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## Prayer Warriors Come Together for 40 Days for Life



Prayer Warriors kick off *40 Days for Life, Knees on the Ground Campaign* in constant prayer outside two remaining clinics in the El Paso- Las Cruces region. For more coverage, See Page 4-5.

### From Miss Sapinosa to Sister Romina



Sisters Carol, Peggy and Janet with Associate member Jackie Jones at baccalaureate Mass for Romina's graduation from University of San Francisco, For more coverage, See Pages 6.

### Mission of St. Mark Celebrates Daily Mass



Father Saul Pacheco celebrates daily mass at newly formed Mission of St. Mark. For more coverage, See Pages 16.

# Respect Life in October- Respeto por la Vida en Octubre

This month of October we are reminded to Respect Life, all life. This month is officially Respect Life month and the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops recommends some simple actions your parish and you can take to demonstrate support for life.

At [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) you can find five ways to help promote the effort to save lives. The first way is to display the official Respect Life poster. This poster shows a beautiful mosaic image of our Virgen de Guadalupe and San Juan Diego with the words, "Every Life , Cherished, Chosen,

Sent". Words to remind us just how meaningful life is and how each is chosen by God.

Next the website offers items parishes can include in their bulletins like Respect Life images and information. The USCCB site provides parishes a bulletin cover, a bulletin wrapper and even a flyer insert.

Third there is a reflection flyer on the mission entrusted to St. Juan Diego by the Virgen de Guadalupe that will help us talk about the importance of promoting reverence for life. San Juan Diego was to be the messenger that helped bring Christ's

message of love to a people surrounded by oppression and death. We too must herald the same message in the face of abortion, assisted suicide and disregard for the refugee. This reflection teaches us how to respond and announce that every life is chosen, sent and to be cherished.

Fourth you can invite parishioners to reflect on the meaning of this month and what it means to them personally.

Finally we are encouraged to pray as follows:

**May we show by our words and actions that every human**

**life is cherished and chosen; We pray to the Lord.**

**May we build a culture of life by embracing our mission as messengers of God's love; We pray to the Lord.**

This month I have chosen to participate in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, September 26-November 4. I signed up to pray hours on the sidewalk of the two remaining abortion clinics in our region. Our goal is to close yet another, and then another. Join me this month as I kneel beside some real prayer warriors and pray for an end to abortion. Join us and let



Nancy Ramos  
Director/Editor

US be the sign from GOD so many expectant mothers ask for while driving to the clinic. Let us be the sign that keeps them from following through and instead choosing life!

Este mes de octubre se nos recuerda Respetar la Vida, toda la vida. Este mes es oficialmente el mes de Respeto por la Vida y la Conferencia Católica de Obispos de los Estados Unidos recomienda algunas acciones simples que su parroquia y usted puede hacer para demostrar su apoyo a la vida.

En [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) usted puede encontrar cinco maneras de ayudar a promover el esfuerzo por salvar vidas. La primera forma es mostrar el póster oficial de Respeto por la Vida. Este cartel muestra una hermosa imagen en mosaico de nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe y San Juan Diego con las palabras: "Cada vida, querida, elegida, enviada".

Palabras para recordarnos cuán significativa es la vida y cómo cada una es elegida por Dios.

A continuación, el sitio web ofrece elementos que las parroquias pueden incluir en sus boletines como imágenes e información de Respeto por la Vida. El sitio de USCCB proporciona a las parroquias una portada de boletín, un contenedor de boletín e incluso un folleto.

Tercero, hay un folleto de reflexión sobre la misión confiada a San Juan Diego por la Virgen de Guadalupe, la cual nos ayudará a hablar sobre la importancia de promover la reverencia por la vida. San Juan Diego iba a ser el mensajero que ayudó a llevar el mensaje de amor de Cristo a un pueblo

rodeado de opresión y muerte. Nosotros también debemos anunciar el mismo mensaje ante el aborto, el suicidio asistido y la indiferencia hacia el refugiado. Esta reflexión nos enseña cómo responder y anunciar que cada vida es elegida, enviada y apreciada.

En cuarto lugar, usted puede invitar a los feligreses a reflexionar sobre el significado de este mes y lo que significa para ellos.

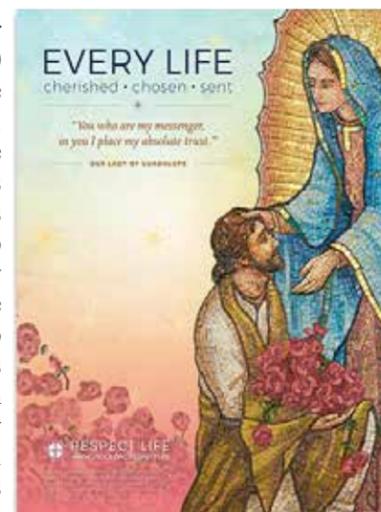
Finalmente, se nos anima a orar de la siguiente manera:

**Que podamos mostrar con nuestras palabras y acciones que cada vida humana es querido y elegido; Roguemos al Señor**

**Que construyamos una cultura de vida al abrazar nuestra misión como mensajeros del amor de Dios; Roguemos al Señor**

Este mes he elegido participar en la vigilia de oración de 40 Días por la Vida, del 26 de septiembre al 4 de noviembre. Me inscribí para orar durante horas en la acera de las dos clínicas de aborto restantes en nuestra región. Nuestro objetivo es cerrar otro y luego otro. Únete a mí este mes mientras me arrodillo junto a algunos verdaderos guerreros de oración por el fin del aborto. Únase a nosotros y deje que EE. UU., sea la señal de DIOS que muchas mujeres embarazadas piden mientras

conducen hacia la clínica. ¡Déjenos ser el signo que les impida continuar y en su lugar elijan la vida!



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# New Steps for Our Diocese in Response to the Sexual Abuse Crisis

During a recent priest assembly in our diocese I promised to propose actions that I would like us as a Diocesan Church to take up beginning immediately to guide our local response to the scandals surrounding the sexual abuse of children by priests and bishops and the subsequent failure to respond appropriately by some bishops. Certainly programs and protocols will be important and I refer to some of those here, but as always our most potent weapon against evil is prayer and the deeper conversion of our own hearts. That is the primary goal of many of these actions.

With the help of prayer and penance we can

also move forward our efforts to become more transparent signs of the presence of the Lord in our midst. These efforts will complement our work locally to improve our assistance for victims, to create a safer environment for all our members and to provide better protocols for the reporting of abuse by any member of the clergy, including bishops.

I would like to share with you the People of God of the Diocese of El Paso these actions that I am asking the entire Church of El Paso to undertake:

1. Fasting on Fridays for the healing of victims of abuse (exception could be made for feasts that fall on Friday,

Christmas and Easter)

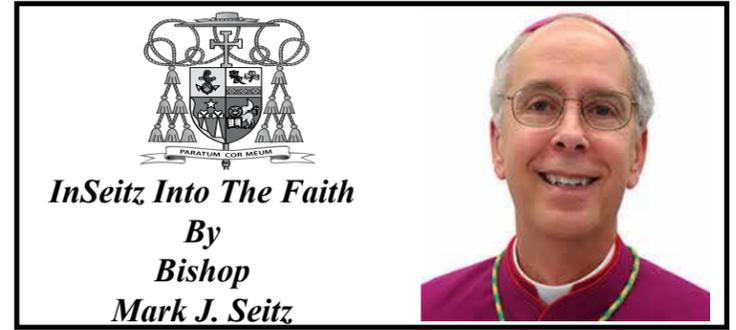
2. A Rosary should be said in every parish at least once a week for victims of abuse. Priests and deacons should lead or participate unless otherwise prevented by their schedule.

3. A petition for the victims of sexual abuse in the Church should be included in every Sunday Liturgy.

4. Each parish should recommit itself to the full implementation of VIRTUS Safe Environment Program.

5. Parish communities are encouraged to plan other prayer actions along these lines such as holy hours, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, novenas or the like.

6. Every priest and deacon should see this as a call to



strengthen his own personal prayer life so that he can remain faithful to his calling and be a more transparent sign of God's presence.

I will appreciate your support at the parish and diocesan level as individuals and through the various Church-based organizations to which you belong to assist us in implementing these actions and even challenging us to go beyond them in the service of

God and His people.

Please pray for me and for all our priests and deacons, as well as all those called to leadership in the Church.

God Bless!  
Bp. Mark

# Nuevos Pasos para Nuestra Diócesis en Respuesta a la Crisis del Abuso Sexual

Durante una asamblea sacerdotal reciente en nuestra diócesis, prometí proponer acciones que me gustaría que comencemos a hacer inmediatamente como Iglesia Diocesana. Esto para guiar a nuestra respuesta local en cuanto a los escándalos que rodean el abuso sexual de niños por parte de sacerdotes y obispos, además del subsecuente fracaso en responder apropiadamente por parte de algunos obispos. Ciertamente, los programas y protocolos serán importantes y me refiero a algunos de ellos aquí, pero como siempre, nuestra arma más poderosa contra el mal es la oración y la conversión más profunda de nuestros propios corazones.

Ese es el objetivo principal de muchas de estas acciones.

Con la ayuda de la oración y la penitencia, también podemos avanzar en nuestros esfuerzos para convertirnos en signos más transparentes de la presencia del Señor en medio de nosotros. Estos esfuerzos complementarán nuestro trabajo a nivel local para mejorar nuestra asistencia a las víctimas, crear un entorno más seguro para todos nuestros miembros y proporcionar mejores protocolos para denunciar el abuso por parte de cualquier miembro del clero, incluidos los obispos.

Me gustaría compartir con ustedes, el Pueblo de Dios de la Diócesis de El Paso, estas

acciones, las cuales le pido a toda la Iglesia de El Paso que emprenda:

1. Ayunar los viernes para la curación de las víctimas de abuso (las excepciones podrían hacerse para los días festivos que caen los viernes, Navidad y Pascua)

2. Se debe decir un rosario en cada parroquia al menos una vez por semana para las víctimas del abuso. Los sacerdotes y diáconos deben dirigir o participar, a menos que su horario lo impida.

3. Debe incluirse una petición para las víctimas de abuso sexual en la Iglesia, en cada liturgia dominical.

4. Cada parroquia debe volver a comprometerse con la

implementación completa del Programa de Ambiente Seguro, VIRTUS.

5. Se alienta a todas las comunidades parroquiales a que planifiquen otras acciones de oración a lo largo de estas líneas, tales como horas santas, visitas al Santísimo Sacramento, novenas o similares.

6. Todo sacerdote y diácono debe ver esto como un llamado a fortalecer su propia vida de oración para que pueda permanecer fiel a su llamado y ser un signo más transparente de la presencia de Dios.

A p r e c i a r é enormemente su apoyo a nivel parroquial y diocesano como individuos y a través de

las diversas organizaciones eclesiales a las que pertenecen para ayudarnos a implementar estas acciones e incluso, desafiarnos a ir más allá de ellas en el servicio de Dios y su pueblo.

Por favor, oren por mí y por todos nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos, así como por todos los llamados al liderazgo en la Iglesia.

¡Dios les Bendiga!  
Obispo Mark

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# Southwest Catholics Gather to Kick Off 40 Days for Life

By Nancy Ramos, Editor Rio Grande Catholic

On Saturday evening September 22, 2018 Catholics from all over our region joined together at Las Alas Center in downtown El Paso to kick off the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil happening this month and lasting thru November 4. Prayer warriors from all over joined together to pray for strength and the endurance required to pray continuously in an unbroken prayer vigil. The 40 days of continuous prayer will be taking place outside the two remaining abortion clinics in the area, Hilltop Women's

life saving campaign is an international campaign that has proven results and has saved 14,643 lives worldwide since its launch in 2007. This is a global movement and is locally focusing on closing the two remaining clinics in the El Paso- Las Cruces region. Mark Cavaliere, SW Pro-Life Coalition Director and Gabriela Avila, El Paso Diocese Reverence for Life Director stood on stage for the kick off inspiring our local prayer warriors to sign up to pray hours at either location.

of abortion through: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil.

The night began with testimonies from several committed pro life advocates who have been saving unborn lives for decades. Many women and men were recognized with awards presented to each on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso and the SW Coalition for Life. Prayer heroes like Espy who lived in front of a clinic for thirty years. For those thirty years she continuously prayed outside the clinic praying for its closure, Espy who after a stroke was left with no speech and unable to walk continues to attend pro life rallies and marches.

Mark Cavaliere shared with the audience the brutal truth of what it's like sometimes to pray in a continuous prayer vigil outside a clinic. Hot sun, rainy days, angry bypassers and sidewalk concrete on the knees is what those keeping vigil endure. It is those sometimes tough circumstances that come with accepting this type of prayer challenge and the circumstances that go perfect the campaign slogan of "Do It Anyway". Cavaliere reminded those present that "Regardless of what we must face to keep



Brenda Vasquez and Sara Diana Ibañez took names and scheduled Prayer Hours



Reproductive clinic in El Paso and Women's Reproductive Clinic of Sunland Park in Santa Teresa, NM. "40 Days for Life"

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice

vigil, we must "Do It Anyway".

The highlight of the kick off celebration was the big announcement made as the grand finale. Cavaliere announced that one more clinic, Reproductive Services of Texas in El Paso, had officially closed its doors as of just the week prior. Locally our pro life community has closed two clinics in just two years! With a picture of the official letter from the Department of Labor up on the big screen, Cavaliere was met with overwhelming cheers and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ for this victory over yet another abortion clinic.

Pope Francis himself has praised the work of those volunteers supporting this

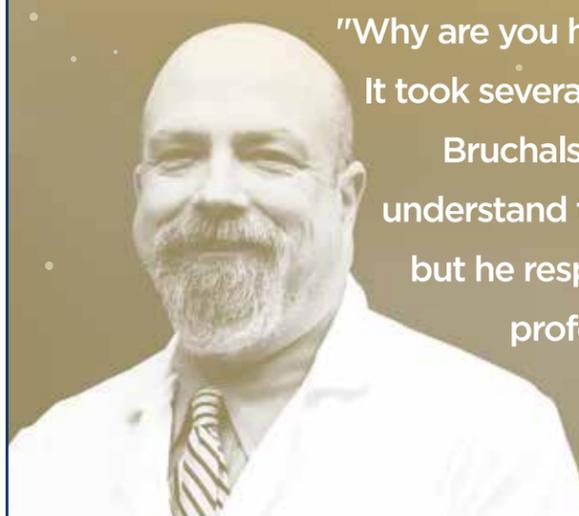
campaign. A statement from His Excellency via the Vatican Secretariat of the State reads, "The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God."

*If you are interested in praying in this years El Paso-Las Cruces 40 Days for Life campaign you can learn more online at [www.southwest.life](http://www.southwest.life) or by calling 1.833.388.LIFE.*

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# Los Católicos en el Suroeste Inician 40 Días por la Vida

Por Nancy Ramos, Editora Rio Grande Catholic

En la noche del sábado 22 de septiembre del 2018, católicos de toda nuestra región se reunieron en el Centro Las Alas en el centro de El Paso para dar inicio a la Vigilia de Oración de 40 Días por la Vida, la cual tendrá lugar este mes y durará hasta el 4 de noviembre. Guerreros de oración de todo el mundo se unieron para orar por la fortaleza y la

salvamento “40 Días por la Vida” es una campaña internacional que ha demostrado resultados y ha salvado a 14,643 vidas en todo el mundo, desde su lanzamiento en el 2007. Este es un movimiento global y se enfoca localmente en cerrar las dos clínicas restantes en las regiones de El Paso y Las Cruces. Mark Cavaliere,

internacionalmente en la historia, ayudando a las personas en las comunidades locales a poner fin a la injusticia del aborto a través de: oración, ayuno, alcance comunitario y vigilia pacífica.

La noche comenzó con testimonios de varios defensores pro vida comprometidos que han estado salvando vidas no nacidas durante décadas. Muchas mujeres y hombres fueron reconocidos con premios entregados a cada uno en nombre de la Diócesis Católica de El Paso y la Coalición SW para la Vida. Héroes de la oración como Espy, quien vivió frente a una clínica durante treinta años. Durante esos treinta años rezó continuamente afuera de la clínica para que se cerrara, Espy, quien después de un derrame cerebral se quedó sin palabras y sin poder caminar, sigue asistiendo a mítines y marchas pro vida.

