Tomás de Houston y una Certificación en Teología Pastoral con esa misma institución, la cual es parte del Seminario de Santa María de la Diócesis de Galveston-Houston. Estos programas son en Inglés y tenemos planeada la graduación para el mes de Diciembre del 2021 cuando terminen todos los requisitos académicos necesarios para recibir su Maestría o Certificación, la cual les avala su preparación para apoyar y acompañar en programas pastorales de las parroquias, hospitalares, cárceles, asilos y otros lugares donde haya gente con necesidad.

**CLASES DE FORMACION CRISTIANA EN LAS MAÑANAS:** Por primera vez planeamos las clases de formación cristiana en un horario de las 10 a las 12 del mediodía y tuvimos la agradable sorpresa de un grupo interesado en aprender en este horario. Vamos a seguir el proceso con la introducción de clases de ministerios en las mañanas para apoyar a estas personas que antes no las atendíamos como es debido.



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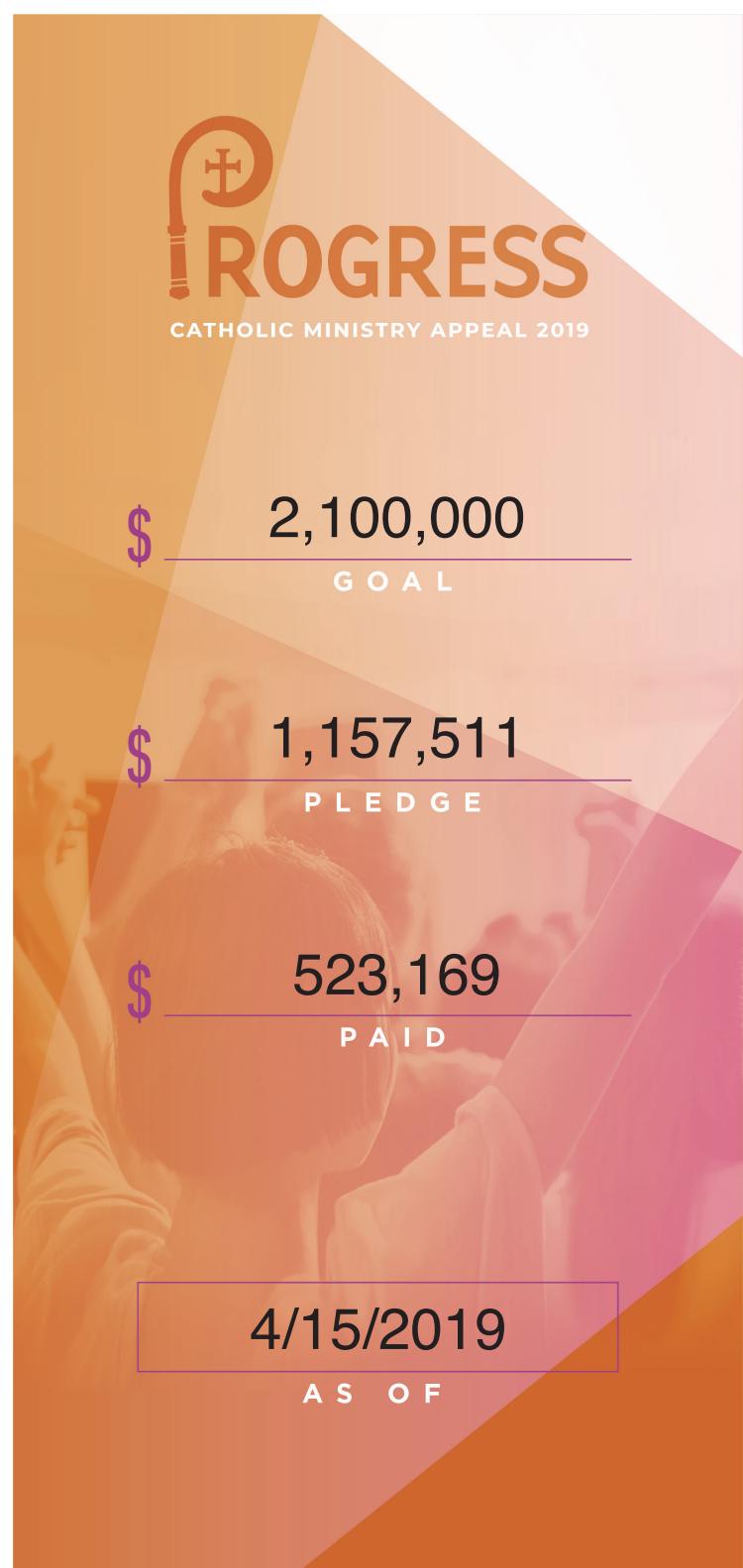
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# The Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso Reports Three Year Mass Attendance Count Comparison

