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The Easter Season, A New Life

By Rosa Thorpe, Religious Formation Director of St. Patrick

“Brothers and Sisters. Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live in newness of life.” (Romans 6: 3-4)

The Easter bells never sounded so triumphant and joyful. The sanctuary is abundantly dressed in Easter lilies. The Paschal Candle burns brightly. The water is flowing in the baptismal font. All the angels and saints in heaven have been invited to this most holy celebration; the community of saints present at this holy event is set to witness the beginning of new life. Those that recently became “the Elect” – God’s chosen ones – have just rejected Satan and all his false promises; they have just committed themselves to begin a new life in Jesus Christ with the help of this their new community.

At six years old, he asked to be baptized. Now in the fourth grade and after having studied and prepared for the last three years, he is about to become a new creation; he is about to be marked a child of God forever. Her parents had been unable to find adequate godparents, but tonight our school third grader will become one of us to continue studying at this parochial school as a full member of the Catholic Church. For the last three years he chose to journey with the youth in their confirmation program because he felt welcomed and embraced by them. Tonight, he will join these friends that recently confirmed their faith and continue to serve alongside them.

Doubt and indecision marked the initiation process for our Afghanistan veteran; however, God knows the time, the place and the way he will call all of us to the water. Now he looks forward to moving on beyond his experiences in the war and to build a new life with this community and with his future bride. “I love to play my instrument and sing for the Lord,” our musician commented at the beginning of this preparation process. Although he has been unable to participate with his favorite choir for the past eight months, this night, they have played and sung for one of their own in praise and glory for the Lord. This, our musician has learned is what we do – we use all our gifts for the praise and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ and they are magnified – they are given to us to be shared. After surviving a vicious attack that left him in the hospital for months, our survivor will declare that “he believes and professes all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God” and come into full communion of the Catholic Church. “I did not see light when I was near

death; I just saw darkness.” His teary eyes reveal that he is ready to allow the Body and Blood of Christ to flow through his veins; he lost a lot of blood in the attack; this is his second chance. Joining him is our new mother who is married to a Catholic and baptized her child when he was two months old. She will be moving to the East Coast this summer and continue to share with her son how this community welcomed her and her baby into the classroom as part of any family united to share the presence of our Lord. The journey has been difficult for our mother of a boy and girl tweens; married for ten years to a Catholic, she wants to be a good Catholic role model for her children. The community looks forward to developing a closer relationship with her and her daughter who is preparing to receive her sacraments at the Easter Vigil of 2019; the foundation is set. Our military officer thought this year would be a quiet one to come into full communion of the Catholic Church—it has not been. However, he knows that this community is in constant prayer for his safety and for his family as he comes and goes to fulfill his commitment to our country. He looks forward to retirement so that he may spend more time doing the work of the Lord; he does realize though that his humility and his current relationship to the Lord touch the lives of many of his soldiers; all his decisions must serve the Lord.

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Change Is Good

Every weekend I worked from home. For as long as I have been a professional I was always on. I wore my company brand on my sleeve and flashed that logo every chance I got. I worked in media my entire career and lived to work. I fed off stress and loved the rush of working under pressure. For twenty years, I worked chasing a number, a budget, a revenue goal. I had the privilege of working on the revenue side of media on the teams that sell the advertising. I lived in the profit margin connected to a “pace to last year’s revenue” ivy bag.

One Saturday morning, I was sitting at the breakfast table with my two youngest children of four, Luka, six and Mary, five. As I typed away on my laptop the two ate cereal. Luka began to talk and to this day I cannot tell you what he said because I was too busy being connected to my work desk via internet connection. As I typed away intensely working on a proposal or email or spreadsheet, I couldn’t hear a word my son was telling me. And then my 5-year-old daughter in the loudest, meanest tone turned to her brother and told him loudly “She’s not listening to you, just like she always does...She’s not listening.”

I was floored. She said it so mean as if to tell him “Be quiet she never hears you”. Teary-eyed he looked down. My heart sank and I stopped working.

When I became a mother, I made a promise to focus on the spirituality of my children. I was raised in El Paso. I grew up in faith at St. Joseph’s Church and in my mother’s kitchen where the rice and beans of my faith nourished my soul. Like many I left El Paso for college and eventually for work and yes, I strayed from the seeds my mother and faith community had planted. Let’s just say thank goodness, my 20s were before Facebook.

Eventually El Paso came calling me home where I continued being an exemplary flawed Catholic. As I grew older and became a mother my roots in faith began to show so when my daughter said this to my son all the “buts” and excuses came flooding forward. I thought: Why is Mary saying this to Luka? How am I not listening? Don’t I give them enough? But I make sure they go to a Catholic school. But we go to church every week as a family. We read bible stories. I help with Children’s Church during each mass. I clothe and bathe and feed them. I have a good work-life balance. But my husband and I married in the church. I grabbed for every excuse why I thought this shouldn’t be happening.

From the mouths of babes, I just got served a hard dose of reality and then I realized our two eldest sons probably got the worst of me. My family was paying a price for my disengagement and over focus on my career. Many women do a great



Nancy Ramos
Director/Editor

job of juggling it all but I unfortunately had allowed my work to take over and I was completely out of balance. I was there but I was not present. If I’m not listening to my kids, who is? And if I’m not listening I’m probably not talking to them either, so who is talking with them? If I’m not engaged...who’s engaging them?

I was going through the motions of my faith’s traditions but losing the point of them. It wasn’t long after this reality check that I realized I was living my life more like Martha and less like Mary. Jesus was present in my kids and I was too busy to be with him through them.

It was time to make a change and do a better “job” at being present for my family. I prayed God would send me an opportunity to use my gifts to glorify him. I prayed for an opportunity to redeem myself and be a better person for His church both at home with my own family and elsewhere with others. He answered and the Diocesan Communications Director/Editor position became vacant. I chose to be the one listening and engaging with Jesus, with my kids, my family, our church community and those outside it.

It can be easy to slip into the habit of being faithful without practicing our faith in everyday life. We forget how Christ is in our everyday routine. If we choose not to slow down enough to listen and to see, we will miss him. We will miss finding the joy he gives us as a gift in the sunrise on our way to work, sharing lunch with coworkers, the man with the Jesus sign at the stoplight, the elderly walking to the bus stop, the changing a diaper, giving our kids a bath, making a meal, washing a dish and even washing my husband’s clothes. I think of everything thus far that I have missed as blessings at home and in my life outside it and I know I have missed a lot.

This Easter Sunday my son Luka Mateo turns seven and our celebration of Jesus’ rising this time more than ever will be beyond the chocolate bunnies and new church clothes. We will take more time to celebrate the everlasting new covenant God made with his people in how we act with each other remembering Jesus gave his body and blood for each and all of us. I will take my time to slow it down, play a game, jump in the balloon and listen to Luka and not just on this birthday. Luka’s middle name Mateo means gift of God and this Easter is perfect timing to celebrate his seven years as my Mateo. We should all take a slowed down moment to celebrate our Mateos too.

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Jesus' Resurrection: The Antidote to Fear

La resurrección de Jesús: El Antídoto para el Miedo

Fear. I don't think many of us acknowledge how much it controls us. Despite all our bravado, contrary to our bold words, the truth is we are afraid.

As children we might have admitted we feared when darkness enveloped us as the lights went out in our bedroom or when the booming thunder rattled the house. But as adults we learned to put on a brave facade and to hide our fears...even sometimes from ourselves. We no longer hear the grunting of monsters under the bed, but now our fears often take a more existential form.

We fear the loss of lifelong companions or of our jobs, or our homes, or our health, or our life. Fear reaches to places within us where we had no idea it might find a foothold. Like some inebriating potion it floods our brains and influences our thoughts, disrupts our reason. Is it reason or is it fear that causes us to look with distrust or even hatred upon the person who is "not from here", the one who does not have the same color of skin or speak the same language, or practice the same religion? Is it reason or is it fear that causes us to build fences and add multiple locks around our homes and possessions, both literally and in figurative ways?

I think a close and honest evaluation of many of our thoughts and actions would uncover this coopting parasite, fear, at the deep root of our conclusions and actions, causing us to choose what appears to be self-preservation over self-giving and paralysis over action.

Where can we find an antidote to the role fear plays in our lives? What secret elixir can free us and permit us to think and speak and act, to reach our full potential as human beings unencumbered by this pervasive toxin?

There are certainly many ways we self-medicate. We use alcohol and drugs, we mentally block and disassociate. We can develop philosophies that seem to throw caution to the wind or to simply put our fears aside. But all this accomplishes is the hiding of our fear behind the veil of our subconscious. It still exerts its inexorable force at the hidden base of our rationalizations.

I know of only one person who faced fear in all its existentially threatening power and overcame it--only one who bequeathed to us a way that conquers fear and leaves it behind. That person is Jesus Christ. He is the man who is truly able to love as God called him to love, to speak as God called him to speak, to do what God called him to do without allowing fear to exercise its conspiratorial control.

Did Christ experience fear? Absolutely! Consider Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. There, facing his coming passion and death, he sweated drops of blood. Although we are usually spared the advance knowledge of the full depth of our suffering, Christ knew fully what was about to unfold. He knew the impact of his words when he confronted the corrupt powers of his day, both religious and civil, and the consequences they would bring for his life. No threats, nor humiliations, nor torture could divert Jesus from the speaking the truth or from his faithfulness to his Heavenly Father.

Certainly we hear stories of men and women through the ages who for altruistic reasons set aside their fear and acted on behalf of people they loved and for the cause of right. Christ is the pinnacle of this self-sacrifice, the source of their grace, the model for their behavior. He is the one who had all to give and gave all. He is the one whom we human beings so thoroughly rejected by our choice of sin, who yet "loved us while we were yet sinners" (Rom. 5:8). We were the enemy for whom he gave his life.

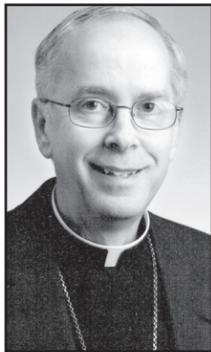
With utter trust in his Heavenly Father, with the knowledge of the prize of eternal life, with a love which no fear could conquer, he loved us unto the last drop of his blood.

The more we allow Christ to enter into our lives the more our lives will share his freedom from the power of fear. Then we too will be able to speak his truth. We will experience his love. We will fearlessly lay down our life with Christ and share the power of his Resurrection!

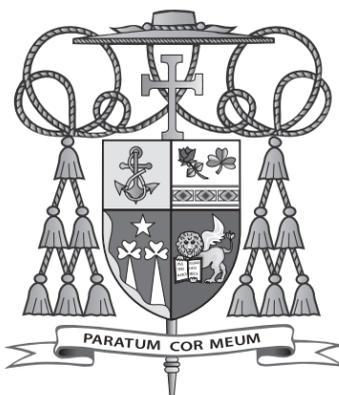
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By
Bishop
Mark J. Seitz



Miedo. Yo creo que muchos de nosotros no reconocemos hasta cuánto nos controla el miedo. A pesar de toda nuestra valentía y contrariamente a nuestras atrevidas palabras, la verdad es que si tenemos miedo.

De niños podríamos haber admitido que temíamos cuando la oscuridad nos envolvía cuando las luces se apagaban en nuestra habitación, o cuando los truenos en pleno auge sacudían la casa. Pero como adultos aprendimos a ponernos una máscara de valentía y a ocultar nuestros temores... incluso a veces de nosotros mismos. Ya no escuchamos el gruñido de monstruos debajo de la cama, pero ahora nuestros miedos a menudo toman una forma más existencial.

Tememos a la pérdida de nuestros compañeros de vida o de nuestros trabajos, o de nuestros hogares, o nuestra salud, o nuestra vida. El miedo llega a lugares dentro de nosotros donde no tenemos ni idea de que puede este, encontrar un punto de apoyo. Como embriagadora poción, inunda nuestros cerebros, influye en nuestros pensamientos e interrumpe nuestra razón. ¿Es acaso la razón, o el temor lo que nos hace mirar con desconfianza o incluso con odio a la persona "que no es de aquí", que no tiene el mismo color de piel ni habla el mismo idioma, o que no practica la misma religión? ¿Es acaso la razón o el temor que nos hace construir vallas y agregar múltiples cerraduras alrededor de nuestros hogares y posesiones, tanto literalmente como en formas figurativas?

Yo creo que una evaluación cercana y honesta de muchos de nuestros pensamientos y acciones revelaría a este asignado parásito, al miedo, en la profundísima raíz de nuestras conclusiones y acciones, lo que nos lleva a elegir lo que parece ser la auto-preservación sobre la entrega y la parálisis sobre la acción.

¿Dónde podemos encontrar un antídoto para el papel que el miedo juega en nuestras vidas? ¿Qué elixir secreto puede liberarnos y permitirnos pensar, hablar y actuar, para poder alcanzar todo nuestro potencial como seres humanos, libres de esta toxina omnipresente?