Mark Cavaliere compartió con el público la brutal verdad de lo que a veces es rezar en una vigilia de oración continua afuera de una clínica. El sol ardiente, los días lluviosos, los transeúntes enojados y el cemento en las aceras en las rodillas son lo que soportan las vigiliadas. Son esas circunstancias a veces difíciles que se presentan al aceptar este tipo de desafío de oración y las circunstancias que perfeccionan el eslogan de la campaña “Hazlo de todas Formas”. Cavaliere les recordó a los presentes que “Independientemente de lo que debemos enfrentar para mantener la vigilia, debemos ‘Hacerlo de todos modos’”.

Lo más destacado de la celebración de inicio fue el gran anuncio hecho como la gran final. Cavaliere anunció que una clínica más, Servicios



Prayer Warriors recognized were Ellen Hogarty, Celia Flores, Esperanza Bustillos, Jovita Nevarez, Cristina Salcido, Victor Nevarez



Do It Anyways was the Slogan of the Night to remind prayer warriors to continue their fight for life

resistencia requerida para orar continuamente en una vigilia de oración ininterrumpida. Los 40 días de oración continua se llevarán a cabo fuera de las dos clínicas de aborto restantes en el área, la clínica reproductiva de mujeres “Hilltop” en El Paso y la Clínica de Reproducción Femenina de Sunland Park en Santa Teresa, NM.

Director de SW Coalición Pro-Vida y Gabriela Ávila, Directora de Reverencia por la Vida de la Diócesis de El Paso, se subieron al escenario para dar el puntapié inicial, inspirando a nuestros guerreros de oración locales a inscribirse para orar durante horas en cualquier lugar. 40 Días por la Vida es la movilización pro vida más grande coordinada

La campaña de



reproductivos de Texas en El Paso, había cerrado oficialmente sus puertas la semana anterior. ¡Localmente, nuestra comunidad pro vida ha cerrado dos clínicas en solo dos años! Con una foto de la carta oficial del Departamento del Trabajo en la pantalla grande, Cavaliere se encontró con aclamaciones aplaudidas y alabanzas a nuestro Señor Jesucristo por esta victoria sobre otra clínica de abortos.

El mismo Papa Francisco elogió el trabajo de los voluntarios que apoyan a esta campaña. Una declaración de Su Excelencia a través de la Secretaría del Estado del Vaticano dice: “El Santo

Padre aprecia mucho el trabajo dedicado que usted y todos los involucrados en 40 Días por la Vida están comprometidos para promover el respeto por la vida de todos los niños por nacer. Su Santidad le asegura su apoyo en oración por usted, sus colegas y todos aquellos cuyas oraciones, ayunos y sacrificios están salvando innumerables vidas y dando gloria a Dios”.

**Si usted está interesado en orar en esta campaña de 40 días por la vida de El Paso-Las Cruces, puede obtener más información en línea, ingresando a: [www.southwest.life](http://www.southwest.life) o llamando al 1.833.388.LIFE.**



Prayer Volunteers moved quickly to sign up at the end of an inspiring rally!

## Collection for the Propagation of the Faith (Mission Sunday)

There will be a Special Offering on Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21, 2018 for the Propagation of the Faith.

In 1926 Pope Pius XI

instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927.

The Mission Sunday

collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal

solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

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October 20 and 21, 2018, please take the opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

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En 1926 el Papa Pío XI instituyó el Domingo Mundial para toda la Iglesia con la primera colecta mundial recaudada en octubre de 1927. La colecta del Domingo Mundial se lleva a cabo el penúltimo domingo del mes de octubre. Este

día se aclama la celebración religiosa del catolicismo y de la solidaridad universal para que todos los cristianos católicos reconozcamos nuestra responsabilidad con el deber de evangelización del mundo entero.

En el fin de semana del

20 y 21 de octubre del 2018, por favor dé se la oportunidad de contribuir a esta digna causa. Gracias por su apoyo.



# From Miss Sapinosa to Sister Romina

By: Sister Janet Gildea, SC, Liason for Women Religious

The God of surprises has been at work in the life of Romina Sapinosa creating a story she could never have imagined. But that is the way of our God who has created each of us unique in all the universe! Romina was born and raised in Angeles City in the Philippines, the middle of three children of Romulo and Teodora Sapinosa. Poverty made daily life a struggle. Her father worked in Saudi Arabia as a contract laborer eleven months of the year for seventeen years while her mother managed the home and family. Romina was not quite ten years old in 1986 when the "People Power" revolution overthrew the 21 year dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos after 14 years of martial law. The revolution was mostly a nonviolent action for peace and social justice and was strongly supported by the Catholic Church. The hope of peaceful change and a better future with democracy restored made a great impact on young Romina.

Gaining a scholarship to the Ateneo, a Jesuit university in Manila, Romina found her faith deepening. "While studying under the Jesuits my faith life bloomed and I felt a strong call to service. Ignatian spirituality made me aware that I do not live for myself alone." Attaining a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Miss Sapinosa worked as a school counselor and eventually a Catholic elementary school teacher in the Philippines before deciding to seek a teaching position in the United States and pursue a dream of graduate studies at a Jesuit university here. Initially petitioned in 2002 by a school

district in Houston, one of God's surprises came when the district decided at the last minute that they did not need the teachers they had contracted. The Ysleta district in El Paso had openings and was willing to petition work visas for the group of teachers so in 2002 Romina came to teach at Mesa Vista Elementary. In 2006 Miss Sapinosa was the school's Teacher of the Year!

Meanwhile Romina found a family of faith at St. Pius X in El Paso. She was active in the parish young adult ministry, directed the Just Faith program of Catholic Social Teaching and served on the Ministry Council. Another of God's surprises came late in the summer of 2006 when the public school district announced that it would not reapply for visas for their immigrant teachers. One door closed but another opened. Romina spoke to Msgr. Bañuelos, the pastor at St. Pius, about her dilemma. He recommended that she talk to the principal to see if there were any openings at the parochial school. Miraculously there was one opening and it was exactly what she was prepared to teach! The school supported Miss Sapinosa's application for a religious worker visa and she ministered at the elementary school until 2012, teaching kindergarten and third grade.

Even though Romina followed the complex and costly legal procedures to come to the United States and work as a skilled professional foreign worker, at several points she found herself caught in confusing and

contradictory immigration policies. A less determined person without the financial resources for legal representation would have given up. But God provided relationships that gave Romina the encouragement to continue the struggle. In addition to St. Pius Catholic community, the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati became a source of spiritual and moral support for her- and another one of God's big surprises!

The Sisters extended an invitation for Romina to live in community with them in 2009 while she taught at St. Pius. There was no expectation or obligation to discern a vocation to religious life although several women living with the Sisters were in a discernment process. "Why would God bring me all the way from the Philippines and then call me to be a Sister in an American congregation?" Romina wondered. "Would I ever feel like I really belong? Would they ever really understand me and accept me for who I am?" Romina chose to be an Associate member of the Sisters of Charity. Over the next years she discovered that she was the best version of herself living in community. She saw two of her community-mates enter the congregation and she attended their profession of first vows.

She decided to follow her desire for graduate education and for two years she studied at the Jesuit-sponsored University of San Francisco. In 2015 she completed a Master of Arts in International and Multicultural Education that would prepare her for ministry on a more global scale. While she studied, however, she began the initial

steps of formal discernment with the Sisters of Charity. Romina returned to El Paso for her year of Affiliation (known in other congregations as "postulancy") and she taught fourth grade at St. Matthew school. She was still "Miss Sapinosa" but the principal and other teachers knew that she was possibly on the way to becoming "Sister Romina". The local community where she lived included three Sisters of Charity, two other Affiliates discerning their vocations and an Associate member of the congregation. Together they helped each other to understand God's call. Through the experiences of the Affiliate year Romina realized that she was ready to take the next step of initial formation and was accepted into the novitiate. She moved to Cincinnati for two years of deeper discernment and study.

"Am I truly called to make vows of poverty, chastity and obedience?" After so many years of seeking to know God's will, Miss Sapinosa was not so surprised to find the answer in her heart: "Yes!" On September 22 in the chapel of



Vocations begin in the family! Romina with her parents in Baguio, Philippines

the Motherhouse in the presence of the her family from the Philippines and her family of Charity, Sisters and Associates, as well as many friends, co-workers and Sisters from other congregations, Sister Romina Sapinosa professed her vows as a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati for a period of three years.

What's next? Sister Romina will spend some weeks in Guatemala with Sister Sarah Mulligan improving her Spanish language fluency. For six months she will intern at the United Nations with Sister Teresa Kotturan, the NGO for the Federation of Charity. She will teach in New York City for a second summer at a school for refugee children from around the world. Then what? More of God's surprises for Sister Romina!

## De "Señorita Sapinosa" a "Hermana Romina"

Por: Sister Janet Gildea, SC, Liason para Mujeres Religiosas

El Dios de las sorpresas ha estado trabajando en la vida de Romina Sapinosa, creando una historia que nunca podría haberse imaginado. ¡Pero esos son los caminos de nuestro Dios, quien nos ha creado a cada uno de nosotros, únicos en todo el universo! Romina nació y se crio en la Ciudad Angeles en las Filipinas, la hija segunda de tres, de Rómulo y Teodora Sapinosa y donde la pobreza hizo de la vida diaria una lucha. Su padre trabajó durante diecisiete años como trabajador por contrato durante once meses al año en Arabia Saudita, mientras que su madre administraba el hogar y la familia. Romina no cumplía aún los diez años en 1986 cuando la revolución del "Poder Popular" derrocó la dictadura que había durado ya 21 años siendo el dictador Ferdinand Marcos, después de 14 años de ley marcial. La revolución

el Ateneo, universidad jesuita en Manila, Romina encontró que su fe se profundizaba. "Mientras estudiaba con los jesuitas, mi vida de fe floreció y sentí una fuerte llamada al servicio. La espiritualidad ignaciana me hizo consciente de que no vivía yo sola". Al obtener su Licenciatura en Psicología, la señorita Sapinosa trabajó como consejera escolar y finalmente como maestra de escuela primaria católica en las Filipinas, antes de decidirse a buscar un puesto docente en los Estados Unidos para perseguir su sueño de estudios de posgrado en una universidad jesuita. Inicialmente solicitada en el 2002 por un distrito escolar en Houston, una de las sorpresas de Dios llegó cuando el distrito decidió en el último minuto que no necesitaban a los maestros que habían contratado. El distrito de Ysleta en El Paso tenía vacantes y estaba

estuvo activa en el ministerio de jóvenes adultos de la parroquia, dirigió el programa Solo Fe de la Doctrina Social Católica y sirvió en el Consejo Ministerial.

Otra de las sorpresas de Dios llegó más tarde en el verano del 2006, cuando el distrito escolar público un anunció donde informaban que no volverían a solicitar visas para sus maestros inmigrantes. Una puerta cerrada pero otra abierta. Romina habló con Monseñor Bañuelos, pastor de San Pío, sobre su dilema. Él Le recomendó que hablara con el director para ver si había alguna vacante en la escuela parroquial. ¡Milagrosamente había una apertura y era exactamente lo que estaba dispuesta a enseñar! La escuela apoyó la solicitud de la Señorita Sapinosa para una visa de trabajadora religiosa y ella ministró en la escuela primaria hasta el 2012, enseñando en el jardín de infantes y tercer grado.

A pesar de que Romina siguió los complejos y costosos procedimientos legales para venir a los Estados Unidos y trabajar como una hábil trabajadora extranjera profesional, en varios momentos se vio atrapada en políticas de inmigración, confusas y contradictorias. Una persona menos determinada sin los recursos financieros para la representación legal se habría dado por vencida. Pero Dios proporcionó relaciones que le dieron a Romina el aliento para continuar la lucha. Además de la comunidad católica de San Pío, las Hermanas de la Caridad de Cincinnati se convirtieron en una fuente de apoyo espiritual y moral para ella, ¡y otra de las grandes sorpresas de Dios!

Las Hermanas invitaron a Romina a vivir en comunidad con ellas en el 2009, mientras enseñaba en San Pío. No había ninguna expectativa u obligación de discernir una vocación a la vida religiosa, aunque varias mujeres que vivían con las Hermanas estaban en un proceso de discernimiento. "¿Por qué Dios me traería desde Filipinas

y luego me llamaría a ser hermana en una congregación estadounidense?", Se preguntó Romina. "¿Alguna vez sentiría que realmente pertenezco? ¿Alguna vez me entenderían realmente y me aceptarían por lo que soy?" Romina eligió ser miembro asociada de las Hermanas de la Caridad. En los años siguientes, descubrió que era la mejor versión de sí misma viviendo en comunidad. Ella vio a dos de sus compañeras de comunidad entrar a la congregación y asistió a su profesión de primeros votos.

Decidió ella seguir su deseo de obtener educación de posgrado y durante dos años estudió en la Universidad de San Francisco, patrocinada por jesuitas. En el 2015 completó una Maestría en Artes en Educación Internacional y Multicultural, la cual la prepararía para el ministerio a una escala más global. Mientras estudiaba, sin embargo, comenzó los pasos iniciales de discernimiento formal con las Hermanas de la Caridad. Romina regresó a El Paso para su año de Afiliación (conocida en otras congregaciones como "postulantado") y enseñó cuarto grado en la escuela St. Matthew. Todavía era la "Señorita Sapinosa", pero la directora y otras maestras sabían que posiblemente estaba en camino de convertirse en la "Hermana Romina". La comunidad local donde vivía incluía tres Hermanas de la Caridad, otras dos Afiliadas que discernían sus vocaciones y un miembro asociado de la congregación. Juntos se ayudaron unos a otros a entender el llamado de Dios. A través de las experiencias del afiliado, Romina se dio cuenta de que estaba lista para dar el siguiente paso de formación inicial y fue aceptada



Sister Romina Sapinosa, SC professes her vows for three years as a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati and signs them in the presence of the president of the congregation, Sister Joan Elizabeth Cook.

en el noviciado. Se mudó a Cincinnati durante dos años de discernimiento y estudio más profundamente.

"¿Estoy realmente llamada a hacer votos de pobreza, castidad y obediencia?" Después de tantos años de tratar de conocer la voluntad de Dios, la señorita Sapinosa no se sorprendió tanto al encontrar la respuesta en su corazón: "¡Sí!" El 22 de septiembre en la capilla de la Casa Madre y en presencia de su familia de Filipinas y su familia de Caridad, Hermanas y Asociadas, así como muchos amigos, compañeros de trabajo y Hermanas de otras congregaciones, la Hermana Romina Sapinosa profesó sus votos como Hermana de la Caridad de Cincinnati por un período de tres años.

¿Qué sigue ahora? La hermana Romina pasará algunas semanas en Guatemala con la hermana Sarah Mulligan mejorando su fluidez en el idioma español. Durante seis meses hará una pasantía en las Naciones Unidas con la hermana Teresa Kotturan, la ONG de la Federación de la Caridad. Ella enseñará en la ciudad de Nueva York, como su segundo verano en una escuela para niños refugiados de todo el mundo. ¿Y luego qué? ¡Más sorpresas de Dios para la Hermana Romina!



Sending prayer for Romina to graduate school and Tracy Kemme and Andrea Koverman to novitiate

fue principalmente una acción no violenta por la paz y la justicia social y fue fuertemente apoyada por la Iglesia Católica. La esperanza de un cambio pacífico y un futuro mejor con la recuperación de la democracia tuvieron un gran impacto en la joven Romina.

Al obtener una beca para

dispuesto a solicitar visas de trabajo para el grupo de maestros, así que en el 2002, Romina vino a enseñar en la primaria Mesa Vista. ¡En el 2006 Miss Sapinosa fue seleccionada como Maestra del Año de la escuela!