*By Karina Sandoval*  
Stewardship Coordinator

The Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso will provide all diocesan parishes with a Mass

Attendance Count three-year comparison for the period 2016-2018. The annual Fall Mass Attendance Count is conducted by the Diocese of El Paso and co-ordinated through the Foundation's Stewardship Program. The data collected helps the Diocese of El Paso to focus resources in areas that have the greatest need,

recognize declines in attendance, work with pastors and lay leaders to address the decline and identify long-term trends in church attendance.

characteristics that make the Diocese diverse. The 2019 Mass Attendance Count is scheduled for October, 2019. Make sure you're counted!

Stewardship Coordinator Karina Sandoval will also provide parishes with data that shows what Mass times the majority of parishioners attend in each vicariate. There are 6 vicariates in the Diocese of El Paso and each is led by a pastor who acts as vicar. According to Sandoval, every vicariate has unique

## **Vicariates of the Diocese of El Paso**



## **Informes de la Fundación para la Diócesis de El Paso Comparación de asistencia en masa durante tres años**

*Por Karina Sandoval*  
Stewardship Coordinator

La Fundación para la Dióce-

sis de El Paso proveerá a todas las parroquias diocesanas un reporte de comparación de tres años de asistencia en Misa, periodo 2016-2018. El Conteo Anual de Asistencia en Misa es conducido por la Diócesis de El Paso y coordinado por el programa de Corresponsabilidad de la Fundación. La información colectada asistirá a la Diócesis de El Paso a enfocar recursos en donde más se necesita, iden-

tificar baja asistencia, trabajan juntos con los pastores y líderes laicos para resolver la baja asistencia e identificar tendencias de largo plazo en la asistencia parroquial.

La Coordinadora de Correspondencia y la Coordinadora de la responsabilidad Karina Sandova también proveerá a las parroquias una tabla de comparación que demuestra en qué horarios la mayoría de los feligreses asisten a Misa en cada vicariato. Hay 6 vicariatos en la Diócesis de El Paso y cada uno es liderado por un pastor que ejerce como vicario.



# Art & Irma Ramirez Sponsor a Sold Out Benefit for Seminarians at El Paso's Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

By Sofia Larkin,  
Major Gifts Officer

More than 500 people from all over the Diocese of El Paso braved 45-mile per hour winds to get to Alamo Drafthouse Cinema on Wednesday, April 10 for a private screening of Paul, Apostle of Christ. Guests received complimentary raffle tickets and won great prizes from Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, Raising Cane's, and Chick-fil-A North Hills Crossing. Fathers Tony Celino, JCL, Frank Hernandez, Mariano H. López, Marcus McFadin, D.Min. and seminarians, hosted theaters, offering an introduction of the film and opening prayer, and Catholic high school students from Cathedral High School and Loretto Academy welcomed attendees and served as ticket takers. The evening was underwritten by Art and Irma Ramirez, longtime supporters of seminarian education and St. Charles seminary. Fr. Tony Celino, JCL, Pastor of St. Raphael Parish and Fr. Marcus McFadin, D.Min., Pastor of St. Luke Parish, each sponsored a theater. The event raised \$16,476. Proceeds benefit the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund.