Ciertamente hay muchas maneras de auto-medicalizarse. Usamos el alcohol y las drogas para mentalmente bloquearnos y desasociarnos. Podemos desarrollar filosofías que parecen cautivar al viento o simplemente poner nuestros temores a un lado. Pero todo lo que esto logra es ocultar nuestro miedo detrás del velo de nuestro subconsciente. Todavía ejerce su fuerza inexorable en la base oculta

de nuestras racionalizaciones.

Yo sólo conozco a una persona que se enfrentó al miedo en todo su existencial y amenazante poder y lo superó, sólo uno que nos legó un camino que vence al miedo y lo deja atrás. Esa persona es Jesucristo. Él es el hombre que es verdaderamente capaz de amar como Dios lo llamó a amar, de hablar como Dios lo llamó para hablar, de hacer lo que Dios le llamó a hacer, sin permitir que el miedo ejerciera su conspirador control.

¿Acaso Cristo experimentó temor? ¡Absolutamente! Considera a Jesús en el Jardín de Getsemaní. Allí, frente a su venida pasión y muerte, sudaba gotas de sangre. Aunque por lo general se nos ahorra el conocimiento previo de toda la profundidad de nuestro sufrimiento, Cristo sabía perfectamente lo que estaba a punto de desplegarse. Conocía el impacto de sus palabras cuando se enfrentaba a los poderes corruptos de su época, tanto religiosos como civiles, y las consecuencias que traerían para su vida. Ninguna amenaza, ni humillación, ni tortura podrían desviar a Jesús de la verdad o de su fidelidad para con su Padre Celestial.

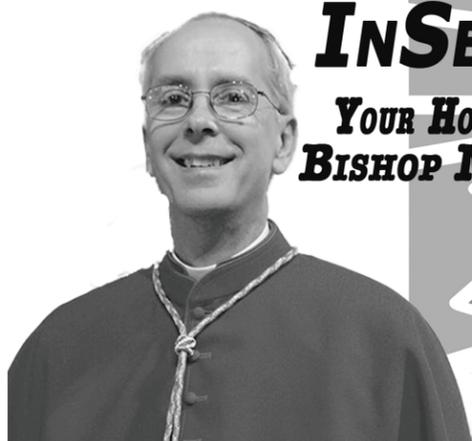
Ciertamente escuchamos historias de hombres y mujeres a través de los siglos que, por razones altruistas, dejaron de lado su temor y actuaron en nombre de las personas a quienes amaban y por la causa del derecho. Cristo es el pináculo de este sacrificio, la fuente de su gracia, el modelo para su conducta. Él es el que tenía todo para dar y lo dio todo. Él es a quien los seres humanos rechazamos tan profundamente por nuestra elección del pecado, que aún nos "amó mientras éramos pecadores" (Romanos 5,8). Éramos el enemigo por quien dio su vida.

Con total confianza en su Padre Celestial, con el conocimiento del premio de la vida eterna, con un amor que ningún temor podría vencer, nos amó hasta la última gota de su sangre.

Cuanto más permitamos que Cristo entre en nuestras vidas, más nuestras vidas compartirán su libertad del poder sobre el miedo. Entonces nosotros también podremos decir su verdad. Experimentaremos su amor. ¡Daremos nuestra vida sin miedo, con Cristo y compartiremos el poder de su resurrección!

¡Felices Pascuas!

Obispo Mark



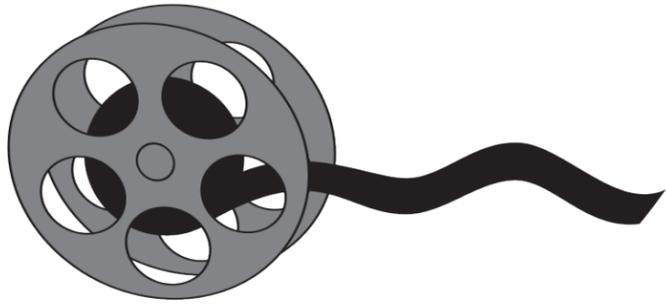
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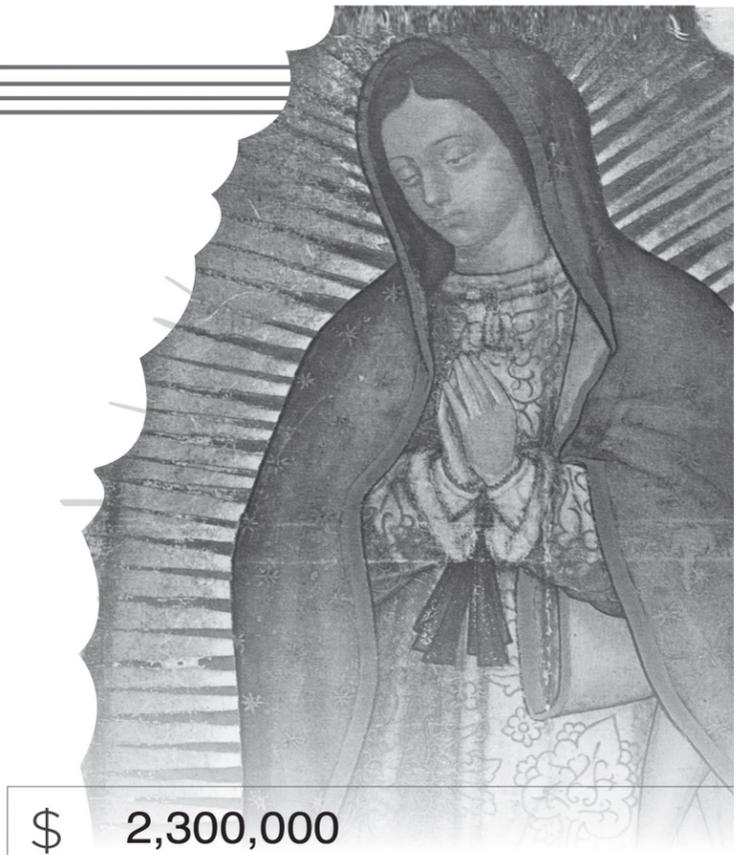


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Sisters of Loretto: Women of Faithful Service

By Sister Janet Gildea, SC

If you've ever taken visitors to the Scenic Overlook to scan our El Paso-Juarez vistas, one unmistakable landmark is Loretto Academy. Since 1879 when the first four Sisters of Loretto arrived in San Elizario to start a school, this congregation of women religious based in Kentucky has been synonymous with education in our border city. In addition to the academy which was the first preparatory school for girls in the southwest, Sisters of Loretto started and staffed many parish schools in the area. What an impact those missionary teaching Sisters have had!

Today's Sisters continue to be educators. At Loretto Academy Sister Buffy Boesen serves as president and Sister Liz Deines teaches theology. They minister alongside dedicated and capable staff who are imbued with the Loretto charism. Such personnel did not exist in the days when hundreds of Sisters of Loretto were missioned to this frontier. In many instances the Sisters prepared their replacements and moved on to discover new frontiers of service. Many lay women and men in El Paso are committed as Co-Members with the Sisters of Loretto. They assist in living the Gospel mission of acting for justice and working for peace.

Located just behind Loretto Academy is Nazareth Living Care Center. Once a retirement and nursing care facility for the Sisters, Nazareth offers a range of rehabilitation and skilled care nursing for frail elders in our community. The Loretto presence is carried by Sister Elisa Rodriguez who tends to the spiritual needs of the residents as chaplain. The Sisters have also responded to the urgent need for short-term shelter of refugees by providing space for them in an unoccupied portion of Nazareth Hall over the past several years.

Sister Helen Santamaria was an educator for more than thirty years, including

four years as president of Loretto Academy. Called to serve the diocese as vice-chancellor in 1996, Sister Helen discovered new applications for her administrative and pastoral skills. In that role she was involved in the decision to re-purpose the diocesan home for the aged near Sacred Heart parish in the Segundo Barrio. Sister Helen and Sister Mary Margaret Murphy, a social worker, responded to the special need for transitional housing for women experiencing homelessness, opening Villa Maria Home in February 2007. The residence provides a safe and supportive community environment for twenty-two women. Sister Mary Margaret guides them with case-management services to help them through times of crisis and instability. Sister Helen continues as an emeritus member of the board of directors and ministers in the diocese as a spiritual director for individuals and retreat groups.

While their numbers have returned to just a handful, the Sisters of Loretto remember what God has done with their "Yes!" to the call in El Paso. They trust that God is continuing to guide them as they steward their gifts to respond to the needs of the times.



Hermanas de Loretto: Mujeres de Servicio Fiel

Por Hna. Janet Gildea, SC

Si alguna vez has llevado a los visitantes a la Scenic Overlook para escanear nuestras vistas de El Paso-Juárez, un punto de referencia inconfundible es la Academia Loretto. Desde 1879, cuando las primeras cuatro Hermanas de Loretto llegaron a San Elizario para fundar una escuela, esta congregación de religiosas de Kentucky ha sido sinónimo de educación en nuestra ciudad fronteriza. Además de la academia que fue la primera escuela preparatoria para niñas en el suroeste, las Hermanas de Loretto comenzaron y proveyeron personal a muchas escuelas parroquiales en el área. ¡Qué impacto han tenido esas Hermanas misioneras!



Las hermanas de hoy continúan siendo educadoras. En la Academia Loretto la hermana Buffy Boesen sirve como presidenta y la hermana Liz Deines enseña teología. Ellas ministran junto a personal dedicado y capaz que están imbuidos con el carisma de Loretto. Tal personal no existía en los días en que cientos de hermanas de Loretto fueron misionadas a esta frontera. En muchos casos las hermanas prepararon sus reemplazos y siguieron adelante para descubrir nuevas fronteras de servicio. Muchas mujeres y hombres laicos en El Paso están comprometidos como Co-Miembros con las Hermanas de Loretto. Ayudan a vivir la misión evangélica de actuar por la justicia y trabajar por la paz.



Situado justo detrás de la Academia Loretto se encuentra Nazareth Living Care Center. Originalmente un centro de retiro y cuidado de enfermería para las Hermanas, Nazareth ofrece una amplia gama de rehabilitación y cuidado de enfermos especializados para ancianos débiles en nuestra comunidad. La presencia de Loretto es llevada por la hermana Elisa Rodríguez que tiende a las necesidades espirituales de los residentes como capellán. Las Hermanas también han respondido a la necesidad urgente de albergue a corto plazo de refugiados proporcionándoles espacio en una porción desocupada de Nazareth Hall durante los últimos años.

La hermana Helen Santamaria fue educadora por más de treinta años,

incluyendo cuatro años como presidenta de la Academia Loretto. Llamada a servir a la diócesis como vice-cancillera en 1996, la hermana Helen descubrió nuevas aplicaciones para sus habilidades administrativas y pastorales. En ese papel estuvo involucrada en la decisión de re-propósito de la casa diocesana para ancianos cerca de la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón en el Segundo Barrio. La hermana Helen y la hermana Mary Margaret Murphy, una trabajadora social, respondieron a la necesidad especial de viviendas de transición para mujeres sin hogar, inaugurando Hogar Villa Maria en febrero de 2007. La residencia proporciona un ambiente comunitario seguro y de apoyo para veintidós mujeres. La Hermana Mary Margaret las guía con servicios de manejo de casos para ayudarlas en tiempos de crisis e inestabilidad. La hermana Helen continúa como miembro emérita de la mesa directiva y en la diócesis como director espiritual para individuos y grupos de retiros.

Mientras que sus números han vuelto a sólo un puñado, las Hermanas de Loretto recordar lo que Dios ha hecho con su "Sí!" a la llamada en El Paso. Confían en que Dios continúa guiándolas mientras administran sus dones para responder a las necesidades de los tiempos.



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The Special Offering for the Major Seminarians Program will be held on the weekend of April 22 and 23, 2017.

One of the most pressing needs in the Diocese of El Paso is the recruitment and education of seminarians. The purpose of the Major Seminarian Office is to provide for the pastoral care of the diocesan seminarians and offer them support and guidance once they have entered one of the major seminaries. One of the greatest success stories of our Diocese is its efforts in the last few years in increasing the number of seminarians who will dedicate their lives to the service of the church and God's people. Currently the Diocese of El Paso has 21 seminarians studying at Assumption Seminary (San Antonio), Mundelein Seminary (Chicago), St. Mary's Seminary (Houston), Conception Seminary College (Missouri) and Sacred Heart in Milwaukee. The Diocese expects a total of 25 seminarians during the next academic year starting in August. The Diocese must cover the expenses of the students' tuition, room and board, and medical insurance.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be held on the weekend of April 29 and 30, 2017.

This annual appeal supports the work of mission parishes in the United States and its dependencies. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal extends and strengthens the presence of the Church by providing basic pastoral services in areas that struggle to provide such necessities on their own. Such assistance is essential to the scattered and isolated churches of the Appalachian Mountains, West Texas, the rural South and the islands of the Caribbean and the Pacific. Your support of missions in the United States helps strengthen:



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A portion of the funds collected nationally each year is returned to the Diocese of El Paso in the form of a grant for the West Texas Ministry, the Seminarian Formation Program, Tepeyac Institute, and the Marriage and Family Life Ministry.