Mientras tanto, Romina encontraba una familia de fe en San Pío X, en El Paso. Ella

# Notes From the Office of Worship

By: Rev. Marcus McFadin, D. Min., Acting Director of the Office of Worship

Last month I began a review of the gestures and postures we make at Mass that unite us as the Body of Christ. The assembly is made up of different individuals, different languages and backgrounds, but we are united in worship, especially the Eucharist, as we follow the gestures and postures prescribed in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

The Genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration. It is made to show reverence to the Blessed Sacrament when we approach or depart from the tabernacle. There has been a rise in practices that are not part of our tradition such as kneeling and touching the forehead to the

ground, or walking backwards away from the tabernacle. The genuflection is the act of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. But, we do not genuflect when approaching the minister in the communion procession to receive Eucharist.

The Bow of the Head is a gesture much simpler than the Profound Bow described last month. It is a tilting of the head forward which we make as a sign of respect for the Eucharist as we approach the Eucharistic minister. We bow our heads for the Solemn Blessing when it is given at the end of Mass.

The Reception of Holy Communion. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal no. 42 states: "a common bodily gesture, to be observed by all

those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants." This is called Eucharistic Unity. As part of the implementation of the third edition of the Roman Missal in 2011, it was determined that in the Diocese of El Paso, all stand from the beginning of the Lord's Prayer until the end of the Communion procession. This decision is still in effect throughout the Diocese. This is meant to express the assembly's Eucharistic unity. After a person has received Holy Communion, he or she may kneel in silent prayer upon returning to their seat, but they should resume standing when the private prayer

is completed.

In the Diocese of El Paso the assembly creates Eucharistic Unity by standing together, processing to the altar to share in the Eucharist, we are to receive Communion without genuflecting, or other postures, that single that person out from the rest of the assembly. Nothing more, nothing less.

The Mass is a corporate act of worship, not a private practice of personal piety. As Saint John Paul II said, personal pious practices should neither become a substitute for liturgy nor be integrated into the liturgy. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal no. 160, in the United States we stand to receive Communion. This is repeated in the Norms for

the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America. As we approach the minister, we make a reverent bow of the head, standing as a profession of our faith in the resurrection. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ, professing our faith in the Eucharist with our "Amen."

During the entire Communion rite we should be united in song, in walking in procession, in our posture, and by standing as people of the Resurrection to receive Communion. It is a unity we should extend into our daily Christian living, continuing to be a "living sacrifice of praise" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

# Notas de la Oficina de Litúrgia

Por Rev. Marcus McFadin, D.Min., Director en Función de la Oficina de Litúrgia

El mes pasado comencé una revisión de los gestos y las posturas que hacemos en la Misa, las cuales nos unen como el Cuerpo de Cristo. La asamblea se compone de diferentes personas, diferentes idiomas y orígenes, pero estamos unidos en la adoración, especialmente en la Eucaristía, mientras seguimos los gestos y posturas prescritos en la Instrucción General del Misal Romano.

La genuflexión, hecha doblando la rodilla derecha al suelo, significa adoración. Está hecho para mostrar reverencia al Santísimo Sacramento cuando nos acercamos o salimos del tabernáculo. Ha habido un aumento en las prácticas que no son parte de nuestra tradición, como arrodillarse y tocar la frente contra el suelo, o caminar hacia atrás desde el

tabernáculo. La genuflexión es el acto de reverencia al Santísimo Sacramento. Pero, no hacemos una genuflexión cuando nos acercamos al ministro en la procesión de comunión para recibir la Eucaristía.

La inclinación de la cabeza es un gesto mucho más simple que la inclinación profunda de la cabeza descrita el mes pasado. Es una inclinación de la cabeza hacia adelante que hacemos como un signo de respeto por la Eucaristía cuando nos acercamos al ministro de la Eucaristía. Inclina nuestras cabezas para la bendición solemne cuando se da al final de la misa.

La recepción de la Sagrada Comunión. La instrucción general del Misal Romano no. 42 afirma: La postura corporal común, que han de

observar todos los que toman parte en la celebración, es un signo de la unidad de los miembros de la comunidad Cristiana congregada para celebrar la Sagrada Liturgia, ya que expresa y fomenta al mismo tiempo la intención y los sentimientos de los participantes." Esto se llama Unidad Eucarística. Como parte de la implementación de la tercera edición del Misal Romano en el 2011, se determinó que en la Diócesis de El Paso, todos deberán pararse desde el comienzo del Padrenuestro hasta el final de la procesión de Comunión. Esta decisión todavía está vigente en toda la Diócesis. Esto está destinado a expresar la unidad eucarística de la asamblea. Después de que una persona ha recibido la Sagrada Comunión, él o ella pueden arrodillarse en oración silenciosa al regresar a su asiento, pero deben volver a

ponerse de pie cuando la oración privada se complete. En la Diócesis de El Paso, la asamblea crea Unidad Eucarística al pararse juntos, procesando hacia el altar para compartir en la Eucaristía, debemos recibir la Comunión sin hacer genuflexión, u otras posturas, que excluyan a esa persona del resto de la asamblea. Nada más y nada menos.

La misa es un acto corporativo de adoración, no una práctica privada de piedad personal. Como dijo San Juan Pablo II, las prácticas piadosas personales no deberían convertirse en un sustituto de la liturgia ni integrarse en la liturgia. De acuerdo con la Instrucción General del Misal Romano no. 160, en los Estados Unidos nos paramos para recibir la Comunión. Esto se repite en las Normas para la Distribución

de la Sagrada Comunión Bajo Dos Especies (EEUU) A medida que nos acercamos al ministro, hacemos una reverencia con la cabeza, de pie como una profesión de nuestra fe en la resurrección. Recibimos el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, profesando nuestra fe en la Eucaristía con nuestro "Amén".

Durante todo el rito de la Comunión, debemos unimos en la canción, en caminar en procesión, en nuestra postura y en permanecer como personas de la Resurrección para recibir la Comunión. Es una unidad que debemos extender a nuestra vida cristiana diaria y continuar siendo un "sacrificio vivo de alabanza" (Plegaria Eucarística III).

# Thank You to Everyone Who Attended the RCIA Training at St. Luke



# An Advent Mission in Las Cruces with Father Jacques Phillip

Fr. Jacques Philippe, well-known author and spiritual guide, will be in Las Cruces, New Mexico, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for an Advent Mission beginning Sunday, December 9 through Tuesday, December 11, 2018. All sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Church, located at 1240 S. Espina St., Las Cruces. There is no charge.

Fr. Philippe will address the following topics

during this Mission:

- How to Find and Communicate Peace
- Interior Freedom: The True Freedom in Christ
- When I am Weak, Then I am Strong

Jacques Philippe was born on March 12, 1947 in Lorraine, France. After studying mathematics in college, he spent several years teaching and doing scientific research. In 1976, he met the then recently-founded Community

of the Beatitudes, an Ecclesial Family of Consecrated Life founded in France in 1973. He went on to spend several years in Nazareth and Jerusalem immersing himself in the study of Hebrew and the Jewish roots of Christianity. In 1981, he traveled to Rome to study theology and canon law, was ordained a priest in 1985, and began his work as a spiritual director, working in the formation of priests and seminarians of the Community.

In 1994, he returned to France, where he assumed various responsibilities including the development of training in the Community, and participation in its General Council.

Fr. Philippe has preached retreats regularly in France and abroad, and has consolidated his principal retreat themes into several books on spirituality. In recent years, he has devoted himself primarily to spiritual direction and preaching retreats.

With over one million copies sold in 24 languages, Fr. Jacques Philippe's writings on themes such as prayer, interior freedom, and peace of heart have become classics of modern Catholic spirituality. His books will be available for purchase at the Mission.

For more information on Fr. Jacques Philippe's Advent Mission in Las Cruces, please contact Ms. Jo Brower at 575/202-4192 or e-mail at jobrower@msn.com.

## Una Mision de Adviento en Las Cruces con el Padre Jacques Philippe

El Padre Jacques Philippe es un conocido autor y guía espiritual, estará en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, en La Catedral del Inmaculado Corazón de María para una Misión de Adviento desde el domingo 9 de diciembre al martes 11 de diciembre del 2018. Todas las sesiones iniciarán a las 7 pm en la iglesia ubicada en el 1240 S. Espina, Las Cruces, Nuevo México. No hay ningún cobro. El Padre Philippe abordará los siguientes temas durante esta misión:

- Cómo encontrar y comunicar la paz
- Libertad interior: la verdadera libertad en Cristo
- Cuando soy débil, entonces soy fuerte

Jacques Philippe nació el 12 de marzo del 1947 en Lorraine, Francia. Después de estudiar matemáticas en la universidad pasó varios años enseñando e investigando científicamente. En 1976 se encontró con la recientemente fundada Comunidad de Las Bienaventuranzas, una Familia Eclesial de Vida Consagrada fundada en Francia en 1973. Pasó varios años en Nazaret y Jerusalén, inmerso en el estudio de las raíces hebreas y judías del Cristianismo. En 1981 viajó a Roma para estudiar teología y derecho canónico,

fue ordenado sacerdote en 1985 y comenzó su trabajo como director espiritual, trabajando en la formación de sacerdotes y seminaristas de la comunidad. En 1994 regresó a Francia, donde asumió varias responsabilidades, incluido el desarrollo de la capacitación en la comunidad y la participación en su consejo general.

El Padre Philippe ha predicado retiros regularmente en Francia y en el extranjero, ha consolidado sus principales temas de retiro en varios libros sobre espiritualidad. En los últimos años, se ha dedicado principalmente a la dirección espiritual y retiros de predicación.

Con más de un millón de copias vendidas en 24 idiomas, los escritos del Padre Jacques Philippe sobre temas como la oración, la libertad interior y la paz del corazón se han convertido en clásicos de la espiritualidad católica moderna. Sus libros estarán disponibles para su compra en la misión.

Para más información acerca de la Misión de Adviento del Padre Jacques Philippe en Las Cruces, por favor comuníquese con la Señora Jo Brower al 575/202-4192 ó al correo electrónico jobrower@msn.com.

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### 3-Night Mission with FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE Retreat Master and Author

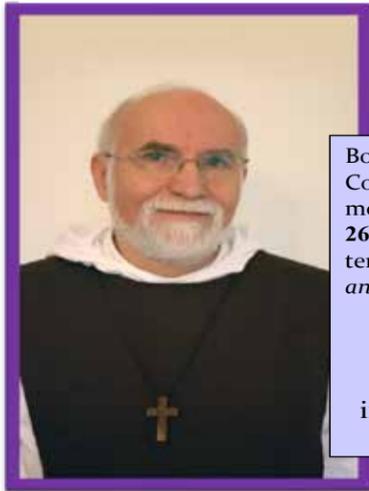
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### Advent Mission 2018



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**Find out more about Fr. Philippe**  
at his website

**www.frjacquesphilippe.com**

including a full video of his guest appearance on EWTN with Fr. Mitch Pacwa.

**Save the date/Aparta la Fecha**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2018**  
From 6 to 9pm  
**OPTION FOR THE POOR AWARDS DINNER**  
Cena de Reconocimiento Opción por los Pobres  
Peace and Justice Ministry Diocese of El Paso  
Santa Lucia Parish Hall/Salón Parroquial de Santa Lucia

"REJOICE AND BE GLAD"  
"the work of Charity and Justice as path to Holiness"  
"ALEGRENSE y REGOCIJENSE"  
"el trabajo por la Caridad y la Justicia que lleva a la Santidad"

**Fr. Miguel Briseño, OFM Conv.**  
Keynote/Orador

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# News Around Schools

## Most Holy Technology



Most Holy Trinity students are making good use of the technology available in our library. At any given time you will find students doing research in the lab or playing learning games. Math is a particular favorite of our first grade class. "I like using the iPad because it's helping me learn bigger numbers", said Frances McMahan as she worked on identifying a two digit number. "The children like the iPads because of the characters colors and action", said our librarian Sharon Vass. Principal Jim Horan agreed. "It sounds like an arcade when they are here" he said with a smile, "but when you look they are all engaged, and all of them can tell you what they are learning."

Research shows that playing games encourages strategic mathematical thinking as students find different strategies for solving problems and helps develop computational fluency. Our goal is help our students enhance their math, reading and writing skills.

## St. Pius X School Robotics Underway

As technology continues to move forward, St. Pius X School is currently focusing on Coding and Robotics in their technology curriculum. St. Pius X understands the



they choose.

All grade levels are instructed weekly in their Technology class to explore coding through "plugged" and "unplugged" activities that teach coding. The students are experiencing opportunities to be creative, to problem solve, to collaborate, and to communicate while being totally engaged in their learning. Consequently, all of these byproducts of learning to code create a fun and learning environment for the students that leads to a competitive advantage.

The students are excited to use their Sphero and Cue robots in the Computer lab. Ms. Patricia Martinez, the Technology teacher at St. Pius X, explained, "My students are extremely engaged in their learning. I love to see them discovering new concepts together while working to achieve an objective. The lab is usually a very noisy place because the students are learning together in a hands-on way."

This will be the first year that St. Pius X will have a Robotics Club under the direction of the school's Middle School Science teacher. The Robotics Club will be meeting after school weekly and will be participating in local competitions to encourage solving real-world problems.

## Father Yermo Schools Welcome School Year 2018-2019 !!

Father Yermo Schools

importance of developing this life skill so students in this digital age are prepared for the high demands for employees in the technology industry. Mastering coding at a young age allows children to excel in any future field

welcome Mrs. Martha Duran, IT, Ms. Sylvia Moreno, French, Ms. Elvia Gonzalez, Spanish and Mrs. Cynthia Chavez, UTEP Consultant for the implementation of new PBL strategies at the elementary school. We salute our faithful faculty who year after year with flexibility and integrity drive our students to higher levels of learning.

During the summer our school made many repairs and remodeling. We can specially notice the creation of the new Pre-K & K classroom, the finishing, after four years of hard work, of all the windows at the high school building. Technological advances, such as projectors, computers, and furniture for library, plumbing, electrical, and the covering of black top for the children playground completed the work of the summer.

It is thanks to the support of many people that we are able to improve facilities, programs and update equipment each year. This year, we specially thank:

- Price's Creamery: Library chairs & carpets.
- McKee Foundation: Completion of the high school windows project.
- Walsh Foundation: Technology: computers & installation of ceiling projectors
- Knights of Columbus: New placement exam program for elementary school.
- Private Benefactor: Black top playground
- Booster Club: black top playground.
- Parents Fundraising completed all the improvements!

El Paso Diocese, Bishop Mark Seitz, is very interested in Catholic schools in his diocese. He established a "blue ribbon" committee to support him in his efforts to find the best avenues to promote it. He has hired a development firm ART-EDU to carry out a survey in all schools in order to create a unified plan to better market catholic education to

the diocesan families. ART-EDU representatives visited schools during the spring months of the school year 2017-2018, and this new school year, will concentrate in the creation of a plan to unify & market our schools and the training of personnel.

Catholic schools offer a safe environment, are flexible to change and stay ahead of the curve. Families will find in our programs the FAITH necessary to live as Christians and to face the challenges of this complex society we live.

## Loretto Angels fly into Junior Leadership of El Paso

Way to go Loretto Angels! Meghan Brittain, Laura Gil and Priscilla Gonzales have been



selected to participate in Junior Leadership El Paso, a program of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. Junior Leadership El Paso is an innovative program for juniors who show potential in becoming El Paso's future leaders. Students receive a hands-on education about El Paso's issues, history, challenges, and opportunities. Congratulations!

## Upcoming Loretto Academy Events

There are many upcoming Loretto Academy Events. Please join us!

The 11th Annual Monster's Ball will be held on Friday, October 26 from 7pm-midnight at EPIC Railyard. This year's theme is Wild Wild West, complete with a gambling saloon. Tickets are \$65 each and are available now! For sponsorship

and ticket information please send an email to kmartinez@loretto.org or call 915.566.8400. Proceeds will benefit the Loretto Gym Bathroom Renovation Project.

The 5th Annual Jingle Mingle - A Holly Jolly Christmas! We will have over 40 wreaths and 3ft. trees in our silent auction. There will also be homemade ornaments, dog treats, baked breads, succulents, plants, homemade popsicles and other items. Orchestras and Choir will also be performing! Come join us on Wednesday, November 7th from 3:30-6:30pm in the Loretto Academy Gym. Proceeds benefit Loretto Academy classes, clubs, and Development activities.