We have 26 seminarians in formation, a 160% increase from 2008 and more seminarians beginning formation every Fall.

This is an exciting time! With a fund value of \$2.1 million, we are 43% towards our goal of \$5 million, which will generate a

the Sacred Order of the Diaconate on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 6:30pm at St. Patrick Cathedral. The Rite of Ordination and the

made a lifelong commitment to our diocese, we now ask you to make a commitment to their formation. Give a gift to the Semi-

cer Sofia Larkin at the Catholic Foundation at 915.872.8412.

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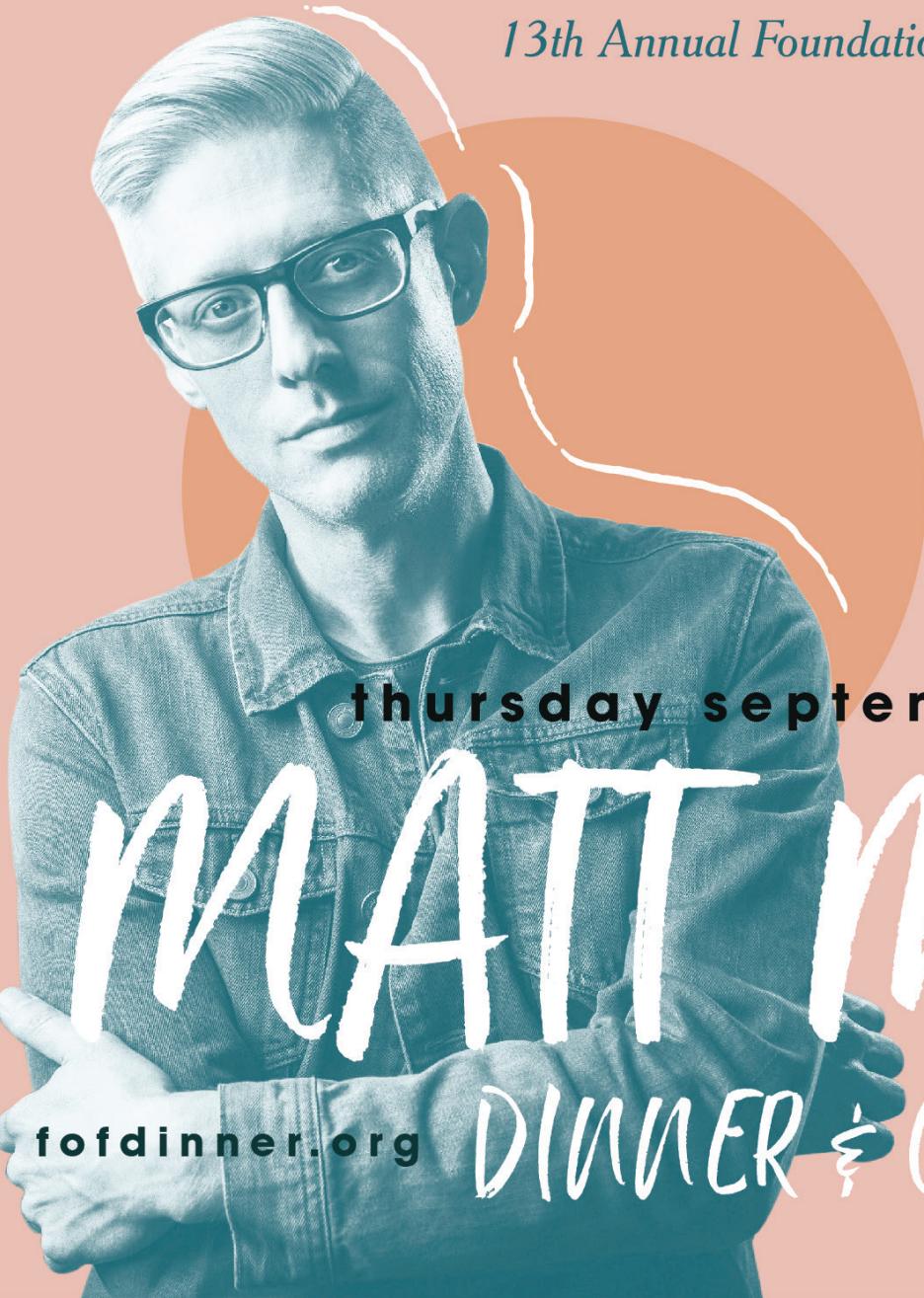
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narian Education Endowment Fund.