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Algunos católicos creen que la cuestión de Vida y Familia es solo un área de pequeña importancia en la vida de la Iglesia y a veces hasta opcional. Y creen que como laicos comprometidos las cosas más importantes son las que suceden dentro de los muros de la parroquia. Ciertamente, la vida interna de la parroquia es muy importante, pero no es menos importante lo que sucede afuera de esos muros; es decir, la acción del laico en la sociedad (cfr. *christifideles laici*). De hecho, nuestro principal papel como laicos, lo desempeñamos en los ambientes en que nos desarrollamos. Allí, en esos ambientes, es donde nos debemos de santificar, como por ejemplo, la vida familiar y el trabajo, el ejército y la política, por solo mencionar algunos. Obviamente, el asistir a grupos parroquiales, comunidades cristianas, nos debe de retroalimentar para luego volver al campo de acción. La frecuencia de los sacramentos, la vida de oración, la formación y las prácticas de piedad nos deben de servir para poder desenvolvernos con coherencia y constancia en nuestra vida diaria. También, esto nos debe de llevar al conocimiento de la Verdad (“...y nos hará libres”, San Juan 8,32) y poder distinguir que los actos humanos no tienen el mismo peso moral ni ético.

El servicio en el área de la defensa y promoción de la vida y la familia, se debe convertir en un común denominador para muchos ministerios de diversos carismas en la Iglesia. Ya que “la vida” es el derecho más importante del humano, porque sin “la vida”, no existe ningún otro derecho para un individuo. Por otro lado, en el credo constantinopolitano, reconocemos que el Espíritu Santo, es el “Señor y dador de Vida”. Así lo hemos reconocido desde el año 381. Es el

Espíritu Santo quien se hace presente en el momento de la concepción en el acto conyugal para dar vida a un nuevo ser. Es el Espíritu Santo, el Espíritu Creador, tal como recita la oración del *Veni Creator*. En fin, creo que estamos de acuerdo en todo esto.

Por lo tanto, en base a lo anterior podemos decir que alguien que promueve y defiende la vida, a su vez promueve y defiende la acción del Espíritu Santo. En este sentido, podemos decir que aquellos servidores y defensores de la vida, no son sino servidores y defensores del Espíritu Santo. Promotores de un pentecostes que se lleva a cabo constantemente en la vida de la Iglesia. Por lo anterior, podemos concluir que el servicio a “la vida” es un auténtico servicio a Dios “Espíritu Santo”, por lo que El nos dará su ayuda y asistencia en todo lo que hagamos. Defendiendo la Familia y la Vida, defendemos al “Señor y Dador de Vida”, que es el Espíritu Santo. Los servidores de la causa provida y profamilia, debemos de incrementar nuestra devoción al Espíritu Santo y los miembros de grupos y movimientos que promueven la devoción al Espíritu Santo, e incluso lo invocan con frecuencia en sus actividades, deberían de tener una inclinación natural a la causa de la Vida y la Familia.

El ser humano, al aferrarse a destruir “la vida”, al cerrarse a ella, se cierra a la acción del Espíritu Santo en su vida, y fácilmente se pudiera convertir en un promotor de la cultura de la muerte, no importa las veces que lo invoque. A veces, me da la sensación, que creemos que somos más inteligentes que Dios. Que vemos las cosas mejor que El. Y preferimos vivir una vida incongruente con lo que profesamos en la Iglesia y esto nos aleja de la voluntad de Dios y la confianza en la Divina Providencia.

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Spring Clean Your Soul

By Karina Sandoval

It is that time of the year when we need to clean our house; check the things that we need and leave behind the things we do not. It is not only the physical things that we need to review and clean out, but also our mind and soul. Leaving behind is not always easy, but God always promises a better tomorrow. "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke, 9:62)

Maybe this spring God is calling us to leave behind our solitude, fears, resentments, sin, consumerism, and control. Here are some tips to spring clean your soul.

1) Choose communion and relationship.

This spring I propose leaving behind the solitude and our individualism when we have the opportunity to be in communion with others. Especially with the ones who feel lonely, who suffer or are without hope. As God remind us "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

2) Pray, then Go where Called.

Sometimes our fears can makes us feel stuck, preventing us from following the path that God is calling us to. It takes courage to "go" like Abraham did in the Old Testament. Clean your fears and increase your time with Jesus. "When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (Matthew 6:6)

3) Love Thyself.

Self-care is not selfish. Jesus reminds us the greatest two commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

4) Practice Material Simplicity.

The more we worry about material "stuff" the less time we have with our relationships, God, people or our community.

5) Make Room for Spontaneity

If life is too tightly scheduled, we do not make room for spontaneity in our daily routine. It is in these spontaneous moments when God will make us aware of His divine presence.

This Lent, take time to spring clean your soul. Reflection and prayer will help all of us to live as "good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

For more information on the Spirituality of Stewardship and creating a Stewardship Ministry in your parish, contact Karina Sandoval, Stewardship Coordinator, Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso, ksandoval@elpasodiocese.org, (915) 872-8412.



Refresca Tu Alma

Por Karina Sandoval

Es ese tiempo del año donde necesitamos limpiar nuestra casa; revisar cuales son las cosas que necesitamos y cuales de ellas necesitamos dejar a un lado. No es solamente las cosas materiales que necesitamos limpiar, si no también nuestra mente y alma. Dejar atrás nunca es fácil pero Dios siempre nos promete un mejor mañana. "El que pone la mano en el arado y sigue mirando atrás, no sirve para el Reino de Dios." (Lucas, 9:62)

Tal vez en esta Cuaresma Dios nos esta llamando a dejar atrás nuestra soledad, miedos, resentimientos, pecado, consumismo y control. Aquí te dejo unas recomendaciones para refrescar tu alma.

1) Siempre escoge Comunidad y Relación

En esta Cuaresma propongo dejar a un lado la soledad e individualismo cuando tenemos la oportunidad de estar en comunión con los demás. Especialmente con aquellos que se sienten solos, que sufren y que están sin esperanza. Dios nos recuerda que "Les aseguro que todo lo que no hicieron por una de estas personas mas humildes, tampoco por mi lo hicieron." (Mateo 25:40)

2) Ora, después Ve

A veces nuestros miedos nos hacen sentir estancados y no nos permiten dirigirnos hacia donde Dios nos llama. Toma de mucha valentía de "ir" como Abraham lo hizo en el Antiguo Testamento. Deja a un lado los miedos e incrementa tu tiempo con Jesus. "Pero tu cuando ores, entra en tu cuarto, cierra la puerta y ora a tu Padre que ve en lo secreto. Y tu Padre, que ve lo que haces en secreto, te dará tu premio." (Mateo 6:6)

3) Amate a Ti Mismo

El autocuidado no es ser egoístas. Jesús nos recuerda los mandamientos mas importantes: "Ama al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todas tus fuerzas y con toda tu mente, y ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo." (Lucas 10:27)

4) Practica la Simplicidad Material

Entre mas nos preocupamos sobre "cosas" materiales menos es el tiempo que tenemos para nuestros seres queridos.

5) Haz un Espacio para la Espontaneidad

Si la vida esta demasiado ocupada, no hacemos un espacio para la espontaneidad en nuestra rutina diaria. Es en estos momentos espontáneos en donde Dios nos hace sentir de su presencia divina.

Esta Cuaresma, date el tiempo de limpiar tu alma. La reflexión y la oración nos ayudara q todos a vivir "como buenos administradores de los diferentes dones de Dios." (1 Pedro 4:10)

Para mas información sobre la Espiritualidad de la Corresponsabilidad y sobre como crear un ministerio de Corresponsabilidad en la parroquia, contactar a Karina Sandoval, Coordinadora de Corresponsabilidad, Fundación para la Diócesis de El Paso, ksandoval@elpasodiocese.org, (915) 872-8412.



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The Diocese of El Paso celebrated the third annual Mass of Atonement and Hope on March 11, 2017. All victims of abuse of any kind, whether the abuse occurred within the church, in the family or society were invited to attend. Bishop Mark Seitz asked us all to "Continue to pray earnestly and daily for all victims of the terrible crime of child sexual abuse."

Thank all who have answered this call to service and compassion as Parish and School Safe Environment Coordinators. Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon his followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children.

Our faith also calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person.

"Let us find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated. In this area, let us adhere, clearly and faithfully, to "zero tolerance".

-Pope Francis in a letter to bishops on the Feast of the Holy Innocents- Dec. 28, 2016.

The Safe Environment Office will continue its ministry to offer programs that teach and bring awareness to our families in the Diocese of El Paso.

For further information, please visit the Safe Environment page at www.elpasodiocese.org or contact Diana Mendez Bulko, MPS, Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator at 915-872-8427 or via email at dbulko@elpasodiocese.org.

For Victims Assistance, please visit www.elpasodiocese.org/victims-assistance.html or contact Susan Martinez, LCSW, Victims Assistance Coordinator, at (915) 872-8465.

THE CALL TO ADVOCATE FOR LIFE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IS THE MINISTRY OF ALL CATHOLICS

By Marco Raposo, Dir., Peace & Justice Diocesan Ministry



On the upcoming April 4th, thousands of Catholics from all 15 dioceses in Texas will gather in Austin under the leadership of the TCCB (Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops), which is the public policy voice of the Church, to advocate for life and social justice, as well as promote the tenets of our

Catholic faith to our policymakers. For that purpose, the TCCB has a legislative agenda that helps to guide the Catholics during this legislative work.

Every other year, Texas legislators gather in Austin to craft legislation that will impact the lives of millions of Texans. As Catholics, we have both the right and responsibility to come to the "legislative table" bringing the teachings of our social doctrine with the intention of fostering the common good, that is, the good of all people. We do this because Catholic social doctrine teaches us that legislation has a moral dimension and we are always concerned particularly with the impact of these laws on the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable.

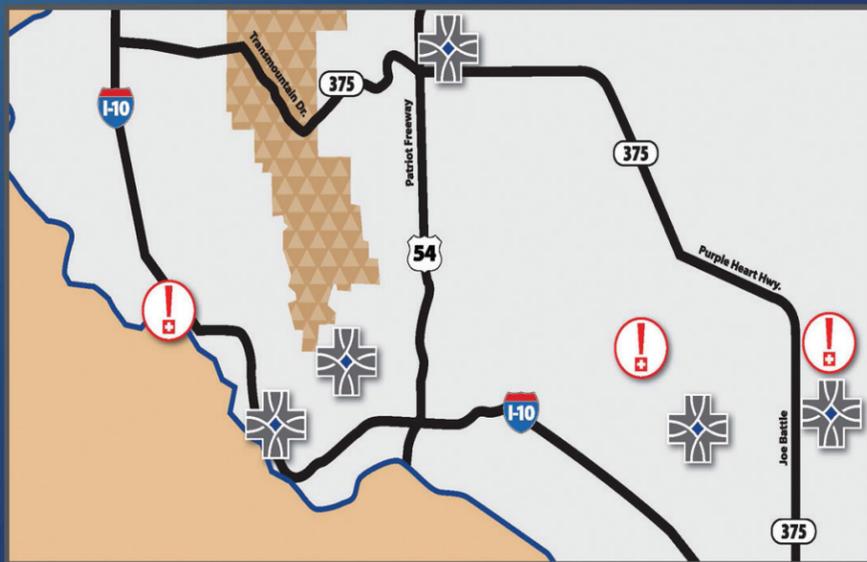
From our Diocese of El Paso, we will join our Bishop Seitz with a delegation of a little over 50 people visit with legislators and rally around the legislative priorities of the Catholic Church in Texas. We have been preparing since last year and have also done legislative visits locally with most of the 11 legislators that our diocese encompasses – 7 house representatives and 4 state senators, from El Paso to Kermit to Presidio.

For 2017, the Bishops in Texas have defined the following legislative priorities:

- PROMOTING LIFE:** supporting alternatives to abortion, the proper burial or cremation of unborn children by miscarriage and/or abortion, the prohibition of lawsuits for wrongful birth, the ban on partial abortion, the prohibition of abortion coverage on healthcare plans and other insurances, and reform of the advance directives legislation in its applicability to pregnant women to increase transparency.
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE:** supporting the end of the use of the death penalty in the State of Texas and the reform of the Jury Instruction's bill to eliminate language that misguide jury members as to the needed number of jury (the number being one only, not two) that opposes the death penalty in order for it not to be considered in sentencing.
- JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS:** opposition to any legislation, like SB 4, that will turn our local and state law enforcement into immigration enforcement. Opposition to reducing immigrant access to education and healthcare, while supporting alternatives to family detention, state and federal cooperation for refugee resettlement, and above all state support for comprehensive immigration reform. Support for legislation that helps to reduce human trafficking and offers help to survivors.
- CHILDREN & FAMILIES:** reform of the foster care system to increase funding, more agents with lighter caseloads, and, whenever possible, to keep children in family settings with their siblings; also, to include conscience protection in line with religious liberties, so Catholic providers, for example, do not have to place children with same-sex couples nor be forced to provide abortion services to foster children.
- EDUCATION:** passage of the tax credit scholarship legislation that will create funds to offer parents support for educational programs and educational choice. This proposal is not a school voucher but a tax credit. Support also for the improvement of public education.
- POOR & VULNERABLE:** regulation of payday and car title lending practices, as well as better enforcement for wage theft.
- HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:** support for any legislation that helps to expand access to healthcare and close the gap for Texas. In a nutshell, these are the Texas Catholic bishops' priorities for the 85th Texas legislative session. You can find these and much more information on the TCCB webpage at www.tx catholic.org or call the Peace and Justice Ministry at 872-8422.