## St. Patrick Cathedral Gets Ready for Fall Festivities

Fall Foliage Festival takes place on October 19th on the



school grounds from 4p-9p. All students and parents are invited to wear their favorite costumes. Come have fun and enjoy great food with the whole family. This is an indoor and outdoor event.

Get ready for the St. Patrick Irish Gala on November 30th. We will host a Live and Silent Auction with items that you cannot find anywhere else! Join us for a beautiful night of dinner and dancing. Help support your Irish! Call 915-532-4142 for tickets and sponsorship information.

# The Loretto Volunteer Programs Expands to El Paso

A neon poster "Welcome Loretto Volunteers" greeted Sawyer Hill, Amy Maltz, Isabel Ngo, Marissa Nunez and Amelie Rode on their arrival at the El Paso airport to initiate the program's expansion to El Paso. They came directly from the Loretto Motherhouse, where they participated in an orientation program with the Loretto volunteers headed to St. Louis and Washington DC. From the Loretto History Tour and their visits to the Heritage Museum, they learned about the beginnings of the Sisters of Loretto, our charism, our spirituality, our mission. From their interactions with the intergenerational community at the Motherhouse, they heard incredible life stories that gave testimony that community is for mission and faith moves us to action.

The orientation provided the volunteers opportunities for discussions and for reflections on the four core values of the Loretto Volunteer program; namely, community, spirituality, simple living and justice. To further their understanding of living these core values they participated in "Non-Violent Communication" and "Anti-Oppression" trainings. Sr. Mary Margaret Murphy, the local Loretto Volunteer coordinator, offers ongoing encouragement and support as they transform their house into a community; as they continue to deepen their rootedness in the program's core values; and as they share their gifts and talents at their placement sites and learn from those whom they serve. To celebrate, Amelie, Marissa,

Isabel, Amy and Swayer, the Loretto Community in El Paso hosted a welcome pot luck dinner at the volunteer house; showered them with necessities, and blessed each volunteer as they began their year of full-time volunteer service at their placements sites, the next day.

So join with the Loretto Community as we welcome the following women to the Loretto Volunteer Program in El Paso:

Sawyer Hill graduated from Marquette University with a major in Theology, Social Welfare and Justice. At her placement site, the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence, she will facilitate Youth Services presentations and Teen Intervention Prevention Program classes with teens and families impacted by sexual and /or family violence.

Marissa Nunez, a graduate from Loretto Academy, returned to El Paso after receiving her degree in Enterprise Regulation and a minor on Dramatic Arts from St. John's University in Queens, New York. She is an Assistant to the Managing Attorney at Las Americas, where legal counsel is provided to low-income immigrants. Marissa offers direct services to immigrants and feels this opportunity could impact her future career decisions.

Isabel Ngo is an Affordable Housing and Employment Counselor at Villa Maria a transitional shelter for women who are

homeless where they receive the support and services needed to transition from crisis to self-sustainability. She has a B.A. from Loyola Marymount University in Theater Arts and minors in English and Studio Arts.

Amy Maltz graduated from the University of San Diego with a major in Ethic Studies and minor in Women's and Gender Studies, as well as, Theology and Religious Studies. Her placement is the Opportunity Center, an emergency shelter where people

who are homeless are welcomed regardless of the seriousness of their problems. She does in-takes and responds to their basic needs. Amelie Rode is the Student Activities Coordinator Assistant at Loretto Academy. She helps plan a wide variety of activities including extracurricular opportunities for middle and high school students. This spring she graduated from St. Louis University with a B.A. in English and in Women's and Gender Studies.



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Las Hermanas Adoratrices Perpetuas del Santísimo Sacramento, del Monasterio de Corpus Christi, y la Asociación de Adoradores Perpetuos, invitan a todos los grupos parroquiales a participar en la procesión con el Santísimo Sacramento el día 26 de

Octubre a las 16:00 horas, saliendo del Seminario de San Carlos hacia el Monasterio de Corpus Christi, y a la Santa Misa, con la que iniciaremos El V Encuentro de Adoradores Perpetuos, del 26 al 28 de Octubre, del presente año por el que pedimos también

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Association of Perpetual Adorers, invite all parish groups to participate in the procession with the Blessed Sacrament on October 26 at 4:00 p.m. Seminary of San Carlos to the Monastery of Corpus Christi, and to the

Holy Mass, with which we will initiate the V Encounter of Perpetual Worshipers, from October 26 to 28, this year for which we also ask for your prayers. Likewise, we invite you to come to our chapel to Adoration before the Blessed

Sacrament to ask for our Diocese, which will be greatly blessed with this Encounter of Adorers.



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## Zion Music Ministry Leads Praise and Worship

El Paso's Catholic Charismatic Conference, October 19-20 at Las Alas, 501 E. Paisano, will feature two dynamic speakers, Father Daniel Balizan of the Santa Fe Archdiocese and Jesse Romero of Phoenix. The music ministry ZION will lead praise and worship at all sessions.

deep, quiet worship.

Fernando has been performing music since he was in the youth group at San Antonio Church, playing trumpet to "Resucito" at the Easter Vigil. He learned to play guitar and directed the youth group music there for several years. When he was asked to minister at the El Paso Charismatic Conference, he and his wife Laura gathered a number of talented musicians and singers. As they prayed for a name, one of the members said the name Zion, came to her and all agreed it seemed right.

Many members have been with the group since the beginning. Over the years they have grown so popular many people seek out the Masses where they sing. They hold Praise and Worship meetings at their home base, Santa Lucia, and also at Our Lady of the Valley and San Antonio, by invitation. Their schedule is on Facebook at "Zion Music Ministry El Paso".

The Catholic Charismatic Communities of El Paso invite everyone to come for dynamic talks, inspiring



music, and spiritual renewal. The Conference starts Friday at 7 and continues Saturday from 9 AM

to 5 PM, closing with Mass and Healing Service at 6 PM. For more details, see ad in this issue.

## Ministerio Musical de Zion Guiara la Alabanza y Oración

La Conferencia Católica Carismática de El Paso, 19-20 de Octubre en Las Alas, 501 E. Paisano, contará con dos altavoces dinámicas; El padre Daniel Balizan de la Archidiócesis de Santa Fe y Jesse Romero de Phoenix. El ministerio de música ZION dirigirá alabanza y adoración en todas las sesiones.

varios años. Dirigida por el Director Fernando Rodriguez, la música de ZION inspira a los asistentes con entusiastas canciones de alabanza, así como himnos meditativos que traen una adoración profunda y tranquila.

Fernando ha estado tocando música desde que estaba en el grupo de jóvenes en la iglesia de San Antonio, tocando la trompeta para "Resucito", en la Vigilia Pascual. El aprendió a tocar la

guitarra y dirigió la música de grupo de jóvenes allí durante varios años.

Cuando se le pidió que ministrara en la Conferencia Carismática de El Paso, él y su esposa Laura reunieron una gran cantidad de talentosos músicos y cantantes. Mientras oraban por un nombre, uno de los miembros dijo que se llamarían "Zion", y todos coincidieron en que les parecía correcto.

Muchos miembros han estado con el grupo desde el principio. Con los años ellos se han vuelto tan populares, que muchas personas buscan las Misas donde ellos cantan.

También sostienen encuentros de alabanza y adoración en su base de operaciones, Santa Lucia, y también en Nuestra Señora del Valle y San Antonio, por invitación. Su horario está en "Facebook" en "Zion Music

Ministry El Paso", (Ministerio de Música Zion de El Paso).

Las Comunidades Carismáticas Católicas de El Paso invitan a todos a que asistan a las dinámicas charlas, música inspiradora y renovación espiritual. La conferencia comienza el viernes a las 7 y continúa el Sábado de 9 AM a 5 PM, cierre con Misa y servicio de curación a las 6 PM. Para más detalles, ver anuncio en este número.

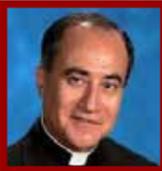
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## Respect All Life in October

Beginning on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October, our nation's Catholics will be called to renew their personal commitment to defend ALL human life. Catholic teaching on the death penalty begins with the recognition that the dignity of the human person applies to everyone. It affirms our commitment to comfort and support victims and their families, to protect society, and at the same time, acknowledging the God-given dignity of every human life, even those who do great harm. Every refusal to kill affirms the dignity of all human life. And part of that dignity is not to be strapped down and rendered defenseless and killed by an intentional act. As we move into the last three months of this year, Texas has scheduled two executions each month! The Diocesan Restorative Justice Ministry will be in front of the El Paso County Courthouse on days of execution in Texas from 12 noon-1 pm to raise awareness about why the death penalty is so wrong and unnecessary. All are welcome to join us—on October 10th and 24th. Call to confirm that there is no change in the schedule. 740-3692



## Respeta toda la vida en octubre

A partir del Domingo de Respeto por la Vida, primer domingo de octubre, se llamará a los católicos de nuestra nación para renovar su compromiso personal de defender TODA vida humana. La enseñanza católica sobre la pena de muerte comienza con el reconocimiento de que la dignidad de la persona humana se aplica a todos. Este afirma nuestro compromiso de confortar y apoyar a las víctimas y a sus familias, proteger a la sociedad y al mismo tiempo, reconocer la dignidad dada por Dios en toda vida humana, incluso en aquellos que han causado un gran daño. Cada negativa para matar, afirma la dignidad de toda la vida humana. Y parte de esa dignidad no es ser atado y dejado indefenso y asesinado por un acto intencional. A medida que avanzamos, en los últimos tres meses de este año, Texas ha programado dos ejecuciones cada mes. El Ministerio Diocesano de Justicia Restaurativa estará frente a la Corte del Condado de El Paso los días de ejecución en Texas desde las 12 del mediodía hasta la 1 pm., para crear conciencia sobre por qué la pena de muerte es tan incorrecta e innecesaria. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros los días 10 y 24 de octubre. Por favor, llame para confirmar que no hay cambios en el cronograma. 740-3692

# Opioids, Pain Management and Addiction: Balancing Ethical Duties

Almost two million Americans are now addicted to opioids. The National Institute on Drug Abuse notes that more than 100 people die each day in the U.S. from opioid overdoses. This unprecedented level of abuse — which involves not only heroin, but also prescription pain relievers such as OxyContin, Percocet, morphine, codeine, and fentanyl — has become a national crisis. Reportedly, about 80 percent of heroin addicts first misused prescription opioids. Yet for many patients, no pain-relieving options more effective than opioids exist. Figuring out how to use these powerful pharmacological agents in an appropriate and ethical manner is urgent and imperative.

At a minimum, a three-pronged approach is required. One prong involves working with medical professionals to limit the use and availability of these drugs by modifying prescribing practices. A second involves making patients more aware of the risks of addiction and increasing their involvement in monitoring their medications and managing decisions about their care. A third involves making effective addiction treatment and outreach programs accessible to those caught in the throes of

chemical dependency.

With regard to reducing opioid availability, in recent years medical professionals have been seeking to establish guidelines for prescribing opiates that take into account the number of pills typically needed to get through a surgery or treatment. For example, recovery from more complex stomach surgeries might require 60 opioid pills, while an appendectomy or hernia might only require 15-20. Although prescription guidelines can be helpful, they clearly can't be fixed in stone, as individual patients will have varying pain management needs. Some nurses recall well the days when concerns about addiction could result in under-medicated patients watching the clock and writhing in pain until the time of the next dose. Unmanaged pain is a spiritual assault on the dignity of a person, and plays right into the hands of assisted suicide advocates.

Careful titration of pain medications, whether for surgery or chronic pain, also helps to avoid overmedicating patients and rendering them lethargic or semi-comatose; in terminal situations, patients still have the right to prepare for their death while fully conscious, and they

should not generally be deprived of consciousness or alertness except to mitigate excruciating or otherwise uncontrollable pain.

In certain cases, of course, it may not matter if a person becomes addicted to pain medications. If a patient has only a few weeks of life remaining, and he or she is experiencing intractable pain such that high doses of opioids are the most effective approach, addiction during his or her final days and hours would not generally raise ethical concerns.

There are alternatives to the use of opioids that may be suitable for some patients. These include the use of less-addictive or non-addictive drugs such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen, naproxen, or anesthetics and blockers at the pain site. Cognitive behavioral therapy, stress management and relaxation techniques can help patients learn how to modify triggers that increase pain. Specialists sometimes remind us that bringing pain down to a tolerable level should be the goal, rather than trying to eliminate it entirely, which in many cases may not even be possible. Some patients may require assistance to come to accept even a limited amount of pain.

## Making Sense Out of Bioethics

By  
**Fr. Tad Pacholczyk**



A San Diego-based pilot program to reduce the over-prescription of opioids included the novel step of notifying physicians when one of their patients had died from an overdose. The San Diego medical examiner would send health care professionals a letter in this format: "This is a courtesy communication to inform you that your patient [Name, Date of Birth] died on [Date]. Prescription drug overdose was either the primary cause or contributed to the death." In follow up studies, physicians who received these letters were found to prescribe at significantly decreased levels, and they were also less likely to start new patients on opioids at all. Researchers speculated that, like everyone else, physicians tend to assess health and safety risks differently when bad outcomes spring readily to mind. At the same time, taking steps to restrict opioid availability can backfire, with devastating consequences for chronic pain patients who may now end up being refused opioid prescriptions they need and have relied on for years.

The proper use of pain medications, in the final analysis, requires a balanced approach, attending to objective indications from the patient, so clinicians can offer sufficient comfort and remediation of their pain. Patients must also take responsibility for their own pain management decisions, becoming informed about, and aware of, the challenges and risks. When the goal is to provide the lowest dose of opioids for the shortest amount of time, in direct response to the level and severity of the pain, patients are likely to have better treatment outcomes with diminished risks of addiction.

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# Opiáceos, Control del Dolor y Adicción: Equilibrando los Deberes Éticos

Casi dos millones de estadounidenses ahora son adictos a los opiáceos. El Instituto Nacional sobre el Abuso de Drogas señala que más de 100 personas mueren cada día en los EE. UU., por sobredosis de opiáceos. Este nivel de abuso sin precedentes, que incluye no solo heroína, sino también analgésicos recetados como OxyContin, Percocet, morfina, codeína y fentanilo, se ha convertido en una crisis nacional. Según se informa, alrededor del 80 por ciento de los adictos a la heroína primero usaron mal los opiáceos recetados. Sin embargo, para muchos pacientes, no existen opciones para aliviar el dolor, más efectivas que los opiáceos. Entender cómo usar estos poderosos agentes farmacológicos de una manera apropiada y ética es urgente e imperativa.

Como mínimo, se requiere un enfoque triple. Un punto clave es trabajar con profesionales médicos para limitar el uso y la disponibilidad de estos medicamentos mediante la modificación de las prácticas de prescripción. Una segunda implica hacer que los pacientes sean más conscientes de los riesgos de la adicción y aumentar su participación en el control de sus medicamentos y la gestión de las decisiones sobre su atención. Un tercero implica hacer que el tratamiento efectivo de la adicción y los programas de extensión sean accesibles para aquellos atrapados en la agonía de la dependencia química.

Con respecto a la reducción de la disponibilidad de opiáceos, en los últimos años, los profesionales médicos han estado buscando establecer pautas para recetar opiáceos que tengan en cuenta la cantidad de píldoras que generalmente se necesitan para someterse a una cirugía o tratamiento. Por ejemplo,

la recuperación de cirugías estomacales más complejas puede requerir 60 píldoras opiáceas, mientras que una apendicetomía o hernia, podría requerir solo de 15-20. A pesar de que las pautas de prescripción pueden ser útiles, es evidente que no se pueden corregir en piedra, ya que los pacientes individuales tendrán diferentes necesidades de manejo del dolor. Algunas enfermeras recuerdan bien los días en que las preocupaciones sobre la adicción pueden dar lugar a que los pacientes con poca medicación observen el reloj y se retuerzan de dolor hasta el momento de la próxima dosis. El dolor no administrado es un asalto espiritual a la dignidad de una persona y juega directamente en las manos de los defensores del suicidio asistido.