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# Christ Our Priest, and Those Who Participate in His Priesthood

**By Rev. Mariano H. López  
Vocations Director**

“Do you know him to be worthy?” This phrase in the rite of ordination impresses many, especially in the era the church is living. In the last months, and years, the priesthood has lost much prestige and adulation. In a special way, the scandals of last summer around the former Cardinal McCarrick, and the report of numerous priests from Pennsylvania who were accused of sexual abuse and harassment, provoked a series of reactions which withdrew the glamour of a priesthood which was recovering from the shame it incurred at the beginning of the new millennium. Before these realities, and numerous disappointments of different degrees, suffered by many in the Catholic Church, I was accused of giving too much importance to the priesthood. As vocation director and director of seminarians I have participated in events and masses where I highlight the foundational importance of the calling to the priesthood. It is true that on some occasions the church has fallen into the temptation of clericalism. Both priests and laity, come to believe that the dignity and the holiness in the vocation to the ministerial

priesthood are of greater importance than the baptismal lay vocation. This attitude is harmful



**Deacon Miguel Perez speaks with Fr Gleen Sanchez at his diaconate ordination last Summer 2019.**

in the life of the Church. However, there are many (priests and laity) who love the priesthood without falling into clericalism. They love Christ, who is the high and eternal priest. They see him in the calling of the entire church (since in baptism all are called to be priests, prophets and kings) and in the ministry of those whom we call “priests” commonly in the church (ministerial priests).

Being a “priest,” in baptism, means that God has given us the special privilege of offering the sacrifice. The church, in the measure that it is united with Christ, as his mystical

body, participates in the offering Christ makes, the offering of his own life. However, some

of Christ, and his mystical body (the baptized). The social persecution he lives, even though it may result from the consequence of the sin of some men in the priesthood, and the sin of the world, provides a context in which he may unite himself to the sacrifice of Christ. Christ, himself, offers his life to the Father for the salvation of the world from the cross of persecution and rejection. The priest of today, can perceive the cross of persecution and of rejection in the midst of the social pressure and the prejudice of many (frequently these are rising from the unjust suffering that has been lived, or witnessed).

The diocese has the blessing of having twenty-five men who are seeking a deeper commitment with Christ through the ministerial priesthood. One of these men, Iván Montelongo, will be ordained transitional deacon to serve in the image of Christ the Servant for a year (as he prepares to complete his seminary formation and then be ordained priest). As transitional deacon he will make his promise of celibacy and obedience and will have the opportunity to celebrate some sacraments with the people of God. Iván was raised in Chihuahua, and his family moved to El Paso during his adolescence.

He entered seminary after his graduation from Socorro High School. Aside from Iván, in the same ordination ceremony, Deacon Michael Lewis and Deacon Miguel Pérez are to be ordained ministerial priests. Deacon Michael, originally from El Paso, entered seminary after obtaining his degree and working in the civil world. Among his special occupations were participation in the El Paso Historical Society and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Deacon Miguel, was born in Colombia, and studied computer engineering and entered seminary with the Diocese of El Paso upon completing his degree. Miguel is a great soccer player and has a great sense of humor.