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Centennial Doors Faithful Witnesses

By Lee Ann Beck, Obl. O.S.B, Liturgy Commission Coordinator of St. Patrick Cathedral

Saint Patrick Cathedral is celebrating 100 years of faith and worship. If those walls could talk! What would they share about the countless liturgies, sacraments, joys and sorrows brought before God in this holy place? Not to mention all the holy people who have passed through those doors, one of them, San Pedro de Jesus Maldonado, who was ordained a priest on January 25, 1918 at St. Patrick Cathedral by Bishop Anthony J Schuler .

I love doors. I especially love the doors of the cathedral. A few weeks ago I had a dream. In this dream I saw many old doors all had been removed from where they were hung and in their place were brand new doors which swung easily in and out. In my dream I was concerned about all the old doors which did not seem to be of consequence to anyone else. In my dream I appreciated the new doors, but wanted to preserve the old doors.

I'm one of the members of the steering committee for all the centennial activities at Saint Patrick Cathedral and some might say that the responsibility of it all creep into my subconscious resulting in this dream. Maybe, but my dream reminded me of the cathedral with its old wooden doors, which are original to the building and should be restored and remain, as they have been for a century now, a gateway for the faithful to enter this sacred space, pray, meditate, receive the sacraments or attend a mass.

Much of what was original to the building has been preserved. Some things such as the original confessionals have been repurposed out of necessity. The original baptistry has been designated as the public access bathroom, and the baptismal font moved to the front of the church. Sadly some things, like the fresco that adorned the arch above the canopy over the high altar was painted over during one of the restoration projects.

What an exciting time it must have been in El Paso 100 years ago. El Paso High School and UTEP had just been completed along with Saint Patrick Cathedral and with a population of over 30,000 El Paso was no longer a dusty little desert town.

So what's happened Saint Patrick Day weekend 2017? To kick off our Centennial celebration there was a banquet Thursday evening, March 16th at Hilton Gardens Inn with honored guests, such as the direct descendents of the first baby baptized at the cathedral, people married over 50 years ago at the cathedral, priests who were ordained or served in different capacities at the Cathedral, lay people who have played critical roles in our history and have amazing stories to tell. Open comments and messages of welcome were presented by Fr Trini Fuentes, the rector of St. Patrick Cathedral and Bishop Mark Seitz.

Saint Patrick's Day, Friday March 17th, started with a Catholic school Mass celebrated by Bishop Seitz, Fr. Trini Fuentes and Fr. Saul Pacheco, followed by

a parade through the neighborhood where Bishop Seitz was the grand marshal riding on the El Paso Catholic Schools award winning float, a replica of St. Patrick Cathedral . Evening Mass was also celebrated by Bishop Seitz which started with a procession of banners representing the many ministries who serve at the cathedral. After a beautiful homily and stories of his family tradition, which has Irish roots, Bishop Seitz thrilled the congregation by singing O Danny Boy before giving the final blessing. After mass all were invited to an amazing assortment of food and drinks in the multipurpose center hosted by the St. Patrick Cathedral Altar Society.

On Saturday, March 18th, the ACTS community sponsored a Shamrock 5k Walk/ Run. Also through the weekend the Altar Society offered guided tours of the Cathedral where brochures and commemorative books were hands out to those who took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about the unique architecture and history of the cathedral. As visitors walked out the center doors and looked up at the stained glass depiction of the great commissioning they are sent on their way with these words , "Going therefore, teach ye all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Sunday after Mass all we treated to punch and cookies.

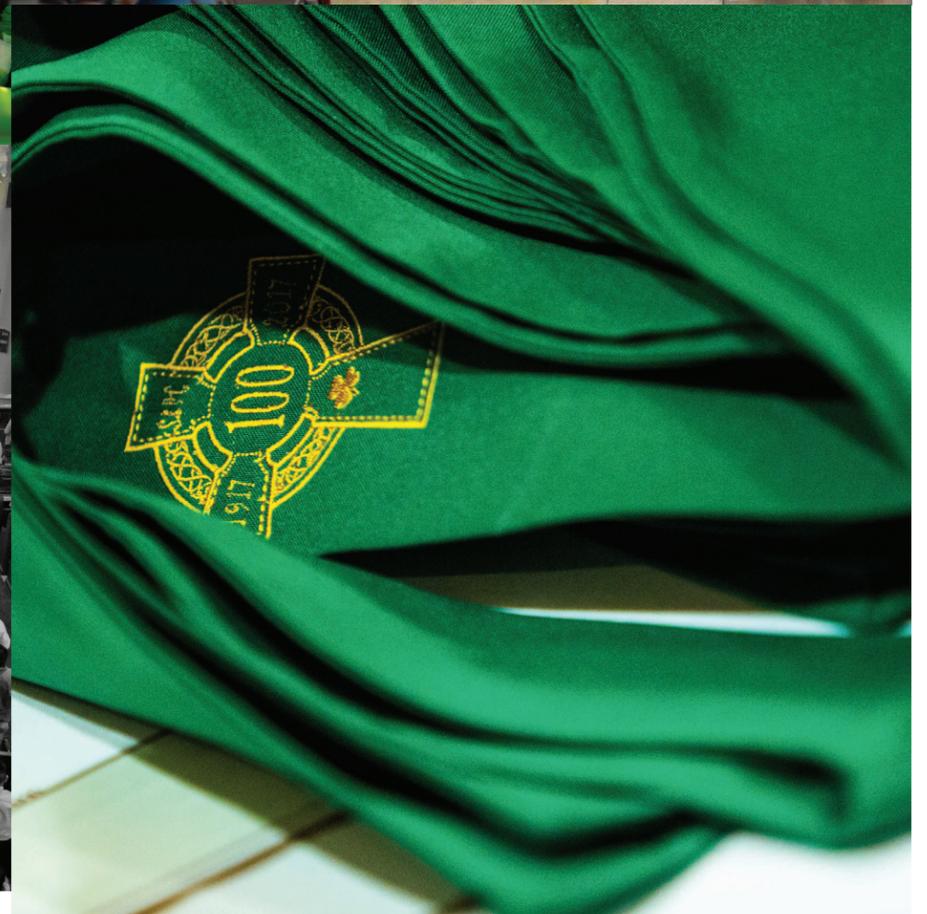
Upcoming activities with dates forth coming

The tours will continue to be offered

A historical photo/video exhibit

The El Paso Museum of History will be honoring St. Patrick Cathedral, Cathedral High School who will be celebrating their 90th anniversary and St Patrick Elementary School who has been in existence since 1923, with a reception open to the public this summer.

Since it's completion St. Patrick Cathedral has faithfully served the people of El Paso For the Greater Glory of God.



Diocese of El Paso Financial Report

Summary Financial Report

This summary report has been compiled from the audited financial statements of the Roman Catholic Diocese of El Paso for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015. This report and the related audited financial statements exclude assets and liabilities of individual parishes, missions, schools and other entities which operate within the Roman Catholic Diocese of El Paso. Each of these is an operating entity distinct from the Diocese and they maintain separate financial records and budgets.

Please note that independent auditors had access to all of our financial accounts before issuing an unqualified opinion on our financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015. This unqualified opinion means that the independent auditors found that the financial statements of the diocese are fairly presented and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 includes the revenues and expenses of the Papal visit to the El Paso/Juarez area in February. It was a once in a lifetime event

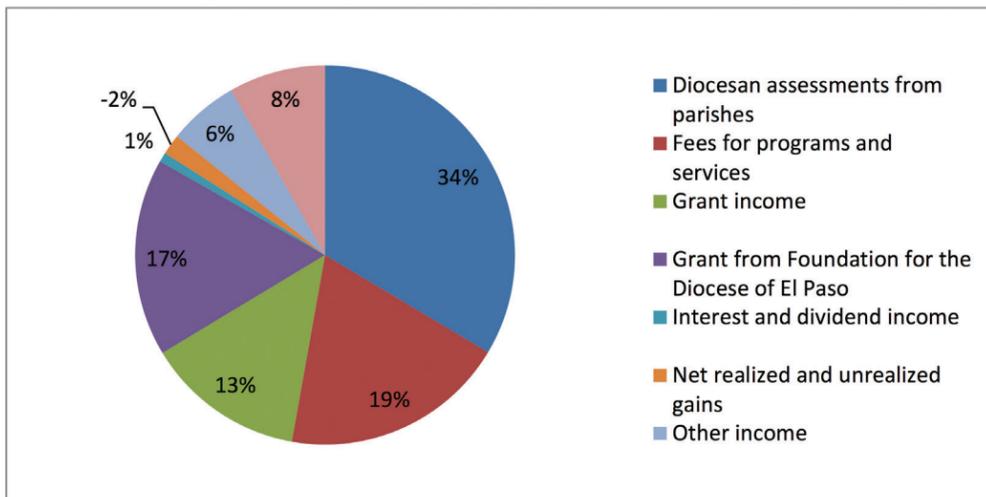
and a true blessing to our region.

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

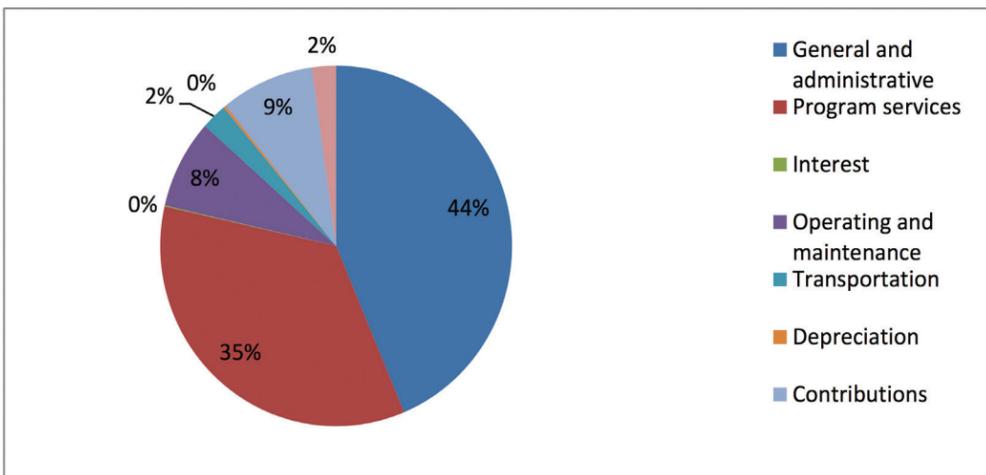
Your comments, suggestions, or questions about these reports can be directed to me, Gregory Watters, Chief Financial Officer at gwatters@elpasodiocese.org.