La valoración cuidadosa de los medicamentos para el dolor, ya sea para cirugía o para el dolor crónico, también ayuda a evitar la sobre medicación de los pacientes y los hace letárgicos o semi-comatosos; en situaciones terminales, los pacientes todavía tienen derecho a prepararse para su muerte mientras están plenamente conscientes y en general no deberían verse privados de la conciencia o el estado de alerta, excepto para mitigar un dolor insoportable o incontrolable.

En ciertos casos, por supuesto, puede no importar si una persona se vuelve adicta a los analgésicos. Si a un paciente le quedan solo unas pocas semanas de vida y experimenta un dolor intratable de tal manera que las dosis altas de opiáceos son el enfoque más efectivo, la adicción durante sus días y horas finales generalmente no plantearía problemas éticos.

Existen alternativas al uso de opiáceos que pueden ser

adecuadas para algunos pacientes. Estos incluyen el uso de drogas menos adictivas o no adictivas, como el paracetamol, ibuprofeno, naproxeno o anestésicos y bloqueadoras en el sitio del dolor. La terapia cognitivo-conductual, el manejo del estrés y las técnicas de relajación pueden ayudar a los pacientes a aprender a modificar los factores desencadenantes que aumentan el dolor. Los especialistas a veces nos recuerdan que reducir el dolor a un nivel tolerable debería ser el objetivo, en lugar de intentar eliminarlo por completo, lo que en muchos casos puede que ni siquiera sea posible. Algunos pacientes pueden necesitar ayuda para aceptar incluso una cantidad limitada de dolor.

Un programa piloto con sede en San Diego para reducir la prescripción excesiva de opiáceos incluyó el nuevo paso de notificar a los médicos cuando uno de sus pacientes había muerto por una sobredosis. El médico forense de San Diego enviaría una carta a los profesionales de la salud en este formato: "Esta es una comunicación de cortesía para informarle que su paciente [Nombre, Fecha de nacimiento] falleció el [Fecha]. La sobredosis de medicamentos recetados fue la causa principal o contribuyó a la muerte". En los estudios de seguimiento, se encontró que los médicos que recibieron estas cartas prescriben a niveles significativamente reducidos y también es menos probable que comiencen nuevos pacientes con opiáceos. Los investigadores especularon que, como todos los demás, los médicos tienden a evaluar los riesgos de salud y seguridad de manera diferente cuando los malos resultados vienen a la mente. Al mismo tiempo, tomar medidas para restringir la disponibilidad de opiáceos

puede ser contraproducente, con consecuencias devastadoras para los pacientes con dolor crónico que ahora pueden terminar negándose a recibir las prescripciones de opiáceos que necesitan y en las que han confiado durante años.

El uso adecuado de medicamentos para el dolor, en el análisis final, requiere un enfoque equilibrado, atendiendo a las indicaciones objetivas del paciente, para que los médicos puedan ofrecer la comodidad suficiente y la remediación de su dolor. Los pacientes también deben asumir la responsabilidad de sus propias decisiones de manejo del dolor, informarse y conocer los desafíos y riesgos. Cuando el objetivo es

proporcionar la dosis más baja de opiáceos durante el menor tiempo posible, en respuesta directa al nivel y la gravedad del dolor, es probable que los pacientes tengan mejores resultados de tratamiento con un menor riesgo de adicción.

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# What does “personally opposed” mean?

“I am personally opposed to abortion,” Lisa said, “but I won’t impose my beliefs on other people.” “So, are you opposed to abortion,” asked Teresa, “but not opposed to killing innocent babies? Because they’re the same thing.” “I would never kill a baby,” said Lisa. “but an unwanted child would have a terrible life, so abortion is sometimes merciful.” “You’re saying that killing a baby is acceptable,” asked Teresa, “as long as the baby is unwanted?” “Of course, the baby is unwanted,” interrupted Lisa, “otherwise the woman wouldn’t be considering abortion. If the baby is unwanted, it will have a horrible life and ruin the mother’s life as well.”

“So, because the woman needs help, the baby is unwanted?” asked Teresa. “In that case, my little brother is unwanted because my mother is looking for a babysitter to care for him while she goes to a meeting. Simply because the mother needs help doesn’t mean the child is unwanted.” “Of course, the baby is unwanted because it will destroy all the plans the woman has for her own future,” argued Lisa. “She will have to work two jobs just to support herself. It’s better if there

was no baby.” “Oh, but that’s the problem, isn’t it?” said Teresa. “There already is a baby. He or she is tiny but already alive. Before the mother even knew she was pregnant, the baby’s heart was beating, just like your heart is beating right now. Since the baby is alive, why does a change of someone’s future plans make it acceptable to kill a living child?”

“That’s not what I’m saying,” complained Lisa. “No one is killing anyone. I don’t really like the way you dress, but I’m not going to force you to dress the same way that I do. See, I’m personally opposed, but I won’t force my ideas on you.” “Okay, I see your point,” agreed Teresa, “but, at the same time, you don’t plan on killing me just because I am wearing an outfit that you don’t like. Right?” “Of course not,” sighed Lisa. “That’s good,” said Teresa, “however, abortion does kill a living human being. So, I am confused how you can say that you personally would never kill a baby, but you do not feel it is wrong for someone else to murder that child.” “Never mind,” shuddered Lisa, “it’s not a real baby anyway. It’s a fetus.”

“Hm, does that mean that you are not a person because you’re a teenager?” asked Teresa. “Fetus is just a Latin word for ‘little one’ which is simply a term used to determine the age and size of a human being in a particular stage of life. We use other terms such as embryo, infant, toddler, adolescent, teenager, adult, and elderly. Are none of them real? Are none of them human beings or persons? As I understand scientific evidence, only a human child can result from the joining of a human male’s sperm and a human female’s egg.”

“A fetus is not the same as a person,” grumbled Lisa. “Aren’t you and I both young women, teenagers, and persons who deserve to be respected and protected from harm?” Teresa gently asked. “In the same way that no one should be allowed to hurt you, no one should be allowed to kill a baby. There are only minor differences between you and a baby who has not yet been born. You both have all the DNA that you will ever have; from the moment of conception, you were complete. You both just need time to grow and develop into the person you will become. And, honestly, neither you nor I are finished growing and

developing. We still have a lot of changes to go through during our lifetimes.” “But a fetus hasn’t been born,” said Lisa.



Sidewalk Jesus  
by Janet M. Crowe

“You live in a house,” Teresa said, “and I live in an apartment. A preborn baby lives in his mother’s womb. All three of us simply live in different locations, and that doesn’t make any of us any less human because of our living arrangements. You are a separate person from your parents, just as the baby is a separate person from his mother. Otherwise, no boys could ever be born, and all girls would be exact copies of their mothers. Each and every person is unique and different, in the same way that our fingerprints are different. And a preborn baby’s little fingers have fingerprints at only nine weeks after conception, when he is just over two months old and seven months before being born.”

“I don’t really want to think about this,” Lisa said. “I understand,” answered Teresa. “You really don’t want me to make you think about it. But, I’m not any less of a person just

because you don’t want me here right now, am I?” Both girls laughed. Teresa hugged her friend as they walked away together, “Understanding the truth that too many people are trying to hide from us is important. Everything we do makes a difference in the world. I hope you see that truth can make that difference wonderful rather than tragic. Just think about it, okay?”

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# ¿Qué significa “personalmente en contra”?

“Yo personalmente, me opongo al aborto”, dijo Lisa, “pero no voy a imponer mis creencias a otras personas”. “Entonces, ¿te opones al aborto?”, preguntó Teresa, “¿pero no te opones a matar bebés inocentes?” “Porque, ¿acaso no son lo mismo?” “Nunca mataría a un bebé”, dijo Lisa. “Pero un niño no deseado tendría una vida terrible, por lo que el aborto a veces es misericordioso”. “¿Estás diciendo que matar a un bebé es aceptable?”, preguntó Teresa, “¿mientras que el bebé no sea deseado?” “Por supuesto, el bebé no es

deseado”, interrumpió Lisa, “de lo contrario, la mujer no consideraría el aborto”. Si el bebé no es deseado, tendrá una vida horrible y arruinará la vida de la madre también”. “Entonces, como la mujer necesita ayuda, ¿el bebé no es deseado?”, Preguntó Teresa. “En ese caso, mi hermano menor no es deseado porque mi madre está buscando una niñera que lo cuide mientras ella se va a una junta. Simplemente porque la madre necesita ayuda, no significa que el niño no sea deseado”. “Por supuesto, el bebé no es deseado porque destruirá todos los planes que la mujer tiene para su propio futuro”, argumentó

Lisa. “Ella tendrá que trabajar dos trabajos, solo para mantenerse a sí misma”. Es mejor si ese bebe no existe”. “Oh, pero ese es el problema, ¿no?”, Dijo Teresa. “Ya hay un bebé. El o ella, es pequeño, pero ya está vivo. Antes de que ni siquiera la madre supiera que estaba embarazada, el corazón del bebé ya estaba latiendo, al igual que su corazón está latiendo en este momento. Y ya que el bebé está vivo, ¿por qué un cambio en los planes futuros de alguien, permite que sea aceptable matar a un niño vivo?” “Eso no es lo que estoy diciendo”, se quejó Lisa. “Nadie a nadie”. A mi realmente no me gusta la forma en que te vistes, sin embargo, no voy a obligarte a vestirme de la misma manera que yo. Ves, personalmente me opongo, pero no forzaré mis ideas sobre ti”. “De acuerdo, veo tu punto”, coincidió Teresa, “pero, al mismo tiempo, no planeas matarme solo porque estoy usando un atuendo que no te gusta. ¿De acuerdo?” “Por supuesto que no”, suspiró Lisa. “Eso está bien”, dijo Teresa, “sin embargo, el aborto mata a un ser humano, vivo”. Por lo tanto, estoy confundida acerca de cómo

es que puedes decir que nunca matarías a un bebé tu misma, pero no sientes que sea incorrecto que alguien más mate a ese niño”. “No importa”, se estremeció Lisa, “de todos modos no es un bebé real. Es un feto”. “Mm, ¿eso significa que no eres una persona porque eres un adolescente?”, Preguntó Teresa. “Feto es solo una palabra latina para describir ‘pequeño’, lo cual es simplemente un término utilizado para determinar la edad y el tamaño de un ser humano en una etapa particular de la vida. Usamos otros términos como embriones, bebés, niños pequeños, adolescentes, adolescentes adultos y ancianos. ¿Ninguno de ellos es real? ¿Ninguno de ellos es un ser humano o una persona? Según entiendo la evidencia científica, solo un niño humano puede resultar de la unión del esperma de un hombre humano y el óvulo de una mujer humana”.

“Un feto no es lo mismo que una persona”, se quejó Lisa. “¿No somos tu y yo estas jóvenes, adolescentes y personas que merecen ser respetadas y protegidas de cualquier daño?”, Preguntó Teresa gentilmente. “De la misma manera que nadie debería permitir que te hagan daño, a nadie se le debería permitir matar a un bebé”. Solo hay diferencias menores entre tú y un bebé, que aún no ha nacido. Ambos tienen todo el ADN que alguna vez tendrán; desde el momento de la concepción, estabas completa. Ambos necesitan tiempo para crecer y convertirse en la persona en la que se convertirán. Y, honestamente, ni tu ni yo hemos terminado de crecer y desarrollarnos. Aún tenemos muchos cambios por delante durante nuestra vida”. “Pero un feto no ha nacido aún”, dijo Lisa. “Vives en una casa”, dijo Teresa,

“y yo vivo en un departamento. Un bebé no-nacido antes de nacer vive en el vientre de su madre. Los tres simplemente vivimos en diferentes lugares y eso no nos hace a ninguno de nosotros menos humanos, debido a nuestros arreglos de vivienda. Tu eres una persona separada de tus padres, del mismo modo que el bebé es una persona separada de su madre. De lo contrario, ningún niño podría nacer y todas las niñas serían copias exactas de sus madres. Cada persona es única y diferente, de la misma manera que nuestras huellas dactilares son diferentes. Y los deditos de un bebé recién nacido tienen huellas dactilares solo nueve semanas después de la concepción, cuando tiene solo dos meses y siete meses antes de nacer”.

“Realmente no quiero pensar en esto”, dijo Lisa. “Entiendo”, respondió Teresa. “Realmente no quieres que te haga pensar sobre eso. Pero, no soy menos persona simplemente porque no me quieres aquí ahora, ¿verdad? Ambas chicas se rieron. Teresa abrazó a su amiga mientras se alejaban juntas, “Comprender la verdad de que demasiadas personas están tratando de esconderse de nosotros es importante. Todo lo que hacemos es marca una diferencia en el mundo. Espero que veas que la verdad puede hacer que esa diferencia sea maravillosa en lugar de trágica. Solo piénsalo, ¿sí?”

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# Catolicos Autenticos

Estoy convencido de que la Iglesia hoy necesita mucho menos nuestras ideas y mucho más la guía del Espíritu Santo. Así que oremos más e invoquemos más frecuentemente al Espíritu Santo, que nos ha sido enviado para guiarnos a la verdad de todo lo que nos enseñó Jesucristo el Hijo de Dios. Ser un Católico autentico es más de lo que la mayoría de la gente piensa y mucho más de lo que la mayoría de los católico llegar a entender. Que significa ser católico? Ser católico significa anhelar vivir el evangelio, anhelar imitar a Jesucristo. Ser católico es vivir un estilo de vida como Jesús, "que paso haciendo el bien a todos", es dejarnos inspirar por Jesús, es permitir que su vida y enseñanzas afecten todas la áreas de nuestra vida; y que cada día nos vayan transformado en una persona extraordinariamente amable, servicial, generosa, solidaria, respetuosa, alegre, virtuosa, siempre dispuesta a sacrificarse por ayudar a los demás; simplemente encantadora. El catolicismo provee el mapa y las herramientas para hacer posible todas estas cosas y aun mas, ser una persona que vive en armonía consigo mismo, con Dios y con los demás. Si humildemente abres tu corazón, tu mente y tu alma a la grandeza del catolicismo nunca lo hallaras inútil; son millones de hombres y mujeres que han alcanzado vivir heroicamente y

han dejado huellas de su amor y santidad.!

En los últimos años ha sido una época difícil para ser católico en muchos lugares del mundo. Son momentos de tragedia para la iglesia en muchos aspectos: Los abusos de niños por algunos clérigos, la pérdida de credibilidad y confianza en la institución, el debilitamiento de la moral, el juicio público de los medios de comunicación que difunde las noticias, el número de católicos que dejan la iglesia para irse a otras denominaciones religiosa o vivir en la indiferencia y apatía de no creer en nada. Lamentablemente se está incrementando las persecuciones a los cristianos en muchas partes del mundo, se cometen atentados a los templos durante o saliendo de las celebraciones... Estos acontecimientos constituyen como una sombra de incertidumbre y dudas sobre la iglesia católica y está ocasionando que muchos católicos sientan dolor y vergüenza por estas cosas que están pasando en la iglesia. Reconocemos que son tristes y lamentables estos hechos, necesitamos mucho arrepentimiento y conversión. Volver a la fuente de nuestra fe cristiana, ponernos a los pies de Jesús el Maestro y Señor, para que nos sane, fortalezca y nos guie...!

He meditado muchos días sobre el lugar donde nos

encontramos ahora como Iglesia y una cosa se ha hecho alarmantemente clara es que hemos olvidado nuestra historia, y más concretamente la historia de la iglesia católica en USA. El catolicismo es más que un puñado de sacerdotes que no saben lo que es ser un sacerdote. Hay aproximadamente 1,200 millones de católicos en el mundo. Hay aprox. 67 millones de católicos en USA, cada día la iglesia católica alimenta, da refugio, viste a más gente, cuida a mas enfermos, visita a los presos, da asistencia a los migrantes, evangeliza, celebra la eucaristía cada domingo, que son verdadera terapias colectivas, que sanan, liberan y fortalecen la vida y esperanza de muchísimas personas y educa a más personas que lo que cualquier otra institución sobre la faz de la tierra alguna vez podría soñar. La iglesia ha sido líder en la educación y en la salud en todas partes del mundo; rompiendo el privilegio que la educación fuera exclusiva para la clase gobernante, para la nobleza y los ricos. La iglesia lidero la causa de llevar la salud y educación a todos. Hoy casi todo el mundo occidental esta educado, gracias al rol precursor de la iglesia en universalizar la educación.