These three men approach the Mother Church, at Saint Patrick Cathedral, on May 24th at 6:30PM to enter a special journey with Christ who seeks to offer himself for the salvation of the world. As they approach ordination, these men unite themselves to Christ the Priest without the prestige that once accompanied this vocation in the past. Join us in celebrating that, through their guidance in the sacraments, these men will help us, as a Church, to participate in the great self-offering of our Savior.

## Cristo Nuestro Sacerdote, y Los Que Participan en Su Sacerdocio

**Por Rev. Mariano H. López  
Director de Vocaciones**

“¿Sabes si es digno?” Esta frase del rito de ordenación impresiona a muchos, especialmente en el tiempo en el que vive la iglesia. En los últimos meses, y años, el sacerdocio ha perdido mucho prestigio y adulación en la sociedad. De manera especial, los escándalos el verano pasado alrededor del previo Cardenal McCarrick y el reporte de los numerosos sacerdotes en Pennsylvania que fueron acusados de acoso y abuso sexual provocaron una serie de reacciones para quitarle el glamour a un sacerdocio que se recuperaba de la pena social incurrida al principio del nuevo milenio. Frente a estas realidades, y numerosos desánimos de distintos grados, que han sufrido muchas personas en la Iglesia Católica, en alguna ocasión se me acusó de darle demasiada importancia al sacerdocio. Como director de vocaciones y director de seminaristas he participado en eventos y misas donde recalco la importancia central del llamado al sacerdocio. Es cierto que en algunas ocasiones la iglesia ha caído en la tentación del clericalismo. Tanto sacerdotes, como laicos, llegan a creer que la dignidad y la santidad en la vocación al sacerdocio ministerial son de mayor importancia que la vocación bautismal y laical. Esta actitud si es dañina en la vida de la Iglesia. Sin embargo, hay muchísima gente (sacerdotes y laicos) que aman al sacerdocio y lo aman sin caer en actitudes clericalistas. Ellos

aman a Cristo, quien es el sumo y eterno sacerdote. Lo ven a él en el llamado a la santidad que vive toda su iglesia (ya que en el bautismo, todos somos sacerdotes, profetas y reyes) y en el



**Deacon Michael Lewis converses with Deacon Ray Niblet at his diaconate ordination ceremony.**

ministerio de los que llamamos “sacerdotes” comúnmente en la iglesia (sacerdotes ministeriales).

Ser “sacerdote,” en el bautismo, significa que Dios nos ha dado el privilegio especial de ofrecer el sacrificio. La iglesia, en la medida que está unida a Cristo, como su cuerpo místico, participa en la ofrenda que Cristo mismo hace, la ofrenda de su propia vida. Sin embargo, algunos son llamados, dentro de los bautizados, a presidir en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia. Ellos nos conducen, a toda la iglesia, en esta práctica sagrada de ofrecer el sacrificio. Aunque son frágiles

seres humanos, ellos actúan en la persona de Cristo al presidir en los sacramentos. Es posible sentir cariño y amor por estos seres humanos, conscientes de que a quien en realidad amamos no es al sacerdote ministerial, sino a Cristo en su actividad sacerdotal. Sin embargo, el sacerdote ministerial, nos dirige en esta labor sagrada sin el afán de ser amado y venerado; está llamado a este servicio por amor a Cristo mismo, y a su cuerpo místico (los bautizados). La persecución social que vive, aunque sea consecuencia del pecado de algunos hombres en el sacerdocio y el pecado del mundo, proporciona un contexto en el cual puede unirse al sacrificio de Cristo. Cristo mismo ofrece su vida al Padre para la salvación del mundo desde la cruz de persecución y rechazo. El sacerdote ministerial de hoy, puede percibir la cruz de la persecución y el rechazo en medio de la presión social y los prejuicios de muchos (frecuentemente estos surgiendo desde el sufrimiento injusto que han vivido, o testificado).