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

2016 Revenues (Not including Insurance premiums and fees)



2016 Expenses (Not including Insurance premiums and fees)



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EL PASO STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

	2016	2015
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:		
Diocesan assessments from parishes	\$ 2,166,534	\$ 2,130,944
Fees for programs and services	1,241,687	673,016
Grant income	874,823	627,907
Grant from Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso	1,088,074	975,903
Interest and dividend income	52,207	55,661
Net realized and unrealized gains	(112,148)	(35,148)
Other income	386,741	1,075,048
Contribution income	531,970	634,795
Insurance premiums and fees	5,949,481	5,870,228
Total support and revenue	12,179,369	12,008,354
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION		
Satisfaction of restrictions	135,054	221,630
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT AND REVENUE	12,314,423	12,229,984
EXPENSES:		
General and administrative	2,883,550	2,596,470
Program services	2,300,849	969,744
Interest	5,733	36,103
Operating and maintenance	526,864	512,595
Transportation	155,021	116,693
Depreciation	15,573	18,806
Contributions	566,890	784,985
Other	147,182	49,307
Insurance, claims and expenses	6,597,674	6,285,508
Total expenses	13,199,336	11,370,211
MINIMUM PENSION LIABILITY ADJUSTMENT	(306,487)	129,286
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(1,191,400)	989,059
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:		
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:		
Contribution income	314,254	449,696
Net assets released from restrictions	(135,054)	(221,630)
INCREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	179,200	228,066
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	(1,012,200)	1,217,125
NET ASSETS Beginning of year	4,812,314	3,595,189
NET ASSETS End of year	\$ 3,800,114	\$ 4,812,314

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EL PASO STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,860,106	\$ 2,447,084
Accounts receivable, other, net	465,113	1,681,189
Accounts receivable, parishes and affiliates, net	1,418,889	1,420,897
Grants receivable	95,000	-
Prepaid expenses	4,608	7,844
Investments	1,273,365	1,359,052
Excess pension assets	-	274,942
Building contents, equipment and vehicles Net	41,124	36,126
TOTAL	\$ 6,158,205	\$ 7,227,134
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 1,545,048	\$ 1,497,033
Pension plan payable	31,545	-
Funds held for others	242,500	317,787
Notes Payable	338,998	-
Note payable-related party	200,000	600,000
Total liabilities	2,358,091	2,414,820
NET ASSETS:		
UNRESTRICTED:		
Investment in building contents, equipment and vehicles	41,124	36,126
Undesignated	2,620,208	3,714,815
Designated	428,632	435,993
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	710,150	625,380
Total net assets	3,800,114	4,812,314
TOTAL	\$ 6,158,205	\$ 7,227,134

Special Benefit for Seminarians at El Paso's Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

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



Join the Catholic Foundation for a private viewing of *The Passion of the Christ* at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema on April 12. Tickets are \$12. Proceeds benefit Seminarian Education. The Catholic Foundation and Alamo Drafthouse Cinema proudly present *The Passion of the Christ* on 3 Screens on Wednesday, April 12 from 6-9pm. Special Guests Bishop Mark Seitz, Fr. Tony Celino, and Fr. Mariano López, Rector of St. Charles Seminary, will provide introductions to the film prior to the viewing. The Alamo Drafthouse is located at 250 E. Montecillo Boulevard on the Westside. Tickets are \$12 per person, there are only 402 seats total, and seating is first-come, first-served. Order award-winning cuisine at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema restaurant and dinner will be delivered directly to your seat by the Alamo "Ninjas". Tickets can be purchased online at elpasodiocesefoundation.org/events or by phone at 915.872.8412, and must be picked up at the Catholic Foundation at 499 St. Matthews Street, Building G by Monday, April 10. Tickets will not be sold at the theater and there is no Will Call. Proceeds benefit the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund. The

Seminarian Education Endowment Fund is the primary focus of the Foundation. Inviting more men to discern their priestly vocation is a top priority of the Diocese.

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

We have 22 seminarians in formation, a 100% increase from 2008. The fund value is \$1.6 million and our short-term goal is to get that to \$5 million to generate a larger distribution to be used to educate our men, priests for our children and grandchildren!

The Alamo Drafthouse Cinema offers the best film, food and drink all in one seat and has a zero tolerance for talking or cell phone use of any kind during movies.

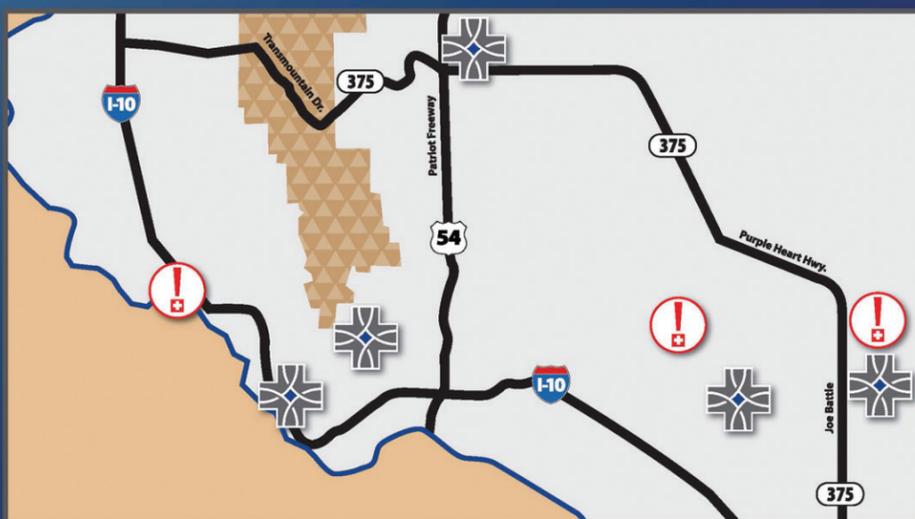
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You can reach Major Gifts Officer Sofia Larkin Appleby at 915.872.8412 or slappleby@elpasodiocese.org. The Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso is located at 499 St. Matthews Street and office hours are Monday – Friday, 9-12, 1-5, and by appointment.

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(915) 577-8223

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(915) 856-0008

When to seek an emergency room:

- Problems breathing
- Chest or upper abdominal pain
- Fainting or sudden dizziness
- Changes in vision
- Uncontrollable bleeding
- Coughing or vomiting blood
- Confusion or changes in mental status
- Broken Bones

When to seek an urgent care center:

- Minor burns or injuries
- Sprains and strains
- Coughs, colds, and sore throats
- Ear infections
- Allergic reactions (non-life threatening)
- Fever or flu-like symptoms
- Rash or skin irritations
- Mild asthma
- Animal bites
- Flu shots and physicals for sports or school

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

Pilgrimage to Mexico City

Peregrinación a la Ciudad de México

By Deacon Jesús A. Cardenas, PhD

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In February of this year, our Bishop Mark J. Seitz accompanied by 80 people visited Chihuahua City following the footprints of St. Pedro de Jesus Maldonado. It was a wonderful experience to visit the places and even touch the urn where his relics (bones) were kept. We came back home singing Viva Cristo Rey, Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe, Viva el Padre Maldonado.

As we were reviewing the coordinators impressions, we discovered that one of the comments that we mostly received from the pilgrims was that they learned a lot, and that is precisely the mission of the Tepeyac Institute. Based on that, we developed a Pilgrimage to Mexico City with the same concepts in mind, but this time we are going to fly!

The pilgrimage will begin on Monday June 26 leaving our vehicles in an enclosed area in the Pastoral Diocesan Center. A bus will take us to the Juarez airport where we will be flying in 2 and 1/2 hours to Mexico City. Because of the number of seats that can be offered in each plane, the first 100 pilgrims will arrive at Mexico City in the afternoon, having some time to visit the city and participate in the Night Light Show at Teotihuacan. IN the following days we are going to have an impressive learning experience at the National Museum of Anthropology and History, we will visit the Castle of Chapultepec and the Soumaya Museum (This was Carlos Slim's private museum that is now open to the public containing beautiful pieces or art of the old and modern Mexico; it is located in one of the most impressive architectural jewels in the city.)

After learning about Mexico's past, we will be ready to visit the Basilica of Guadalupe where after we walk on the Calzada de Los Milagros, Bishop Seitz will celebrate mass accompanied by all pilgrims. We can hardly understand the importance of the Morenita without considering the meaning of her presence for the indigenous people.

The following day we will visit the Holy Family Parish where the relics of Blessed Father Miguel Agustin Pro are kept. We will participate in mass in the place where his relics are located. We will be able to visit the museum next door where we can learn about how he celebrated mass in hiding during the time of the Cristeros until he was martyred by a platoon while he shouted: Viva Cristo Rey!

Leaving Mexico City, we will go in bus

to Guanajuato where we will stop at San Miguel Allende, a beautiful place where many tourists have decided to move in because of the peace and tranquility of this town. The following day we will go to the Cristo del Cubilete, the Mount Cristo Rey where

Pope Benedict visited. We will celebrate mass at the Cubilete, a marvelous experience for all of us who understand the martyrdom of thousands of men shouting: Viva Cristo Rey!

Saturday July 1st we will be ready to fly back to Juarez and a bus drive to El Paso, but we are offering an option for those who would like to go to Cancun until Tuesday. Those who are interested will fly from Mexico to Cancun and stay at an all-inclusive resort for 3 nights before flying back home on the Fourth of July.

As we come back from this pilgrimage we will be able to shout: Viva Cristo Rey! Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! Viva el Padre Pro! Viva el Padre Maldonado! Vivan los Mártires Mexicanos!

En febrero de este año, nuestro Obispo Mark J. Seitz acompañado por 80 personas visitamos la Ciudad de Chihuahua City siguiendo los pasos del San Pedro de Jesús Maldonado. Fue una experiencia maravillosa el visitar los lugares y hasta poder tocar la urna donde se conservan sus reliquias (huesos). Regresamos a casa cantando: ¡Viva Cristo Rey! ¡Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! ¡Viva el Padre Maldonado!

Al revisar las impresiones de los coordinadores descubrimos que uno de los comentarios que más recibimos de los peregrinos fue que habían aprendido mucho, y esa es precisamente la misión del Instituto Tepeyac. Basados en ello, desarrollamos una peregrinación a la Ciudad de México con los mismos conceptos en mente, pero esta vez ¡vamos a volar!

La peregrinación iniciará el lunes 26 de junio dejando nuestros vehículos en un área cerrada en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano. Un camión nos llevara al aeropuerto de Cd. Juárez desde donde volaremos por 2½ horas a la Ciudad de México. Debido al número de asientos que se pueden separar por aerolínea, los primeros 100 peregrinos arribarán a la Ciudad de México en la tarde, teniendo algún tiempo para visitar la ciudad y participar en el Show de Luces de Teotihuacán. En los siguientes días vamos

a tener una impresionante experiencia de aprendizaje en el Museo Nacional de Antropología e Historia, visitaremos el Castillo de Chapultepec y el Museo Soumaya (Este era el museo privado de Carlos Slim's que ahora está abierto al público y que contiene hermosas piezas de arte del México antiguo y moderno; está localizado en una de las más impresionantes joyas arquitecturales de la ciudad.)

Después de aprender del pasado de México, estaremos listos para visitar la Basilica de Guadalupe donde después de caminar por la Calzada de los Milagros, el Obispo Seitz celebrara misa acompañado por todos los peregrinos. Difícilmente podemos entender la importancia de la Morenita sin conocer el significado de su presencia para los indígenas.

Al día siguiente visitaremos la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia donde se guardan las reliquias del Beato Padre Miguel Agustín Pro. Participaremos en una misa en el lugar donde se encuentran sus reliquias. Luego visitaremos el museo que se encuentra asegurada para aprender como celebraba misas a escondidas durante el tiempo de los Cristeros hasta que fue fusilado por un pelotón mientras gritaba: ¡Viva Cristo Rey! Saliendo de la Ciudad de México iremos en Autobús a Guanajuato donde nos detendremos en San Miguel Allende, un lugar tan bello que muchos turistas han decidido irse a vivir allí debido a la paz y tranquilidad de ese pueblo. Al día siguiente iremos al Cristo del Cubilete, el monte de Cristo Rey que visito el Papa Benedicto cuando fue a México. Celebraremos misa en el Cubilete, una experiencia maravillosa para todos los que entendemos el martirio de miles de hombres que murieron gritando: ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

El sábado 1ero de julio estaremos listos para volar a Cd. Juárez y luego un viaje en autobús a El Paso, pero además estamos ofreciendo una opción para aquellos que quisieran ir a Cancún hasta el martes. Aquellos interesados volaran de México a Cancún y se quedaran en un resort de todo-incluido por 3 noches, antes de volar de regreso el 4 de Julio.

Al regresar de esta peregrinación podremos gritar: ¡Viva Cristo Rey! ¡Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! ¡Viva el Padre Pro! ¡Viva el Padre Maldonado! ¡Vivan los Mártires Mexicanos!

The Diocese of El Paso
Invites you to
The 4th Diocesan Pilgrimage
To the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City,
El Cristo del Cubilete, and the Relics of Father Miguel Agustin Pro.

From Monday June 26th to Saturday July 1st, 2017
With the option to Cancun: Saturday July 1st to Tuesday July 4th

VISITING:

- Mexico City:**
 - Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - Teotihuacan Light Show (First 100)
 - Chapultepec Castle
 - Anthropology Museum
 - Soumaya Museum
 - Mexico City Cathedral
 - Relics of Father Miguel Agustin Pro.
- Guanajuato:**
 - San Miguel de Allende
 - Cristo del Cubilete
- Option to Cancun:**
 - Air flight transportation (round trip)
 - Hotel (Suites Emporio) all inclusive

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Transportation:**
 - Bus El Paso-Juarez (round trip)
 - Flight Juarez-Mexico (round trip)
 - First class buses for tours
- Hotels 4-5 Stars**
 - Breakfast and Dinner included everyday
- Tickets to all places we will visit**

PRICE:

Room	Without Cancun	With Cancun
Double	\$1,050	\$1,600
Quadruple	\$1,000	\$1,510

Book your place with \$200.00 (VISA accepted)



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La Diócesis de El Paso
Te invita a la
4ta Peregrinación Diocesana
A la Basilica de la Virgen de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México,
El Cristo del Cubilete, y las reliquias del Padre Miguel Agustin Pro.