El alcance y contribución de la iglesia es enorme e impactante a nivel nacional y global, la contribución que los católicos hacen diariamente en

sus comunidades. Cada ciudad e x i s t e n organizaciones Católicas, que atienden las necesidades de la gente de esa ciudad, una de esas organizaciones es la Caridad Católica, que da grandes ayudas a la formación de ministerios de caridad, distribución de comida gratis, formación de ministerios y formación de los seminaristas. Solo un pequeño ejemplo de su enorme contribución. Nuestra contribución a escala local, nacional y global sigue siendo extraordinaria, a pesar de nuestros errores, ineficiencias y escándalos recientes; sin embargo la iglesia es despreciada por millones de personas y muchos católicos quieren esconderse bajo la mesa cuando luevan críticas en los medios de comunicación o en alguna reunión social. Olvidamos la historia de la misión que ha cumplido la iglesia y como resultado permitimos que el sentimiento anticatólico de los medios y de la opinión de algunos distorsione nuestra misión y servicio diariamente.

Muchos católicos avergonzados se han ido a otros iglesias otros se muestran indiferentes, han dejado de contribuir económicamente, otros se sienten desanimados y



Vida del Espiritu por el Padre Wilson Cuevas

enojados por lo sucedido. Estas no son las soluciones apropiadas. Mi compromiso y servicio como católico me han convencido de lo siguiente: El catolicismo es grandioso, si lo vivimos con autenticidad, las faltas hay que enmendarlas con caridad y testimonio de excelencia católica; si no somos parte de la solución somos parte del problema, si 67 millones de católicos en USA. Fuéramos mejores, sucedería algo maravilloso. No hay dificultad en reconocer un católico autentico porque no pasan desapercibidos en esta sociedad y en este mundo de sabios y engreídos. Los reconocemos por sus obras. Allí donde van, siempre dejan huellas.

Es tiempo de decidarnos a ser Católicos verdaderos, a explorar la grandeza de nuestra fe, a ser parte de la solución. Pensemos en esto: Que otra institución está en capacidad de hacer lo que hoy hace la iglesia en nuestra sociedad y el mundo? Como iglesia tenemos mucho que hacer y hacerlo bien para gloria de Dios. Animo...!!

# Authentic Catholics

I am convinced that the Church today needs a lot less of our own ideas and much more guidance from the Holy Spirit. So let's pray more and invoke the Holy Spirit more frequently, who has been sent to guide us to the truth of all that Jesus Christ the Son of God has taught us. Being an authentic Catholic is more than most people think and much more than most Catholics seem to understand. What does it mean to be Catholic? Being a Catholic means yearning to live the gospel, yearning to imitate Jesus Christ. To be a Catholic means to live a lifestyle as Jesus did, "doing good to all, " to let ourselves be inspired by Jesus, to allow His life and teachings to affect all areas of our life; and that each day we may be transformed into an extraordinarily kind, helpful, generous, supportive, respectful, cheerful, virtuous person, always ready to sacrifice oneself for helping others; put simply, beautiful. Catholicism provides the map and the tools to make all these things possible and even more, to be a person who lives in harmony with himself, with God and with others. If you humbly open your heart, your mind and your soul to the greatness of Catholicism you will never find it ineffective; there are millions of men and women who have succeeded in living heroically and have left us indelible marks of their love and holiness.

In recent years it has become quite difficult to be a Catholic in many places of the world. These are moments of tragedy for the church in many aspects: child abuse by some clerics, the loss of credibility and trust in the institution,

the weakening of morals, the public opinion of the media that disseminates the news, the number of Catholics who leave the church to go to other religious denominations or live in the indifference and apathy of not believing in anything. Unfortunately, the persecution of Christians in many parts of the world is increasing, there are bombings in temples during or exiting the celebrations ... these events create a shadow of uncertainty and doubts about the Catholic Church, and this is causing many Catholics to feel pain and shame for these things that are happening in the Church. We recognize that these facts are sad and regrettable; we, as the Church, need much repentance and conversion. Let us go back to the source of our Christian faith, put ourselves at the feet of Jesus the Master and Lord, to heal us, strengthen us and guide us ...!

I have meditated many days about the place where we are now as a Church and the one thing that has become alarmingly clear is that we have forgotten our history, and especially, the history of the Catholic Church in the USA. Catholicism is more than a handful of priests who do not understand what it is to be a priest. There are approximately 1,200 million Catholics in the world. There are approx. 67 million Catholics in the USA. Every day the Catholic Church feeds, gives shelter, provides clothing for more people, cares for more sick people, visits prisoners, gives assistance to migrants, evangelizes, celebrates the Eucharist every Sunday, which are true therapies collectively, that heal, liberate and strengthen

the life and hope of many people, and educates more people than any other institution on the face of the earth. The Church has been a leader in education and health in all parts of the world; erasing the notion that education is exclusively for the ruling class, for the nobility and for the rich. The Church led the cause of providing health and education for all. Today almost the entire Western world is educated, thanks to the precursor role of the church in universalizing education.

The scope and contribution of the Church is enormous and impressive at a national and global level, contributions that Catholics make daily in their communities. Each city has Catholic organizations that cater to the needs of the people of that city, one of those organizations is Catholic Charities, which gives great help to the formation of charitable ministries, distribution of free food, formation of ministries and

formation of seminarians. This is but a small example of such huge contributions. Our contribution at the local, national and global levels remains extraordinary, despite our mistakes, inefficiencies and recent scandals; however, the Church is despised by millions of people and many Catholics want to hide under the table when criticism is prevalent in the media or in any social gathering. We forget the history of the mission that the Church has fulfilled and as a result we allow the anti-Catholic sentiment of the media and the opinion of some to distort our mission and service daily. Many "ashamed" Catholics have gone to other churches, others are indifferent, still others have stopped contributing financially, and others feel discouraged and angry about what is happening. These are not the appropriate solutions.

My commitment and service as a Catholic has convinced me of the following:

Catholicism is great, if we live it authentically, faults must be corrected with charity and testimony of Catholic excellence; if we are not part of the solution, and we are part of the problem. If 67 million people in the US were better Catholics, something wonderful would happen. It is not difficult to recognize authentic Catholics because they do not go unnoticed in this society and in this world of the wise and arrogant. We recognize them for their works. Wherever they go, they leave tracks.

It is time to decide to be true Catholics, to explore the greatness of our faith, to be part of the solution. Let's think about this: What other institution is able to do what the Church does today in our society and the world? As a church we have a lot to do and we must do it well for the glory of God. Let us have courage in our Faith...!!



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## Columban Fathers Celebrate 100 Years of Sharing Gospel Joy



On the eve of World Mission Day, Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso will preside at a Centennial Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, October 20th, 2018, to give thanks to God for the founding of the Missionary Society of St. Columban, or Columban Fathers, a century ago. The Centennial Mass will be celebrated together with local Columban priests and lay missionaries, and many supporters, and will be followed by an Exhibition, "100 Years Crossing Borders", in St. Patrick's School, next door to the cathedral, and the public is welcome to attend both events.

Two Irish priests, Father Edward Galvin and Father John Blowick, met at the beginning of the 20th century, and found a shared vision for a new missionary society to help the Catholic communities of China to mature and grow. They enthusiastically drew up plans for establishing a mission seminary in Ireland and to contact the Catholic organizations in Ireland that could help them prepare and send priests, and later, women religious, to that vast Asian country.

Father Galvin, with four years of missionary experience in China under his belt, could speak on conditions there throughout Ireland, the U.S. and other countries he visited, and also set up the infrastructure for transporting and settling the missionaries among their future flocks. Father Blowick, a professor at Ireland's major seminary, won permission to speak to the body of Irish bishops

gathered for their regular meeting about the venture. Once he got their backing, he could then ask Rome for approval. He soon left his professorship in Maynooth, Ireland's national seminary, in order to help Father Galvin in founding the new missionary society, the Columban Fathers. In this way, the two men each contributed essential expertise from very different backgrounds for the founding of a new missionary society.

Father Galvin had returned to Ireland from China full of stories to tell, moving the hearts and minds of both future supporters and potential vocations among fellow priests and seminarians of his native land. Father Blowick could move easily and convincingly among the bishops, leaders and academics of Ireland's Catholic Church, whose support was fundamental.

The Catholic Church in China was already very old by 1918, when Rome officially approved the project of an Irish mission to China—the Missionary Society of St. Columban. Christians from the Middle East had traveled to China before the 7th century A.D., during China's prosperous Tang dynasty, when the first Chinese Churches were established in the imperial capital, today's city of Xian. The first Franciscan missionaries from Europe arrived in the 13th century, the first Jesuits in the 17th century, and a long history of light and shadow followed, with periods of both enlightened openness to the religion of "the Western Ocean" (as Europeans were called) as well as violent persecution. By the beginning of the 20th century, China had about two million Christians, out of a total national population of 400 million—that is, about half of one percent.

The Irish mission organization took the name of an Irish abbot, St. Columban, who left his native land to establish monastic communities on the continent of Europe, in the regions of France, Germany, Switzerland and northern Italy, where he died in 615 A.D. The Missionary Society of Saint Columban became known as the Columban Fathers, and soon found support in finances and personnel not only in Ireland, but in the U.S., Australia, New Zealand and other English-speaking countries. After the Second Vatican Council established the principle that the Church was missionary by its very nature (see the document *Ad Gentes Divinitus*), interest in supporting and joining the Columbans spread among more of the countries that they lived and worked in, and the first seminarians and priests from non-English-speaking nations entered the Society in the 1980s.

The Council also encouraged lay people to consider becoming missionaries by leaving their homelands, as a specific way to live out the mission of all baptized Christians, and the Columbans began establishing training programs for lay missionaries in the 1980s, as well. Today, Chilean lay missionaries work among migrant communities in the U.K., Philippine lay missionaries live in Pakistan, and Fijians in Mexico, for a few examples. Columban priests, sisters and lay missionaries live and work today in a total of 17 countries.

Here in the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, Fathers Bill Morton, Dennis O'Mara and other Columbans began to work in parish communities about 20 years ago, and to live and work pastorally in Juarez, Mexico, shortly afterwards. They established the Columban

Mission Center at 816 Magoffin Street in 2011, and enjoy the organized support of the Columban Partners in Mission today in both Mexico and the U.S.

The Columban Mission Center lodges groups of visitors to the Borderlands and organizes the Border Awareness Experience for these groups, helping both Catholic and other organizations from distant parts of the nation, as well as other countries, to hear the local voices of people linked to migration and sustainable living in the region. The center also supports local human rights, ecological and interfaith organizations.

Pope Francis has promoted the World Mission Day theme this year of "Together with Young People, let us Bring the Gospel to All", in line with the Synod in Rome in October dedicated to the young people of our Church. The Young Adult Missioners of El Paso will also be present in the Exhibition and helping with the celebration of the Columban Centennial. For more information on the Mission Society of St. Columban and these events, visit the Facebook page "Columban Mission Center", or the website [www.columban.org](http://www.columban.org), which also has a Spanish version, [www.columbanos.org](http://www.columbanos.org). Check out the Facebook page for the Young Adult Missioners of El Paso, too!

The Exhibition will highlight five facets of the mission today prioritized by Columbans—Interculturality,



Our first Columban Partners in Mission traveling to China to visit projects in 2011



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Justice, Ecology, Interfaith Dialogue and Migration—and provide interactive experiences for visitors as well as information about specific projects throughout the world. Each facet will focus on a specific country, as an example of the theme. For instance, the work of Columban lay and priest missionaries in the Philippines, helping the Original Peoples of that nation defend themselves from destructive mining operations, is linked to the Ecology station of the Exhibition. Refreshments will be served during the hours of the exhibition, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. that Saturday evening, Oct. 20th. All are welcome to see and support the Mission Society of St. Columban as they celebrate their Centennial!

## El Paso Retreat Aims to Set Hearts on Fire

Things may be heating up in El Paso, at least that's

the prayer of Carmen Arango from Queen of Peace Catholic

Church. Carmen, and the entire parish Steering Committee, has

been working for the last several months to help bring speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, to Queen of Peace. The parish will offer a Mercy & Mary Retreat on October 26-27 hosted by the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy.

"I'm so excited!" said Carmen. "I hope that people will be touched by the retreat message of the love of Jesus and Mary and that each one of us can become a saint. That is the point — to become saints!"

Carmen first encountered Fr. Gaitley's books through the 33 Days to Morning Glory Group Retreat, which is part of Fr. Gaitley's Hearts Afire: Parish-based Programs. It was in that first group-retreat that she and a bunch of friends, including a grieving couple who had lost their son to an aggressive form of leukemia, learned about Marian consecration. "After doing the 33 Days to Morning Glory Group Retreat, the entire group saw this cross [of the son's passing] in a new light. And our first group is still meeting and going through more of the program," she stated. "We even brought it to our parish!"

Now helping with the Mercy & Mary Retreat at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Carmen is working hard to spread the word. "God's mercy has touched my life — I hope many can come to experience the gift of God's mercy during this retreat," she said.

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to him speak in our hearts.

The upcoming Mercy & Mary Retreat does just that: it immerses each participant in the merciful love of Jesus and the tender compassion of our Blessed Mother. This retreat reminds us of the joy we have in being children of God, even in the face of our sins and wounds, and that Mary is a mother who loves us each particularly and with great care.

From that confidence in God's love we are able to become who we are meant to be: great saints! And we are able to set the world on fire with the power of God's love. "The retreat is all about letting Mary bring you to the love of the heart of Jesus in this time of mercy," said Fr. Gaitley. "We are praying for everyone who is coming — or may be on the fence about coming — to the Mercy & Mary Retreat in El Paso. We hope to see you there."

*The October 26-27 retreat includes five talks from Fr. Gaitley, Mass, adoration & benediction, coffee & donuts, lunch, and more. To register or for more information: [Events.MarianMissionaries.org](http://Events.MarianMissionaries.org) | 413-944-8500*

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# Sacred Heart Kicks Off Building Fund this October

By Eugenio "Pachelli" Mesta, AIA, CNU - A

It seems like only yesterday.....126 years ago Rev. Carlos Pinto, came to El Paso to take over St Mary's Chapel. Soon after his arrival, he felt called to address the growing needs for spiritual support and educational opportunities for the expanding city population; he ordered the construction of the first two Catholic Churches in El Paso: Sacred Heart, in the Segundo barrio, dedicated to serve the Spanish speaking population; and Immaculate Conception, to serve the English-speaking worshippers. This immense endeavor took only a year. Two days apart in June 1893, both churches opened their doors for services in our community.

Father Pinto, concerned for schooling the Hispanic population, opened Sacred Heart school first, with attendance of over 200 children, on October 1892. The church opened soon after, in a modest single-story building where services were often overcrowded. In ten years the school and rectory were expanded to house more students and more Missionaries Jesuit Priests.

World War I and the Mexican Revolution brought a large influx of refugees and in 1918 it was decided to expand the small modest church. But... where to go? They decided to build right on the very same spot. Many parishioners provided the labor to build the additions over and around the existing church. Yes, you read right, the church as it is today had a smaller church inside where daily masses were celebrated even while the existing church was being built around it! It is said that the only wall remaining of the original church is the rear altar wall. Once the Church was completed the old one was demolished and voilà, we got a magnificent neogothic style church that now anchors the Segundo Barrio. The church as you know it was completed in 1929, just in time to serve as a soup kitchen during the Great Depression.

From 1952 to 1964, Father Rahm, "the bicycle priest" took over the parish-outside-the-church-walls and

made a great impact on the Segundo Barrio Community. (Please visit the mural on Father Rahm St.) With many dedicated friends he curtailed juvenile delinquency and gang warfare, opened community centers and officiated public services during his 12 years here. In 1992, Fifth Street was renamed after him.