La diócesis tiene la bendición de tener a veinticinco hombres que buscan comprometerse más a fondo con Cristo por medio del sacerdocio ministerial. Uno de estos muchachos, Iván Montelongo, se ordenará diácono transitorio para servir a imagen de Cristo el Sirviente por un año (mientras se prepara para terminar su formación de seminario y después ser ordenado). Como diácono transitorio hará su promesa de celibato y obediencia

y tendrá la oportunidad de celebrar algunos sacramentos con el pueblo de Dios. Iván creció en Chihuahua, y después llegó a El Paso con su familia durante la adolescencia. En



**Ivan Montelongo altar servers at the Naming of the Church ceremony for the new San Pedro de Jesús Church.**

tró al seminario después de graduarse de la preparatoria en Socorro High School. Aparte de Iván, en la misma ceremonia de ordenación, el Diácono Michael Lewis y el Diácono Miguel Pérez se ordenarán sacerdotes ministeriales. El Diácono Michael, originario de El Paso, entró al seminario después de haber obtenido su carrera y de haber trabajado en el mundo civil. Entre sus ocupaciones especiales estuvieron su participación en la Sociedad Histórica de El Paso y en la Comisión Litúrgica Diocesana. El Diácono Miguel, nacido en Colombia, estudio ingeniería en computación y entró al semi-

nario con la Diócesis de El Paso al terminar su carrera. Miguel es un gran jugador de futbol/soccer y goza de un gran sentido del humor.

Estos tres hombres se acer-

can a la Madre Iglesia, la Catedral de San Patricio, el 24 de mayo a las 6:30PM para entrar en una jornada especial con Cristo quien se ofrecerse a sí mismo por la salvación del mundo. Al aproximarse a la ordenación, estos hombres se unen a Cristo Sacerdote sin el prestigio que acompañaba a esta vocación en el pasado. Acompáñenos a celebrar que, por medio de la presidencia en los sacramentos, estos varones nos ayudarán, como Iglesia, a participar en esta gran ofrenda, de sí mismo, de Nuestro Salvador.

## Diocese of El Paso Financial Report/ Reporte de Finanzas de La Diócesis De El Paso

This summary report has been compiled from the audited financial statements of the Roman Catholic Diocese of El Paso for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

This report and the related audited financial statements exclude assets and liabilities of individual parishes, missions, schools and other entities which operate within the Roman Catholic Diocese of El Paso. Each of these is an operating entity distinct from the Diocese and they maintain separate financial records and budgets.

Please note that independent auditors had access to all of our financial accounts before issuing an unqualified opinion on our financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. This unqualified opinion means that the independent auditors found that the financial statements of the diocese are fairly presented and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The diocese has made a commitment to transparency because we are accountable to the people we serve. The diocese exists to support the people, parishes, Catholic schools, religious education programs and other Catholic organizations of our community in fulfilling the mission of the church.

Your comments, suggestions, or questions about these

reports can be directed to me, Gregory Watters, Chief Financial Officer at gwatters@elpasodiocese.org.

Faithfully yours,  
Gregory Watters  
Chief Financial Officer  
Catholic Diocese of El Paso

Este informe resumido se ha compilado a partir de los estados financieros auditados de la Diócesis Católica Romana de El Paso para el año fiscal que finalizó el 30 de junio de 2018.

Este informe y los estados

financieros auditados relacionados excluyen los activos y pasivos de parroquias, misiones, escuelas y otras entidades que operan dentro de la Diócesis Católica Romana de El Paso. Cada uno de estos es una entidad operativa distinta de la Diócesis y mantienen registros financieros y presupuestos separados.