Del Lunes 26 de Junio al Sábado 1 de Julio, 2017
Con opción a Cancun: Sábado 1 a Martes 4 de Julio

VISITAREMOS:

- Ciudad de México:**
 - Basilica de Guadalupe
 - Show nocturno en Teotihuacan (Primeros 100)
 - Castillo de Chapultepec
 - Museo de Antropología
 - Museo Soumaya
 - Catedral de la Ciudad de México
 - Reliquias de Beato Padre Miguel A. Pro.
- Guanajuato:**
 - San Miguel de Allende
 - Cristo del Cubilete
- Opción a Cancun:**
 - Transportación aérea (vuelo redondo)
 - Hotel (Suites Emporio) todo incluido

EL PAQUETE INCLUYE:

- Transportación:**
 - Camión El Paso-Juarez (redondo)
 - Avión Juárez-México (redondo)
 - Autobuses de primera clase para los recorridos
- Hotels de 4-5 estrellas**
 - Desayuno y cena incluidos todos los días

ENTRADA A TODOS LOS LUGARES QUE VISITAREMOS

PRECIO:

Habitación	Sin Cancun	Con Cancun
Doble	\$1,050	\$1,600
Quadruple	\$1,000	\$1,510

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MAY 6, 2017
Location: Pastoral Center
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Ages: 9 thought 17 years old
Free Event
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News Around The Catholic Schools

Office of Education: Spotlight on Catholic Schools Radio Show

The El Paso Catholic Schools has a new radio show on the Diocese of El Paso's radio station "The Bridge/El Puente" 1150 AM. "Spotlight on Catholic Schools" will air live every Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The 30-minute radio show will feature a different school every week discussing upcoming activities at the school or providing general information about the school. During the month of April, the following schools will be featured: April 3 - Our Lady of Assumption School; April 10 - St. Joseph School; April 17 Our Lady of the Valley School; and April 24 Cathedral High School. Tune in to hear our campuses discuss all the wonderful happenings going on in our Catholic Schools. The broadcast can also be heard via streaming off the Diocese's website: www.elpasodiocese.org. Information: 915-872-8426

A SPOTLIGHT ON
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



THE BRIDGE 1150 AM
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Office of Education: New Websites Launched

The El Paso Catholic Schools officially launched its new website on March 21. The website features a new design and a more streamlined navigation menu along with other new features. Along with the Catholic Schools website, Cathedral High School, Most Holy Trinity School, Our Lady of Assumption School, Our Lady of the Valley School, St. Matthew Catholic School, St. Patrick Cathedral School, St. Pius X School and St. Raphael School also launched newly-designed websites. The new El Paso Catholic Schools website can be found at: www.elpasocatholicschools.org. Links to all the schools could be found there to view the schools' websites. Information: 915-872-8426

Office of Education: Diocesan Raffle Winners

The Office of Education's Seventeenth Annual Diocesan Raffle Carnival at St. Joseph School last month was a huge success. The carnival included food, games, entertainment and the raffle winner announcements. The raffle prize winners included: Grand Prize: Diego Lopez-Molinar, Cathedral High (\$4,000 VISA Gift Card), 1st Prize: Sabrina Gonzalez, Most Holy Trinity School (\$3,000 VISA Gift Card), 2nd Prize: Karla Perez, Most Holy Trinity School (\$2,000 VISA Gift Card) and 3rd Prize: Jaime Perales, Cathedral High (\$1,000 VISA Gift Card).

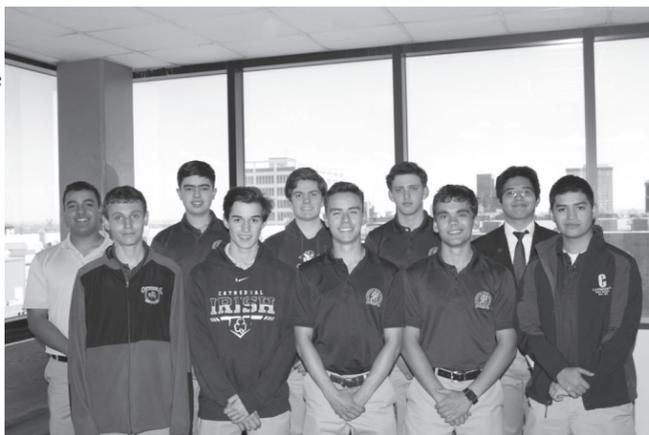
This was the 21st year the Office of Education holds the Diocesan Raffle. The raffle is sponsored by the Diocese of El Paso Education Assistance Fund and helps raise funds for schools, with 83% of the proceeds going directly to the schools and the balance after expenses going to the Scholarship Assistance Fund. The schools directly benefitting include: Cathedral High, Father Yermo Schools, Our Lady of Assumption, Our Lady of the Valley, St. Matthew, Loretto Academy, St. Pius X, St. Joseph, St. Patrick Cathedral, St. Raphael and Holy Trinity. Information: 915-872-8426

Cathedral High School: College Signing Day

The Cathedral High School Class of 2017 will be the first group of graduates to participate in College Signing Day on Thursday, April 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the Houghton MPB. The event, which will be done with the entire student body present, will highlight the college acceptances of each senior and celebrate their four years of hard work. Each senior will be announced and list their college acceptances and their destination college. They will also note what college major they hope to pursue. We invite families and friends of the Senior Class to come celebrate another year of 100% college acceptance rate. Information: 915-532-3238

Cathedral High School: National Hispanic Scholars

Every year, College Board, the nonprofit responsible for administering college entrance exams such as the SAT and PSAT recognizes approximately 5,000 of the 250,000 Hispanic/Latino juniors who take the PSAT each year. The highest scoring Hispanic/Latino students are denoted as National Hispanic Scholars



which is an academic honor that distinguishes them as one of the highest performing students in the country and opens opportunities including scholarships, both partial and full, from top universities including Arizona State University and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. For the 2017-2018 school year, ten juniors at Cathedral were named National Hispanic Scholars: Omar Abbud, Matthew Appleby, Daniel Brunnick, Tom Chavez, Victor Gallardo, Esteban Ortiz, Diego Quirarte, Ian Smith, Dallas Spencer, and Jose Luis Villarreal. Information: 915-532-3238

Father Yermo: Mardi Gras Celebration

Father Yermo's annual Benefactors & Alumni Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Bishop Mark Seitz on February 26. The school recognized the school's alumni who are celebrating 25, 40 and 50 year since graduating from Father Yermo. After Mass,

attendees enjoyed Cajun food, Jazz music and a Silent Auction.

Information: 915-532-6875

Father Yermo: Science Fair Winners

Father Yermo students who represented the school at the Sun Country Science Fair this year were: Jesus Olivares, Diana Leyva, Sofia Olvera and Jorge Valle. Jesus Olivares placed second in his category and will be moving on to the Exxon Mobile Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio. Also, Sofia Olvera and Diana Leyva placed fourth in the Sun Country Science Fair. The students from Father Yermo competed with over 700 projects city-wide. Information: 915-532-6875



Most Holy Trinity: JV Girls Basketball

Most Holy Trinity JV Girls Basketball team has enjoyed a great deal of success the past two years. The girls have posted 19 wins against a single loss, winning the regular season and tournament championships both seasons. The girls attribute their success to being close as a team, embracing the feeling of being



friends and not just teammates. "We never yelled at each other," said Madison Delgado. "Whenever someone was down, we always tried to encourage them."

The girls are not only high achievers on the court, but also in the classroom. Their collective grade point average this school year is 94.5%. The teachers allow the girls to help each other, so when one of the girls finishes an assignment, she will go and help others. They also make flash cards for different subjects that are shared among the team members. In the evenings, when it is time to do homework, the girls communicate over assignments via calls and text messages. The team is coached by Jerry Sanchez. Team members are: Brooke Burt, Danica Burt, Myanna Carroll, Isabel Delgado, Madison Delgado, Gissel Perez, Ariana Rodriguez and Cassandra Sanchez. Interestingly enough, their only loss, a two-pointer to St. Matthew, may have made the difference in the way this season finished. "The loss brought us closer together," said Brooke Burt. "It helped us work harder because we wanted to do well for each other." Information: 915-751-2566

Our Lady of the Assumption: Fiesta Day

Our Lady of Assumption School and Parish is holding its annual "Dia de Fiesta/ Fiesta Day" on Saturday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Our Lady of Assumption, 4805 Byron. The fiesta will have games for the children, gorditas, enchiladas, tacos de carne asada, hamburgers and much more. Please join the school and parish with the entire family. Also, just a reminder to the community that registration for Our Lady of Assumption School has begun. Please contact the school office for more information. Information: 915-565-3411

Our Lady of the Valley: Stewardship

The students at Our Lady of the Valley School keep busy during Lent with helping others. The school continues to reflect and teach Catholic values through service by supporting those in need. They held a successful canned food drive in November and donated the goods to OLV parish's St. Vincent de Paul organization. As part of the school's book fair, students, parents, and parishioners contributed monetary donations to the "All for Books" program which helped the school get books to students who would not normally be able to make book purchases at the book fair. The staff and students of Our Lady of the Valley continue working on their service projects for the rest of the school year. Students in sixth through eighth grade are collecting donations for vocations by using the diocesan Lenten cans. Pre-K through fifth grade students will be making and collecting donations for the Missionary Childhood which is the universal Catholic organization that helps children in the missions all over the world by using funds to support the schools, provide food and school supplies. The school is also sponsoring a "Pounds for the Poor" canned food drive during this Lent and will give the non-perishables to the parish St. Vincent de Paul organization. In order for students to have a better understanding of what the St. Vincent de Paul Society of OLV parish does, the head of the ministry, Irma Trujillo, gave a presentation to the students from third to eighth grade. The presentation included a video presentation explaining who its founder was, its mission, other information and concluded with a question and answer session. It is wonderful to see the children at Our Lady of the Valley School put their faith in action. Information: 915-859-6448

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Rebekah Lisette Wierson

The Rio Grande Catholic and the Office of Education for the Diocese of El Paso want to recognize the exciting and innovative things our alumni are doing here in El Paso and around the world. To nominate an El Paso Catholic School graduate, please contact Pifas Silva at psilva@elpasodiocese.org or (915)872-8126

Name: Rebekah Lisette Wierson
Current Occupation/Job Title: Architect/Engineering Project Manager
Company/Organization/School: University Medical Center
Interest, Activities, Clubs, and Professional Organizations: Returning to El Paso has allowed me to volunteer for one of my favorite local organizations – the Sun Bowl Association. They have graciously allowed me to volunteer in almost every event they host, an opportunity I cherish. I am also the President of the Notre Dame Club of El Paso. While consisting of Alumni, the club is focused on the same principles as Our Lady's University and welcome any fan, alumni, and friend of the university to join!

Greatest Professional

Accomplishment: My short time as a professional, 3 years, I have been blessed with a variety of successes. As an associate with a local architecture firm I procured, coordinated, and designed a small Urgent Care Center with limited help from my superiors. At that time only working for two years it was a great opportunity to develop my management skills and creativity. I am looking forward to accomplishing much more at my new position at UMC.

What Catholic school(s) did you attend? My first 10 years of education took place at St. Joseph's School. After 8th grade I attended Loretto Academy for high school and graduated to attend the University of Notre Dame. Upon my graduation from Notre Dame I had realized that I have never left the Catholic school system!

What was the most valuable lesson – inside or outside the classroom – you learned while attending Catholic school(s)? The gift of giving – I was taught at an early age, the value of giving back. That family value, paired with me attending Catholic schools all my life, allowed giving to become a very natural and important aspect of my day-to-day. I was able to live my and attend Notre Dame because of financial assistance, and I knew that when I was able, I would help someone do the same.

What teacher/staff member/classmate most influenced you? It is difficult to narrow down my selection to just one teacher, staff member or classmate. My college years introduced to me to a wide range of educators with life experiences I can only dream of experiencing. I can say that St. Joseph's introduced me to my best friend who is also a working professional in El Paso today. While at Loretto I befriended our Australian Theology teacher Miss Nort, who I still have the privilege to drive to lunch on her annual return to the US. Another high school teacher of mine challenged us at the end of every class to "Go out and do great things". I'm thankful for that challenge from Mrs. Wilson and aspire to do that each day.

How did your Catholic School Education prepare you for what you are doing today? Being a Catholic you are always aware that you are a part of something greater than yourself. You may be living your own journey but you must always be aware of those around you. This was continued in my education and it was these global views that have shaped many of my choices as a professional. I find myself always looking beyond my specific task and how my decisions and actions may affect other around me. It is this sense of community that has allowed me to work in my hometown and continue to contribute; especially now by working at our County hospital – UMC.

Why do you think Catholic Education is so important? As I have mentioned above (and continue below) I understand that having a global outlook on life allows for a student to go beyond the self and truly analyze their purpose. Catholicism recognizes that each person is equipped with different gifts and teaches that these gifts can be used to glorify God and benefit those on Earth. Without having that sense of purpose and ability to impact the world around you it is possible that students would only live for themselves and their own glory.