October 2018 is the month when our beloved Sacred Heart Church turns 125 years old. Sacred Heart Church has endured a major fire in 1985, two World Wars, a Mexican Revolution, and many historic

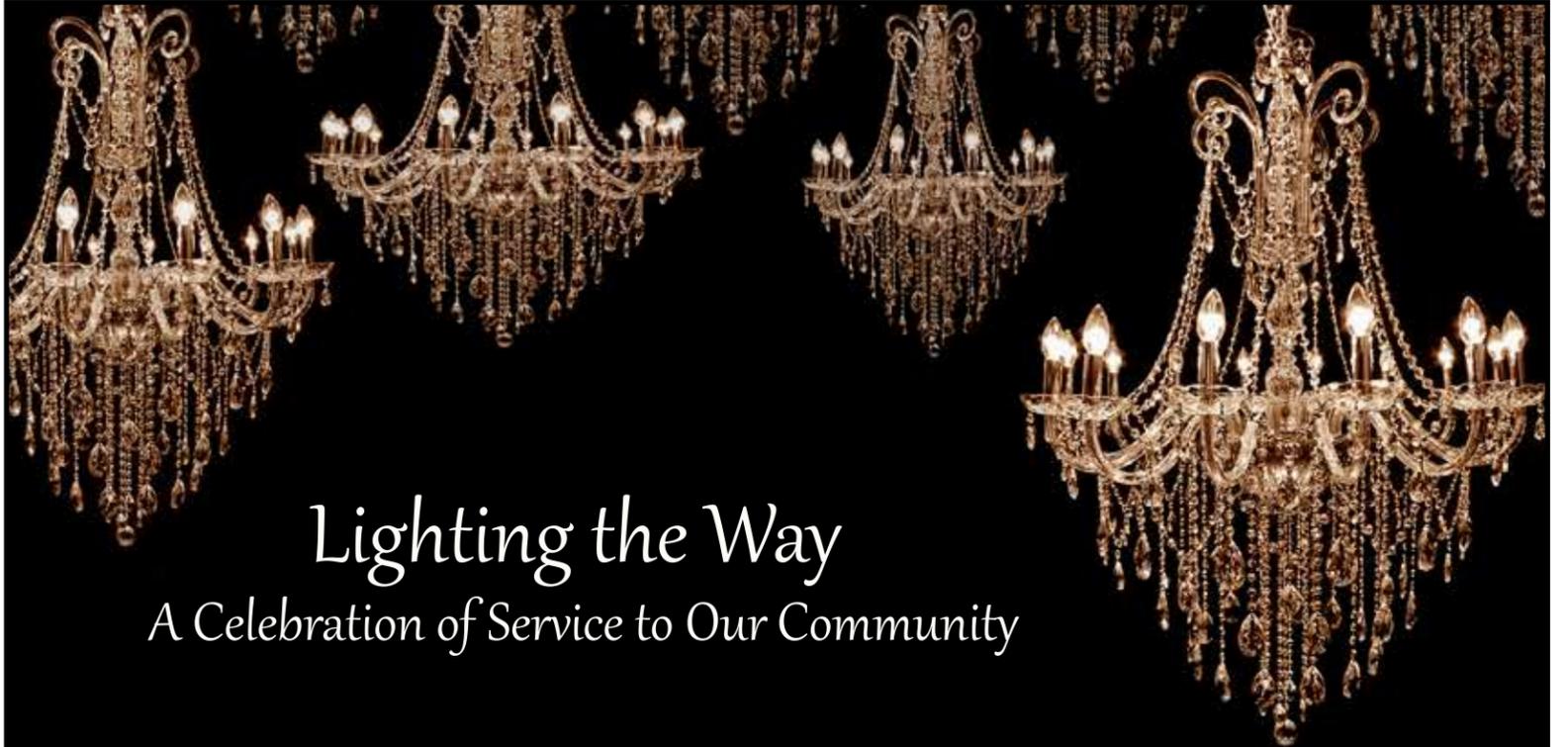
events. It is the place where many pilgrim people have been educated, helped, consoled, baptized, married, and buried. Our church now, as it did 125 years ago, helps the indigent, the immigrant, the poor. It provides English and Citizenship classes to over 100 residents, GED courses, Religious Formation, and distributes weekly food baskets and many other goods and services to the numerous residents and guests of Segundo Barrio.

As busy as it is, Sacred Heart is one of the

poorest parishes in Diocese. It barely has enough resources to keep up with the many community needs. This has left our church in need of many building repairs and restoration concerns. During the month of October, we are kicking off a short-term a building-fund campaign in an effort to bring the church into the next century of service. There are many needs such as code compliance items, façade and window repairs and electrical updates, to name a few. The goal is to raise \$250,000 in cash or in-kind donations from

contractors or suppliers.

If you wish to participate and donate, please contact Fr Mike Chesney or Fr Ron Gonzales, or send us an email at [accounting@sacredheartelpaso.org](mailto:accounting@sacredheartelpaso.org). The staff and volunteers will greatly appreciate any donations and, of course, your prayers. Let's make this 125th anniversary memorable and bring our oldest Parish back to its former utility and beauty, Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam



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# Welcome to Saint Charles Seminary Introductory Formation Program

By Father Mariano Lopez, Director-Vocation Office

After initially discerning the calling to the priesthood, those men who continue to feel the Lord is calling them to be priests for the Diocese of El Paso, and who have received the testimony of the Church that they may possibly be called to this vocation, begin their preparation for the priesthood at Saint Charles Seminary.

Our new class of Saint Charles Seminarians, began

their formation program this past August 16th in the evening. The year began with an orientation week to the rural parishes of the diocese. The program's manual was reviewed by seminarians in between visits to different communities several hours away from the city of El Paso.

The Saint Charles Formation Program seeks to introduce new seminarians to the culture of our local church. Such a

presentation of the diocese would be incomplete without coming to meet our rural communities. The seminarians visited the towns of Fort Davis, Presidio, Sierra Blanca, Alpine, Marfa, and Shafter. They were made aware of the fact that one day, if the vocation they are beginning to discern is fulfilled, they may come to be the parish priests of these towns.

After orientation

week, three of our Seminarians began their studies in English as a second language at UTEP and one seminarian began an online philosophy program (at Holy Apostles College from Connecticut). As they partake in their full-time coursework, they must also participate in the formation program which includes days of prayer, a pastoral ministry assignment on weekends, participation in daily

liturgies at the seminary chapel, theological formation classes on a weekly basis, workshops in human formation (psycho-social development), and many other scheduled activities.

All are invited to meet our seminarians at the next mass with the Fiends of Saint Charles on Saturday, October 27th at 9AM at the Saint Charles Chapel (8330 Park Haven, 79907). Please pray for Saint Charles Seminary!

# Bienvenidos al Programa de Formación de Introductorio del Seminario San Carlos

Por Padre Mariano Lopez, Director Oficina de Vocaciones

Después de discernir, inicialmente, el sacerdocio, los hombres que sienten el llamado de Dios para ser sacerdotes de la Diócesis de El Paso, y que han recibido el testimonio de la Iglesia que posiblemente están llamados a esta vocación, comienzan su preparación para el sacerdocio en el Seminario San Carlos.

Nuestra nueva clase de Seminaristas de San Carlos comenzó su programa de formación este pasado 16 de

agosto en la tarde. El año comenzó con una semana de orientación en las parroquias rurales de la diócesis. El manual del programa fue repasado con los seminaristas entre las visitas a distintas comunidades a varias horas de la ciudad de El Paso. El Programa de Formación de San Carlos busca presentar a los nuevos seminaristas con la cultura de nuestra iglesia local. Esta presentación de la diócesis sería incompleta sin llegar a conocer

a nuestras comunidades rurales. Los seminaristas visitaron los poblados de Fort Davis, Presidio, Sierra Blanca, Alpine, Marfa, y Shafter. Tomaron conciencia de que un día, si la vocación que ahora discernen llega a su cumplimiento, ellos pueden llegar a ser los sacerdotes sirviendo a estas comunidades.

Después de la semana de orientación, tres de nuestros seminaristas comenzaron sus estudios de tiempo completo en

ingles en UTEP y uno de ellos comenzó su programa de filosofía por internet (en el Colegio De los Santos Apóstoles del estado de Connecticut). Al participar en cursos académicos de tiempo completo, simultáneamente deben participar en el programa de formación que incluye días de oración, una asignación pastoral los fines de semana, participación diaria en las liturgias en la capilla del seminario, clases de formación teológica semanales,

talleres de formación humana (desarrollo psicosocial), y varios otros compromisos agendados.

Todos están invitados a conocer a nuestros seminaristas en la próxima Misa con los Amigos de San Carlos el sábado, 27 de octubre a las 9AM en la capilla de San Carlos (8330 Park Haven, 79907). ¡Por favor oren por el Seminario San Carlos!

## Our seminarians would like to introduce themselves to you:- Nuestros seminaristas desean presentarse con ustedes:



My name is Eric A. Monsivais, I am 23 years old and recently graduated with my BA in Political Science. I am from El

Paso TX. After having worked several years with the youth group and teaching catechism I decided to answer Gods Call. I am looking forward to serving the El Paso community.



Hola mi nombre es Anwar Camarena. Soy de Guadalajara, México. Después de un año de discernimiento,

sentí el llamado del Señor. Soy Ingeniero en Computación. Estoy muy feliz de pertenecer a la Diócesis de El Paso.



Hola mi nombre es Rodrigo Arroyo, tengo 32 años y soy de Chihuahua. Estudié la Licenciatura en Enfermería y trabajé como

enfermero en el IMSS. Mi interés por ser sacerdote nació por ver las necesidades de la gente en mi comunidad, en mi trabajo y con mis amigos. Antes de entrar al Seminario, tuve un director

espiritual que me ayudó a tomar esta decisión, y ahora estoy aquí, muy contento y agradecido con Dios.



Soy Isaac Gordillo Fonseca originario del estado de Chiapas, México. Agradezco enormemente a Dios, al Sr.

Obispo Mark J Seitz, al P. Mariano

y todo el equipo formador por la oportunidad que me brindan. Fue en mi estancia en los Estados donde sentí por segunda vez un llamado a un discernimiento. Un llamado que no fue como aparecen en las películas, fue mas bien un impulso, un vacío en el pecho que me motivo a buscar un acompañamiento. Los invito a que nos visiten en el Seminario San Carlos. Saludos afectuosos.

# Mission of St. Mark Celebrates Daily Mass and Sunday Mass is Coming Soon

After studying the area for the last five or six years the Diocese of El Paso is quickly forming its new community in Far East El Paso. The mission for



a new parish came to be because of the exponential growth that is taking place on El Paso's Far East

side of town. "If you just drive around this area you can see there are so many homes, schools and shopping centers. Seeing the growth and being that there are so many Catholics in El Paso we just knew there was a need to build a church out here."

Father Saul Pacheco, Administrator of the New Mission of St. Mark, celebrates mass is a small portable located in Far East El Paso on Tim Foster street. Father Pacheco and as many as fifty people celebrate daily mass at 8:15am inside the small temporary portable located on a vacant lot. Father Pacheco shares,

"It was a surprise to me to see so many people attend mass this early and especially with children.

You usually do not see children at daily mass but this has helped us discover just how young the families are that live in this area." Many of the new parishioners live just a couple or few blocks away while others have to drive just a few minutes. Steps in the formation of this new parish include creating a community even before building the actual church in order to create a sense of belonging.

"We have eight ministries so far and many of the ministries right now are liturgical ministries as we are preparing to celebrate Sunday masses hopefully before Christmas", says Father Saul. At this time the diocese is contemplating what type of structure will be built initially to accommodate

the community that will be celebrating Sunday masses. The construction is tentatively scheduled to take place before also before Christmas. Father Saul enthusiastically states, "This will be our Christmas gift!"

The name for the new parish is also being discussed but as soon as Sunday masses begin those in attendance will have the opportunity to put in suggested names of saints they would like to have their new parish named after. Bishop Seitz will then review the suggestions and choose a name. Father Pacheco says, "Ultimately



it is the people that will get to be a part of the naming process."

**For those of you that live in the Far East area and are looking for a Catholic church closer to you, the new community is located at 3000 Tim Foster, 79938.**

# La Misión de San Marcos celebra Misa Diaria y la Misa del Domingo Pronto Llegará

Después de estudiar el área durante los últimos cinco o seis años, la Diócesis de El Paso está formando rápidamente su nueva comunidad en el Lejano Oriente de El Paso. La misión para una nueva parroquia surgió debido al crecimiento exponencial que se está produciendo en el extremo este de la ciudad de El Paso.



"Si solo conduces por esta área, puedes ver que hay muchas casas, escuelas y centros comerciales. Viendo el crecimiento y siendo que hay tantos católicos en El Paso, sabíamos que era necesario construir una iglesia aquí."

El Padre Saul Pacheco, Administrador de la Nueva Misión de San Marcos, celebra que la misa es un pequeño portátil ubicado en el Lejano Oriente de El Paso en la calle Tim Foster. El Padre Pacheco y hasta cincuenta personas celebran la misa diaria a las 8:15 am dentro del pequeño portátil temporal ubicado en un terreno baldío. El Padre Pacheco comparte: "Me sorprendió ver a tanta gente asistiendo a misa tan temprano y especialmente con los niños. Por lo general, no ve a los niños

en la misa diaria, pero esto nos ha ayudado a descubrir qué tan jóvenes son las familias que viven en esta área". Muchos de los nuevos feligreses viven a solo unas pocas cuadras de distancia, mientras que otros tienen que conducir solo unos minutos. Los pasos para la formación de esta nueva parroquia incluyen crear una comunidad incluso antes de construir la iglesia real para crear un sentido de pertenencia.

"Tenemos ocho ministerios hasta ahora y muchos de los ministerios en este momento son ministerios litúrgicos, ya que nos estamos preparando para celebrar las misas dominicales antes de Navidad", dice el Padre Saúl. En este momento, la diócesis está considerando qué tipo de estructura se construirá inicialmente para acomodar a la comunidad que celebrará las misas de los domingos. La construcción está programada tentativamente

antes de Navidad. El padre Saúl afirma con entusiasmo: "¡Este será nuestro regalo de Navidad!"

El nombre de la nueva parroquia también se está discutiendo, pero tan pronto como empiecen las misas de los domingos, los asistentes tendrán la oportunidad de poner nombres sugeridos de santos a quienes les gustaría que nombraran a su nueva parroquia. El obispo Seitz revisará las sugerencias y elegirá un nombre. El padre Pacheco dice: "En última instancia, es la gente la que llegará a ser parte del proceso de nombramiento".

**Para aquellos de ustedes que viven en el área del Lejano Oriente y están buscando una iglesia católica más cercana a usted, la nueva comunidad está ubicada en 3000 Tim Foster, 79938.**



# Christ the Savior Taking the Steps to Become a Stewardship Parish

By Karina Sandoval, Stewardship Coordinator

**Stewardship is returning a portion of one's time, talent and treasure back to God in gratitude for the gifts He has given to us.**

Christ the Savior Stewardship



ministry is creating an active service community in the parish. Monica Fields, leader of the Stewardship ministry gathered four lay ministers to develop a Stewardship plan. They planned to invite more people to the parish, ask parishioners to commit to a life of prayer, service and giving, and promote the meaning of Stewardship. First, they invited people to the parish on Sunday, August 2, 2018. The event

was called Open House. During the event 12 ministries from the parish set up in tables to give information about their ministry to new parishioners. Fr. Ken Ducre, parish administrators, and ministers welcomed new families to the parish in a festive environment. Thanks to the Open House event 20 new families are now registered as parishioners at Christ the Savior parish. Currently, the Stewardship ministry is developing the Stewardship commitment day. Fr.

Ken Ducre will ask parishioners to live a Stewardship way of life on the weekend of October 6 and 7, 2018. Parishioners will be able to commit to serve in ministry, make a specific monetary gift and create a space for prayer in their lives, through a commitment card.