Tenga en cuenta que los auditores independientes tuvieron acceso a todas nuestras cuentas financieras antes de emitir una opinión sin reservas sobre nuestros estados financieros

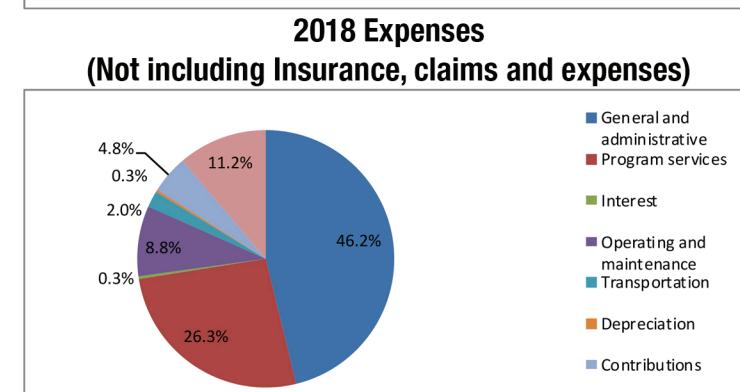
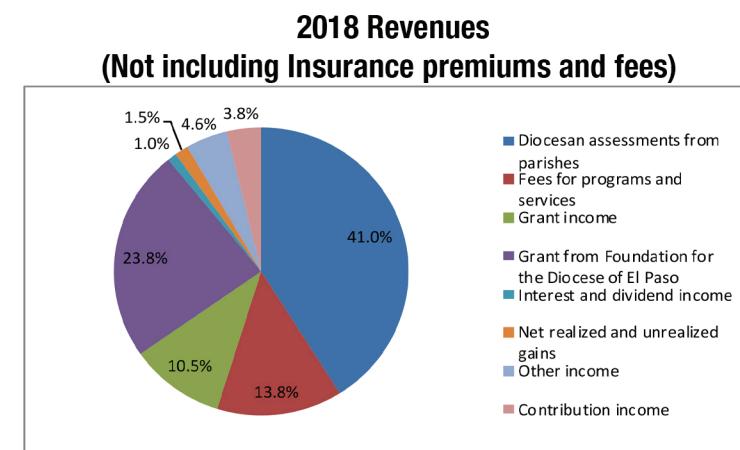
para el año fiscal que finalizó el 30 de junio de 2018. Esta opinión no calificada significa que los auditores independientes encontraron que los estados financieros de la diócesis son bastante presentados y están de acuerdo con los principios de contabilidad generalmente aceptados.

La diócesis se ha comprometido con la transparencia porque somos responsables ante las personas a las que servimos. La diócesis existe para apoyar a las personas, parroquias, escuelas católicas, pro-

gramas de educación religiosa y otras organizaciones católicas de nuestra comunidad en el cumplimiento de la misión de la iglesia.

Sus comentarios, sugerencias o preguntas sobre estos informes pueden dirigirse a mí, Gregory Watters, Director de Finanzas a gwatters@elpasodiocese.org.

Atentamente,  
Gregory Watters  
Director financiero  
Diócesis Católica de El Paso



### ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EL PASO

#### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

#### CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

##### SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Diocesan assessments from parishes               | \$ 2,318,208 |
| Fees for programs and services                   | 779,315      |
| Grant income                                     | 590,408      |
| Grant from Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso | 1,346,233    |
| Interest and dividend income                     | 56,326       |
| Net realized and unrealized gains                | 84,088       |
| Other income                                     | 259,334      |
| Contribution income                              | 213,715      |
| Insurance premiums and fees                      | 6,632,108    |
| Total support and revenue                        | 12,279,735   |
| NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION             | 579,270      |
| TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT AND REVENUE           | 12,859,005   |

##### EXPENSES:

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| General and administrative     | 2,872,198  |
| Program services               | 1,635,214  |
| Interest                       | 21,094     |
| Operating and maintenance      | 549,099    |
| Transportation                 | 126,887    |
| Depreciation                   | 19,257     |
| Contributions                  | 297,807    |
| Other                          | 696,978    |
| Insurance, claims and expenses | 6,537,719  |
| Total expenses                 | 12,756,253 |

##### MINIMUM PENSION LIABILITY ADJUSTMENT

##### TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:

Contribution income

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