How are Catholic Schools shaping the future? (When you think about the future, how do you see catholic school alumni and students helping to shape that future? And, perhaps more specifically, how do you envision Catholic schools affecting our community?) This question very closely relates to my previous answer. I believe that Catholic Schools are guiding students to learn and live beyond themselves. Living, working and education for the good of others and the glory of God have an overwhelmingly positive reaction. This is the reason I chose Architecture as my degree path, desired to return to my hometown and strive to be an active leader and volunteer within this community. If this attitude is taught, beginning at age 4 and continued for a lifetime, the changes we could see in our own communities would be limitless.

What advice do you have for current students? (What advice do you have for students getting ready to graduate during these difficult times?) In my years of schooling I have always worked toward being present. That means taking a moment to realize how absolutely blessed you are to be attending school and the opportunity to use your knowledge to positively impact the world around you. Just a few moments a day will maintain this perspective on life that you a part of a greater Body. In a nutshell, be present... and pay off your student loans the moment you are able.

What was your favorite Catholic School experience/moment? Each institution I have attended has given me unforgettable memories. Attending St. Joseph's alongside both of my brothers

was amazing. Loretto's strong academics and swim team prepared me for a life of ambition and persistence. While my time at St. Joseph's and Loretto are close to my heart, I must admit that Notre Dame has offered me a surplus of unforgettable memories – many of which are related to sports. I was afforded the ability to study a full academic year in Rome, Italy which was unforgettable. During my 5 years at Notre Dame I stormed the court at a basketball game defeating then top ranked Syracuse, witnessed an incredible 12-0 Notre Dame Football Season as a band manager, and graduated with my entire family present. I can honestly say that my last few days at Notre Dame before graduation overwhelmed me – it was my life's dream and it had come to fruition.

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As our newest members are baptized and come into full communion of the Catholic Church, we rejoice in that we have been given the opportunity to grow in our relationships as we continue to encounter Christ. For the next fifty days, will hear the Good News of salvation offered to all people through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the liturgy. We will hear how the faithful witnesses of the earliest Apostles and disciples spread the Gospel, first to the people of Israel and then to all the ends of the earth. We will hear stories of doubt and of failure to support the new members of the community. These are our stories – past and present. As present day apostles and disciples, we are called to support the newest members of our community and to dispel any doubts about their new-found faith. We are called to accompany them as they share with us at the banquet of our Lord. We are called to assist them as they are incorporated into the Body of Christ. But first we must be willing to die to ourselves and become the living Body of Christ. Only when we become what we believe are we able to celebrate the Risen Christ among us for years to come. May God continue to send us his people.

Holy Saturday to Pentecost: the community of faith

By Fr. Mariano López, Dir., Vocations Office

The fifty days of Easter present us with the context of the message of the resurrection from Holy Saturday to Pentecost: the community of faith. The Acts of the Apostles is proclaimed daily in the liturgy during the Easter Season. In these Scripture passages we discover how God was living and active for the early Christians. The community embodies the death of Jesus as they confront persecution and martyrdom, and the community embodies the resurrection of Jesus as the Word of God continues to be proclaimed and many join themselves to the Way.

The discernment of a vocation is an Easter experience. It does not happen in a vacuum, but rather in a community of the resurrection. It is the example and guidance of those who have died and risen with Jesus which helps the youth to make the decision to also die and rise with Jesus Christ in very drastic ways. The testimony of others, is reassuring to a generation that struggles with insecurities and fears about placing their trust in an ancient faith. The testimony of others is the power of the Risen Christ inviting the youth to take a risk to enter discernment and formation for the priesthood or consecrated life.

The Diocesan Vocation Ministry is an effort, on behalf of the Diocese of El Paso, to provide our youth with a culture of vocations. The ministry is not a closed group, but rather it is an all-inclusive gathering of men and women of all ages who desire to promote vocations and to help the

youth in their family, neighborhood, and in the Church, embrace their vocation with joy. The Diocesan Vocation Ministry meets at Saint Charles Seminary the fourth Thursday of the month at 7PM to pray and study about vocations and discernment. The members of the Diocesan Vocation Ministry are also able to support the Vocation Office in its varied activities to promote vocations at Saint Charles Seminary and in the different parishes and schools through the diocese. If you would like to support men and women discover their calling to live for Jesus, please join us. All are welcome!



El Sábado de Gloria hasta Pentecostés: la comunidad de fe

Por Padre Mariano López, Dir., Oficina de Vocaciones

Los cincuenta días de Pascua nos presentan con el contexto del mensaje de la resurrección desde el Sábado de Gloria hasta Pentecostés: la comunidad de fe. Los Hechos de los Apóstoles se proclama diariamente en la liturgia durante la temporada de Pascua. En estos pasajes de las Escrituras descubrimos como Dios vivía y actuaba entre los primeros cristianos. La comunidad encarna la muerte de Jesús al confrontar persecución y martirio, y la comunidad encarna la resurrección de Jesús cuando la Palabra de Dios se proclama y muchos se unen al Camino.

El discernimiento vocacional es una experiencia Pascual. No sucede en aislamiento, si no en una comunidad de resurrección. Es el ejemplo y la

guía de los que mueren y resucitan con Jesús que ayuda a los jóvenes a tomar la decisión de también morir y resucitar con Jesucristo de manera drástica. El testimonio de los demás, da confianza a una generación que lucha con inseguridades y miedos cuando se considera poner tu confianza en una fe antigua. El testimonio de los demás es el poder de Cristo Resucitado, quien invita a los jóvenes a tomar el riesgo de comenzar un proceso de discernimiento y formación para el sacerdocio y la vida consagrada.

El Ministerio Vocacional Diocesano es un esfuerzo, de parte de la Diócesis de El Paso, para proporcionar a nuestros jóvenes la cultura de la vocación. El ministerio no es un grupo cerrado, más bien es una reunión inclusiva de hombres y mujeres de todas edades que desean promover vocaciones y ayudar a los jóvenes de su familia, vecindario, y en la Iglesia, aceptar su vocación con alegría. El Ministerio Vocacional Diocesano se reúne en el Seminario San Carlos el cuarto jueves de cada mes a las 7PM para orar y estudiar sobre vocaciones y discernimiento. Los miembros del Ministerio Vocacional Diocesano también pueden apoyar a la Oficina de Vocaciones en sus diversas actividades de promoción vocacional en el Seminario San Carlos y en las distintas parroquias y escuelas de la diócesis. Si te gustaría apoyar a hombres y mujeres al descubrir su llamado a vivir por Jesús, por favor acompañaos. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Screening of Epic Movie, IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

A screening of the epic movie "Ignatius of Loyola" is set for Sunday, April 9, at Cinemark Tinseltown, I-10 West at Zaragoza Road, with shows at 2:30 PM and 5:30 PM. Open Arms Community of El Paso is sponsoring the movie by special arrangement with Ignatius Press.

The movie tells the story of young Ignatius, a brash, hot-headed soldier in a time of political upheaval in Spain. He lives a life of brutal violence and debauchery, has a life-changing conversion, survives the Spanish Inquisition, and becomes one of the greatest saints in the history of Christianity. Through his struggle to turn from darkness to light...a struggle that nearly destroyed him... he discovers the key to a spiritual weapon that continues to change lives to this day. Shot on location in Spain, it is a riveting look at the so-called "Saint of Second Chances". St. Ignatius is the Founder of the Jesuit Order and the author of the classic work "The Spiritual Exercises".

Open Arms sponsored the movie in February at the same theater with space almost totally sold out. Many people who missed the first showings have expressed thanks for the return engagement. Some comments heard from attendees after the last showing: "Best movie I've ever seen." "I'm telling my friends they better see this

when it comes again." "Had no idea it would be so great." "Fantastic." "The story, the visuals, the acting... Ignatius Press has given us a great gift in this film." "They should make more like this."

Tickets, \$10, are on sale at Open Arms, 8210 N. Loop (Tues-Fri 10 AM-4 PM); Madonna Shop, 5933 Gateway West; Misión de Guadalupe Books, 2121 N. Piedras, and Holy Spirit Bookstore, 1895-C George Dieter (new location). For more information or to purchase tickets with credit card: 915- 595-0589, 915-820-2692, or www.OpenArmsCommunity.org. Seating is limited, advance purchase strongly recommended. Parental guidance suggested for young children due to some intense scenes.



PROYECCION DE FILME EPICO: IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

Lo invitamos a la presentación de "Ignacio de Loyola" (en inglés) el domingo 9 de Abril en Cinemark Tinseltown, ubicado en el I-10 y Zaragoza. Habrá dos funciones: 2:30 PM y 5:30 PM. La Comunidad

de Open Arms en conjunto con la empresa Ignatius Press patrocina este evento.

Esta película cuenta la historia del joven Ignacio (Iñigo), un soldado temperamental y corajudo que vive durante una época tumultuosa en España. Acostumbrado a la violencia brutal y el libertinaje, sufre una conversión extraordinaria, sobrevive a la Inquisición Española y se convierte en uno de los santos más famosos de la historia Cristiana. Durante su lucha para pasar de la obscuridad a la luz...una lucha que casi termina con su vida...el descubre la clave para protegerse con una arma espiritual que continua transformando

vidas hasta el día de hoy. Filmada completamente en España, es una gran muestra de la vida de "El Santo de Las Segundas Oportunidades". San Ignacio es el fundador de La Orden de los Jesuitas y autor de la gran obra "Ejercicios Espirituales".

Open Arms presentó la película este pasado Febrero en la misma sala de cine, ambas funciones con lleno completo. Muchas personas que se perdieron de estas funciones están muy agradecidas por la oportunidad que se está brindando para poder asistir y disfrutar como lo hicieron muchas personas. Algunos de los comentarios que recibimos después de la película fueron: "Mejor película que he visto", "Le voy a comentar a mis amigos que la vengan a ver", "Nunca me imaginé que iba a estar tan buena", "Hermosa...", "Deberían hacer más películas de estas". Boleto, \$10 están a la venta en open Arms, 8210 North Loop (Mar-Vier. de 10am-4pm), Madonna Shop, 5933 Gateway West; Misión de Guadalupe Books, 2121 N. Piedras, y en Holy Spirit Bookstore, 1895-C George Dieter (Nuevo local). Para más información o para comprar los boletos con tarjeta de crédito: (915) 595-0589, (915) 820-2692 ó en www.openarmscommunity.org

Cupo limitado, se recomienda comprar sus boletos con anticipación. Algunas escenas están fuertes por lo que no se recomienda para niños pequeños.

¿ POR QUE TENGO MIEDO ?

Es el título de una de las preciosas canciones de la hermana Glenda: Porque tengo miedo? Si nada es imposible para Ti... ¿Porque tengo dudas? Si nada es imposible para Ti... Porque estoy preocupado? Si nada es imposible para Ti... Cuando el arcángel Gabriel le anuncio a la Virgen María, que Dios se iba a hacer hombre en su vientre virginal, que su nombre sería Jesús, porque el perdonaría a todos los hombres y mujeres sus pecados y vencería la muerte... Y termina el arcángel Gabriel su mensaje con estas frase que ha recorrido al mundo llenando de entusiasmo y de esperanza a miles y millones de personas: “Para Dios nada es imposible”, aunque lo que le pidamos y necesitamos sea lo más difícil del mundo. Para Dios nunca será imposible. Y su poder y su bondad están siempre a disposición de los que lo amen y tengan fe en su infinito poder y en su gran misericordia.

Hoy hay un miedo generalizado en muchas personas indocumentadas que tienen miedo a ser deportados, es un miedo real no imaginario. El miedo es una realidad en la vida de todo ser humano, que a cierto grado nos ayuda a preservar la vida, siendo más cuidadosos pero cuando el miedo se da en alto grado resulta patológico y enfermizo, paraliza la vida y nos causa terribles sufrimientos y angustias. A diario me encuentro con personas o escucho casos de personas que están viviendo angustiadas por ser indocumentadas, o por una enfermedad o problemas graves que los afligen y pierden la paz y tranquilidad. Dios también fue inmigrante, indocumentado entro a Egipto, huyendo de la persecución atroz de Herodes que quería matarlo y en el afán de su propósito mato a muchos niños inocentes menores de dos años... Ser inmigrantes es una experiencia llena de muchas dificultades que difícilmente pueden comprender los que no han pasado por esta situación de sentirse indeseados y perseguidos, donde no hay tranquilidad ni de día ni de noche, en ninguna parte se sienten seguros.

Jesús vivió una de sus experiencias más angustiantes en el Huerto de los Olivos, como hombre, aprendiendo la lección que todos tenemos que aprender en alguna fecha de nuestra vida, aceptar lo que no podemos comprender,

a todos nosotros nos suceden hechos que no podemos comprender, que nos parece que debería suceder de otra manera, que nos imaginamos que se podrían reemplazar por otras realidades o voluntad de Dios menos dolorosas. En eso momento es cuando se pone a prueba la fe hasta sus últimos límites. Y es entonces cuando recibimos un bálsamo rejuvenecedor al pensar que Jesús experimento lo mismo en Getsemaní. Es en esos momentos dolorosos cuando aprendemos a decir: “Hágase oh Padre tu voluntad”. Jesús que es la alegría del cielo y de la tierra está lleno de tristeza y de angustia mortal. En pocas escenas del evangelio se presenta tan claramente las dos naturalezas de Cristo: la humana y la divina.