Congratulations Christ the Savior parish for your efforts to promote a Stewardship way of life! If you would like to invite more people to your parish, create new ministries and increase



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## La Parroquia de Christ the Savior Tomando los Pasos para ser una Parroquia Corresponsable

Por Karina Sandoval, Coordinadora en Corresponsabilidad

**Corresponsabilidad es regresar una porción de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro a Dios en gratitud por los dones que Él nos ha dado.**

El ministerio de Corresponsabilidad está creando una comunidad de servicio activo en la parroquia de Christ the Savior. Monica Fields, líder del ministerio de Corresponsabilidad convocó a cuatro mujeres laicas para desarrollar un plan de Corresponsabilidad, en el que pudieran invitar a más personas a

asistir a Misa a la parroquia, pedir a los feligreses a comprometerse a una vida de oración, servicio y ofrenda monetaria, y de promover el significado de Corresponsabilidad.

Ellas, comenzaron el plan el domingo, 2 de agosto del 2018. El evento se llamó "Open-House" o "Casa Abierta" en donde abrieron las puertas de la parroquia para todos. Durante el evento 12 ministerios de la parroquia pusieron mesas para dar información a los nuevos

feligreses. El Padre Ken, administradores parroquiales, y los ministros dieron la bienvenida a las nuevas familias de la parroquia en un ambiente festivo. Gracias al evento, 20 familias fueron registradas como nuevos feligreses en la parroquia.

Actualmente, el ministerio de Corresponsabilidad está desarrollando su día de compromiso. El Padre Ken le pedirá a los feligreses a comprometerse a vivir un estilo de vida corresponsable el fin de

semana del 6 y 7 de octubre del 2018. Los feligreses tendrán la oportunidad de comprometerse a servir en un ministerio, dar una cantidad monetaria y crear un espacio de oración en sus vidas por medio de una tarjeta de compromiso.

¡Felicidades a la Parroquia de Christ the Savior por promover un estilo de vida Corresponsable! Si les gustaría invitar a más personas a su parroquia, crear nuevos ministerios, e incrementar la colecta

dominical, favor de contactar a Karina Sandoval, Coordinadora de Corresponsabilidad al 915-872-8412 o al ksandoval@elpasodiocese.org



## Mass Attendance Count 2018

Dear Catholic community of El Paso, our next Diocesan Mass Attendance Count will be held on Saturday, October 20 and 21,

2018 in all parishes from our Diocese. Please make sure to attend with your family and/or invite a friend to attend Mass.

The Catholic Diocese of El Paso is a faith community that keeps growing every day! For more information on our next

Diocesan Mass Attendance Count, please contact Karina Sandoval, Stewardship Coordinator for the Foundation for the Diocese of

El Paso at 915-872-8412 or at ksandoval@elpasodiocese.org

## Conteo de Asistencia en Misa 2018

Querida comunidad católica de El Paso, nuestro siguiente Conteo de Asistencia en Misa será el 20 y 21 de octubre del 2018 en todas las parroquias de nuestra Diócesis.

Asegúrese de asistir con su familia e invitar a un amigo a asistir a Misa. La Diócesis Católica de El Paso es una comunidad de fe que continúa creciendo cada día.

Para más información sobre nuestro siguiente Conteo de Asistencia en Misa, favor de contactar a Karina Sandoval, Coordinadora en

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## History of the Saint Patrick Franciscan Fraternity

By Richard Gutierrez, OFS

The St. Patrick Franciscan Fraternity was formally established at St. Patrick Cathedral on January 6, 1925, in affiliation with the Sacred Heart Province of Chicago. The official canonical establishment date was October 4, 1928, with 40 charter members. In 1961 formal affiliation was transferred to the Santa Barbara Province and spiritual assistance was assigned to the Franciscan friars of Holy Cross Retreat House in Mesilla, New Mexico.

In 1967 the Fraternity was deactivated as membership had significantly declined but surviving Secular Franciscans

continued to live the Franciscan spirit in their daily lives. In 1972 four of the Seculars led by Mary Miller OFS succeeded in reactivating the Fraternity. Their dedication and commitment with the assistance of Fr. Cervantes OFM resulted in the official reactivation of the Fraternity. In 1980 the Fraternity transferred affiliation to Our Lady of Guadalupe Province that includes West Texas and New Mexico. Many dedicated Franciscan and priests have faithfully served the fraternity as spiritual assistants, notably Fr. John Stowe OFM, now Bishop Stowe who blessed us with his support from 1998 to 2010. Fr. Tom Smith OFM

has served the Fraternity since 2011 until today. The Fraternity is grateful for the support and commitment of past and present spiritual assistants. They have been a true blessing.

Formal gatherings of the Fraternity have moved from St. Patrick, to Roger Bacon Seminary, to Holy Family parish, and now back home to St. Patrick. You are invited to our regular meetings which are held on the third Sunday of the month at 2:30 pm in the St. Patrick Ministry Center.

Come and see what Secular Franciscans are all about. Our two major apostolates are to provide financial assistance to the

Poor Clares in Ciudad Juárez and sharing a monthly dinner with homeless senior residents of the Magoffin Senior Residence facility.

It is with great joy that we are celebrating the 90th anniversary of the canonical establishment of the Fraternity. As seculars, we try to live according to the values and



guiding principles of our beloved St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you for joining us, peace and goodwill to all.

## Historia de la Fraternidad de San Patricio

Translation: Adelina Frisbie, OFS

La Fraternidad de San Patricio fue formalmente establecida en la Catedral de San Patricio el 6 de Enero, 1925 afiliada con los miembros de la Provincia del Sagrado Corazón de Chicago. En 1961 la afiliación oficial fue transferida a la Provincia de Santa Bárbara y la asistencia espiritual fue asignada a los Frailes Franciscanos de Holy Cross Retreat House en Mesilla, Nuevo México.

En 1967 la Fraternidad fue desactivada, ya que la membresía decline significativamente, pero

sobrevivieron Franciscanos Seglares que continuaron viviendo el espíritu Franciscano en sus vidas diarias. En 1972 cuatro de los Seglares guiados por Mary Miller OFS tuvieron éxito en reactivar la Fraternidad. Su dedicación y compromiso, junto con la asistencia de Fr. Tarsicio Cervantes OFM resultó en la reactivación de la Fraternidad. En 1980 la Fraternidad fue transferida a la afiliación de la Provincia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que incluye el poniente de Texas y Nuevo México. Muchos Franciscanos

Seglares y Sacerdotes han servido fielmente a esta Fraternidad como Asistentes Espirituales, notablemente Fr. John Stowe OFM Conv, ahora Obispo Stowe quien nos bendijo con su apoyo desde 1998 a 2010. Fr. Tom Smith OFM Conv, ha servido a la Fraternidad desde el 2011 hasta esta fecha. La Fraternidad está agradecida por el apoyo y el compromiso de todos los Asistentes Espirituales del pasado y del presente. Todos ellos han sido una bendición.

Las reuniones formales de la

Fraternidad han cambiado de San Patricio al Seminario de Roger Bacon, a la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia y en la actualidad, nuevamente regresamos a nuestro hogar en San Patricio. Están invitados a nuestras reuniones regulares el tercer Domingo las 2:30 pm, Vengan a Ver lo que hacemos los Franciscanos Seglares y lo que somos. Nuestros apostolados mayores son proveer asistencia económica a las religiosas Clarisas en Ciudad Juárez y compartimos una cena con los adultos mayores residentes del

Magoffin Senior Residence facility.

Con gran alegría estamos celebrando nuestro 90th aniversario del establecimiento canónico de la Fraternidad. Como seglares tratamos de vivir de acuerdo con los valores y las guías principales de nuestro amado San. Francisco de Asis. Les agradeceremos nos acompañen. Paz y Bien.

# Wilbert Colas Answered God's Call, Now He Needs Your Support



Wilbert Colas was raised in West Haiti and is one

of our young men studying to be a Diocesan Priest for the Diocese of El Paso; he is currently serving at Our Lady of Peace in Alpine.

One Sunday, while at mass Wilbert was so inspired by his pastor that he immediately knew he wanted to serve Christ and become a Priest. He continued to be active in his parish and later went on to live in the capital of Haiti, where his love of the church grew and lead him to Costa Rica where his faith was questioned.

While in Costa Rica Wilbert would meet and befriend Father Rolando Fonseca of El Paso, Texas. During their many conversations Father Fonseca discussed our beautiful Catholic Community in the Diocese of El Paso and the opportunity to serve while studying at St. Charles Seminary. Meeting with Father Fonseca and meeting with Fr. Miguel Angel Sanchez impacted him greatly and he choose to leave behind family and friends to begin his

studies.

Wilbert is one of the amazing young men currently studying to becoming your priest, he and the 27 other young men need your support. The journey to become a priest is long and your prayers and financial support are critical in their success.

If you have already made a pledge or a donation, we thank you and encourage you please continue to support seminarians like Wilbert through Progress the Bishops Annual Appeal. If you have



not yet made your donation or if you need to make a payment on your pledge, please visit [www.progress2018.org](http://www.progress2018.org) or call 915.872.8412 and fulfill your donation today.

# Wilbert Colas Respondió al Llamado de Dios, Ahora Necesita Tu Apoyo

Wilbert Colas se crio en el oeste de Haití, hoy, es uno de nuestros jóvenes que estudia para ser sacerdote diocesano en El Paso. Actualmente él está sirviendo en Nuestra Señora de la Paz en Alpine.

Un domingo, durante Misa, Wilbert estaba tan inspirado por su pastor, que inmediatamente supo que quería servir a Cristo y convertirse en sacerdote. Continuó siendo activo en su parroquia, luego se fue a vivir a la capital de Haití, donde creció su amor por la iglesia y

lo llevó a Costa Rica, donde se cuestionó su fe.

Mientras estaba en Costa Rica, Wilbert se encontraría y se haría amigo del padre Rolando Fonseca, de El Paso, Texas. Durante sus muchas conversaciones, el Padre Fonseca habló sobre nuestra hermosa Comunidad Católica en la Diócesis de El Paso y la oportunidad de servir, mientras estudiaba en el Seminario San Carlos. El encuentro con el Padre Fonseca y el Padre Miguel Ángel Sánchez lo

impactó mucho y eligió dejar a familiares y amigos para comenzar sus estudios.

Wilbert es uno de los varios jóvenes asombrosos que actualmente estudian para convertirse en su sacerdote, él y los otros 27 jóvenes necesitan de su apoyo. El viaje para convertirse en sacerdote es largo y sus oraciones y apoyo financiero son fundamentales para su éxito.

Si ya ha hecho usted un compromiso de promesa o donación, le agradecemos

enormemente y lo alentamos a que continúe apoyando a los seminaristas como Wilbert, a través de sus oraciones y de Progreso, la Campaña Anual del Obispo. Si aún no ha hecho su donación, o si necesita hacer un pago sobre su compromiso, favor de visitarnos en: [www.progress2018.org](http://www.progress2018.org) o, llamarnos al: 915.872.8412 para y cumplir con su promesa/donación, hoy mismo.



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# Catholic Foundation Honors Religious Sisters, Raises \$90,358 at 12th Annual Foundation of Faith Dinner



The Catholic Foundation raised \$90,358 during the 12th Annual Foundation of Faith Dinner through sponsorships, table and ticket sales, silent and live auctions, and donations. The crowd was captivated by the eloquent keynote speaker, Colleen Carroll Campbell, who prose, knowledge of the saints,

reached the \$15 million mark and we're on our way to our goal of \$25 million. The Catholic Foundation manages 89 separate endowment funds within the Catholic Legacy Fund and our distributions from endowment this year totaled \$524,807.

While growing the endowment funds, the Foundation continues to meet the immediate needs of the Diocese of El Paso through grants and the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Stewardship Program reaches our community through training and workshops, focusing on living a life of prayer, service and giving, and the Foundation Scholars Program is giving students from all over El Paso life changing opportunities to attend Catholic schools. 141 students received \$208,361 in scholarships for the 2018-2019

With 2 transitional deacons on their way to being ordained to the Priesthood, 25 seminarians in formation, 3,000 Catholic school students, 19,000 students enrolled in parish catechetical programs, and ever growing and expanding diocesan ministries, the work of El Paso's Catholic Foundation is more vital than ever before. Our continued growth and success is only possible with your support. This year's Foundation of Faith Dinner is evidence of this support. With your help, we intend to accomplish even more in the years ahead.

The Foundation of Faith Dinner aims to bring the community together to celebrate our Catholic faith, experience the wisdom and grace of renowned national and international speakers, and disseminate the Stewardship message of "Pray. Serve. Give." We look forward to seeing you in 2019 at the 13th Annual Foundation of Faith Dinner.

Colleen Carroll Campbell's books include her bestselling spiritual memoir, *My Sisters the Saints*. Her newest



Keynote Speaker Colleen Carroll Campbell and Sister Ida Berresheim, CSJ  
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Keynote Speaker Colleen Carroll Campbell captivates the audience.  
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and candor, were both riveting and refreshing. MC Felipa Solis effortlessly weaved together the theme of the evening with the purpose of the event, and made guests, honorees, dignitaries, and our keynote feel special.

The day began with a VIP invitation-only stewardship luncheon at Loretto Academy for women from all walks of life sponsored by Rosario Licón in memory of her mother, Esperanza S. de Baeza †, and culminated with the cocktail reception and dinner at the El Paso Convention Center in the evening.

The Dei Gratia Awards were presented to the Sisters of Loretto and the Daughters of Charity by Loretto Academy 1970 graduate, Jo Soto, and Julie Gallardo, a 1957 graduate of the Hotel Dieu School of Nursing during the Foundation of Faith Dinner. Many were moved to tears as they watched the inspirational videos created by Joe Najera for the celebration. The Dei Gratia Award, Latin for "By the Grace of God", recognizes an individual, couple, or organization for their servant leadership, outstanding contribution to the Diocese of El Paso and our Catholic community, and their dedication to being good stewards of God's grace.

Proceeds from the annual dinner benefit the Foundation whose only purpose is to serve the Catholic Church in the Diocese of El Paso. 100% of the proceeds from all needs packages, like fuel for our religious serving West Texas, benefit the designated school, need, parish, charity, or fund. Different needs are highlighted each year at the Foundation of Faith Dinner. It's through the cooperative efforts of the churches, schools, parishioners, and diocesan ministries that the Foundation has flourished.

We would like to thank you on behalf of the diocese we serve—communities from El Paso to Presidio to Monahans—55 parishes, 17 mission churches, 10 Catholic schools, 17 diocesan ministries and more than 600,000 Catholics. We are a united community of faith as was evidenced by the joy and generosity we witnessed at the event and feel all year long. From a start-up Foundation in 2001, the Catholic Foundation has grown to be a philanthropic leader in our community with more than \$16 million in assets. The Catholic Legacy Fund

school year.

book, *Holy Perfectionists: How the Saints Taught Me to Trade My Dream of Perfect for God's*, will be published by Simon & Schuster in May. Visit her online at [www.colleen-campbell.com](http://www.colleen-campbell.com).

*For information about the Foundation of Faith Dinner and the Catholic Legacy Fund, or to view the inspiring Dei Gratia videos, please contact Major Gifts Officer Sofia Larkin at 915.872.8412 or [slarkin@elpasodiocese.org](mailto:slarkin@elpasodiocese.org). To learn more about the Catholic Foundation's work and events, please visit [elpasodiocesefoundation.org](http://elpasodiocesefoundation.org).*

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<p><b>Fr. Tony Celino - Catholic Italy</b>                  April 23 - May 5, 2019 (11 Days)  <b>\$4,599 Per Person</b>  <b>ROME - VATICAN - VENICE &amp; MORE!</b>  <b>Limited to 40 Travelers</b></p>	<p><b>Fr. Beto Lopez - Steps of St. John Paul II</b>                  Aug. 28 - Sept. 6, 2019 (10 Days)  <b>\$4,399 Per Person</b>  <b>WARSAW-KRAKOW- VIENNA-BUDAPEST</b>  <b>Limited to 35 Travelers</b></p>

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<p><b>Fr. Tony Celino</b>                  August 17 - 26, 2020 (10 Days)  <b>\$5,699 Per Person</b>  <b>Germany - Austria - Switzerland</b>  <b>Limited to 45 Travelers</b></p>	<p><b>Fr. Saul Pacheco &amp; Fr. Mariano Lopez</b>                  (Tour will be in Spanish)                  September 8 - 15, 2020 (8 Days)  <b>\$4,699 Per Person</b>  <b>Limited to 38 Travelers</b></p>

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