Con el rostro lívido, las rodillas vacilantes, cayo rostro en tierra y empezó a orar postrado entre el polvo: “Padre si es posible que pase de mi este cáliz” La oración de Jesús en el huerto tiene dos frases: En la primera pide verse libre del tormento de la pasión, aunque somete su voluntad a la del Padre. En la segunda parte, manifiesta su interés principal es tener una absoluta conformidad a la voluntad del Padre. No se haga lo que yo quiero si no lo que quieres tu. En aquella noche del Jueves la naturaleza contemplo la más espantosa agonía que ha existido en el mundo, pero en esa noche se escucho en la tierra la más bella oración que labio humano hayan pronunciado. Así debemos orar en los momentos de angustia, para conseguir que el Padre celestial nos envíe el espíritu de alegría y fortaleza que nos hará superar las horas de tinieblas.

El miedo lleva a muchos personas a aparentar estar felices, a tener una situación economía cae solvente; los hay que se han casado con la mentira y no falta quien compra la conciencia a cambio de apoyar el fraude organizado, a veces institucionalizado. Decía el Papa Juan Pablo II: “ Es mucho mas útil mejorar lo que somos que lo que aparecemos. La realidad vale más que la apariencia. Cuando la realidad no corresponde a la apariencia, decepciona. Y cuando la realidad es mejor que la apariencia, sorprende favorablemente. Sorprendes o decepcionas? En nuestras grandes ciudades se ha creado el mito de que quienes viven en barrios



Vida del Espiritu

por el Padre
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exclusivos son todas personas de bien... Cosa igual con ciertos apellidos muy sonados que nos hacen identificar a quienes los llevan con personas muy distinguidas. Ni el lugar donde ha nacido, ni el sector donde vives, ni el apellido, titulo o cargo te hacen automáticamente gente de bien... Son tus acciones y actitudes. “Por sus frutos los conoceréis”, dijo Jesús.

“Te veo preocupado, Tienes problemas...? Pregunte a un amigo hace algún tiempo. Su respuesta fue tan sorprendente como interesante. Es cierto, me contesto. Hay algo que me notifica. Resulta que ayer me gradué de Abogado. Le dije te felicito. Pero no entiendo porque te veo apesadumbrado. Mira por esto. Si alguien me preguntaba ayer por algo en materia de Derecho, yo podía contestarle déjame le pregunto a mi profesor. En cambio hoy yo soy profesional, no soy un estudiante. Y tengo que saber la respuesta. Y tengo miedo...” Sera que siempre tenemos algo que temer? la muchacha que se está casando... El hombre que va a solicitar un empleo... La joven que va a dar a luz... La persona que entra en el consultorio de un dentista... El que aborda un avión... La madre que tiene un hijo enfermo... El padre que está seguro que no gana suficiente... Miedo de vivir hoy en estas circunstancias... Miedo de que nos vean y en otras, de que no nos vean. Miedo de decir No. Y miedo de decir Si. “El mayor enemigo del hombre es el miedo” (Antonio Cuello). Pero hay algo a lo que el miedo teme: La confianza en Dios” El concepto no tengan miedo aparece 365 veces en la Biblia. Una por cada día del año. Cuando el Señor se hace presente... Y cuando el hombre se pone derecho y alza la cabeza... El miedo desaparece. Dios no quiere que tu tengas miedo, quieres que tu tengas fe!

Do we recognize God's reflection?

Delightful giggles echoed through the house. Mom and Dad stood in the doorway, hands covering their mouths to prevent their own laughter from interrupting their little daughter's joy. As the little girl leaned one hand for support on a mirror, she gleefully patted her other hand against the image of the child's hand in the mirror. Excited dancing followed with more giggles and, eventually, both happy child and her reflection plopped down on their little bottoms. How can so much pleasure come from a simple reflection in a mirror? We've all witnessed similar scenes with little children entranced by their reflections. Even puppies are intrigued by the puppies in the mirror. In fact, I think the child in all of us enjoys making faces in the mirror, I know my husband sometimes does when he shaves.

But the concept goes much deeper. Reflection is such a funny word – not funny as in the child playing with her reflection, but odd as in how an image reflected in a mirror can be the same word as the process of thinking, examining or reflecting on something in our minds or hearts.

During these weeks of Lent, and hopefully continuing beyond Easter, many of us are reflecting on our inner selves – the image we often keep deeply hidden within us – as we try to become closer in our relationship with God. After all, these efforts parallel – or mirror – the fact that we are made in the image and likeness of God and, thus, are God's reflections. So, in growing closer to God and His ways, we hope to become better reflections of God's perfect love in the world.

However, do we always see the reflection of God's face in the people around us? Do we see Christ carrying His cross when we encounter an unwed mother who needs our help? Do we see the baby who lay in a straw-filled manger when we speak to that mother about the child within her womb? How do we reflect or imitate God's love to God Himself reflected in those around us?

It depends on how far away we are from the source of light focusing His image in the mirror. As we move away from the source of light, goodness and love, our reflections dim and become fuzzy. We become less like the source or the true light who casts the reflection. As we return to God, our image becomes more clear and like the source.

However, even though we are made in the image and likeness of God, He also gave us free will which allows us to break away from seeing who He is and who He wants us to become. Since our free will takes us away from

Him, our goal is to remove the distractions and obstacles that pull us away so that we can return to the source of goodness and light.

Small children in their innocence and joy of all life most closely imitate God's goodness. Watch a small child's wonder and awe when meeting a younger child. While only slightly older, he will often be protective of the younger one. Even as children, they know how precious every life is to God.

When distractions such as money, lifestyle, or reputation become obstacles, we are pulled away from our innocent awe at the treasure that is inherent in each and every life. We no longer see God's image in the unwed mother or her child. We have moved so far away that our own image has become fuzzy and unclear, showing less of God's image in our reflection.

This Easter will we resurrect ourselves by returning to the image God planned for us? How can we mirror God's love to those around us? Will we wipe the tears from an unwed mother in crisis? Will we lift some of the burden from her shoulders? Will we criticize when she falls, or will we raise her up and walk beside her on her journey? Will our inaction be the burial cloth for her unborn baby's body, or will we rejoice in the new birth of a precious child of God?

Look in the mirror. Do we see God's face smiling back at us? If not, why?

Sidewalk

Jesus

by
Janet M.
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Join the Diocese of El Paso In a Great Celebration in Honor of the
Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima 1917 - 2017

Friday May 12, 2017 @ 7:00 PM - St. Charles Seminary (Diocese of El Paso)
• Vigil Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Family Life
• Evening Procession of Our Lady of Fatima from Diocese (St. Matthew St.) to Corpus Christi Monastery (Mockingbird Rd.)
• Adoration at Corpus Christi Monastery until 10:00pm

Saturday, May 13, 2017 @ 10 AM - Corpus Christi Monastery (Mockingbird Rd.)
• Short Procession of Our Lady of Fatima at Corpus Christi Monastery
• Recitation of the Holy Rosary
• Mass of Consecration to Mary According to St. Louis de Montfort's 33 Day Consecration

Saturday May 13, 2017 @ 5:15 PM - St. Patrick Cathedral (North Mesa St.)
• Anticipated Mass with Consecration of the Cathedral honoring its year of Centennial together with Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima
• Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima will be extended to the entire Diocese of El Paso
• Adoration in Cathedral Blessed Sacrament Chapel after Mass until midnight

Sunday May 14, 2017 @ 5:15 PM - St. Patrick Cathedral
• Farewell to Our Lady of Fatima following the 5:15 Mass
• Raffle of Sacred Heart of Mary, Lady of Fatima Statue

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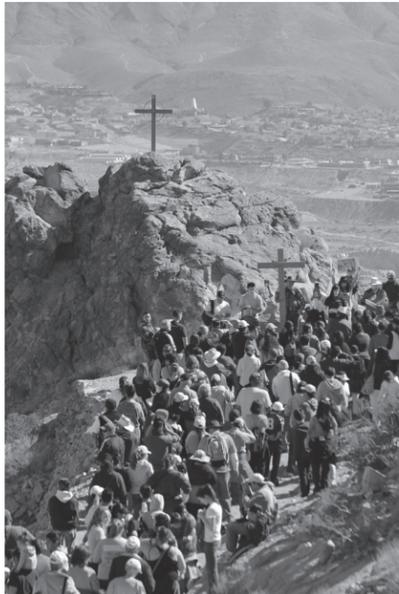
The Peace and Justice Ministry Building Relationships with Churches and Communities Across the Globe

Peace and Justice is one of the 17 ministries supported by donations from the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Peace and Justice ensures that parishioners in the Diocese are aware of social issues, locally, nationally and on the global level. The office is a resource, support, and unifying tool for social justice ministries done at the parish level. The Peace and Justice Ministry works on a variety of social justice issues with economic justice, political participation, criminal justice and solidarity issues as its priorities. One of the many projects that the Peace and Justice Ministry does is the Honduras Solidarity Project.

Since 1998, the Dioceses of El Paso and Choluteca in Honduras have been connected by faith. This relationship began when Honduras was severely damaged by Hurricane Mitch. Since then the relationship between the two communities has strengthened as both dioceses have grown very close and continue to learn from each other. This friendship has sprouted a campaign targeted to benefit the community of Choluteca - one year "adopt a student" was created and with the help of Peace and Justice and our Diocese, scholarships were created to help send students to school. This project gave children from very poor communities in Honduras an opportunity to attend school; without the help from the Peace and Justice Ministry, this would not have happened.

The Peace and Justice Ministry continues to expand its outreach and is doing amazing work to help our Diocese and communities near and far. Your donation to the Bishop's Appeal is extremely useful in continuing to make sure the Peace and Justice Ministry along with the other ministries supported by the Progress Appeal are able to continue to do their amazing work.

Please consider making your donation to Progress if you have not done so already. Donations can be made by calling 915.872.8412 or visiting our website at www.progress2017.org.



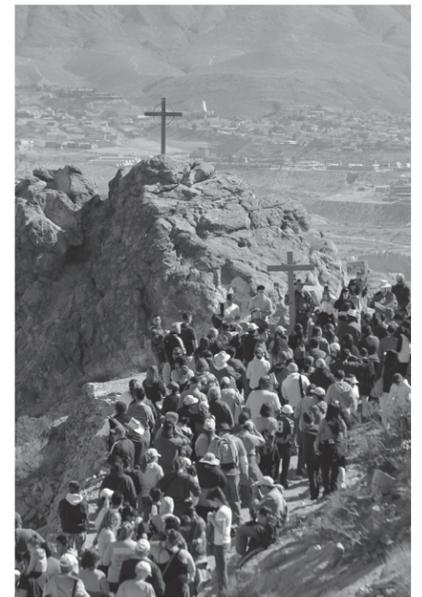
El Ministerio de Paz y Justicia Construye Relaciones con Iglesias y Comunidades A Través del Globo Terráqueo

El Ministerio de Paz y Justicia es uno de los 17 ministerios que se sostienen a través de donaciones a la Campaña Anual del Obispo. El Ministerio garantiza que los feligreses de la Diócesis estén conscientes de los problemas sociales, tanto a nivel local, nacional y mundial. La oficina es un recurso de apoyo y herramienta unificadora para los ministerios de justicia social hechos a nivel parroquial. El Ministerio de Paz y Justicia trabaja en una variedad de temas de justicia social con sus prioridades tales como la justicia económica, la participación política, la justicia penal y los temas de solidaridad. Uno de los muchos proyectos que realiza el Ministerio de Paz y Justicia es el Proyecto de Solidaridad en Honduras.

Desde 1998, las diócesis de El Paso y la de Choluteca en Honduras han estado conectadas por la fe. Esta relación inició cuando Honduras fue severamente dañada por el huracán Mitch. Desde entonces la relación entre las dos comunidades se fortaleció, ya que las dos diócesis se mantienen muy de cerca y continúan con su aprendizaje, una de la otra. De esta amistad ha brotado una campaña dirigida al beneficio de la comunidad de Choluteca - un año se creó el programa "adopte a un estudiante" y con la ayuda del Ministerio de Paz y Justicia y de nuestra Diócesis, se crearon becas para enviar a los estudiantes a la escuela. Este proyecto dio a los niños de las comunidades muy pobres de Honduras la oportunidad de asistir a la escuela. Sin la ayuda del Ministerio de Paz y Justicia, esto no habría sucedido.

El Ministerio de Paz y Justicia continúa expandiendo su alcance y está haciendo un trabajo asombroso al ayudar a nuestra Diócesis y comunidades, tanto cercanas, como las lejanas. Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo es extremadamente útil para asegurarnos de que el Ministerio de Paz y Justicia, junto con los otros ministerios apoyados por la Campaña de Progreso, puedan continuar haciendo su increíble trabajo.

Por favor, considere hacer su donación a Progreso, si es que no lo ha hecho ya. Las donaciones pueden hacerse llamando al 915.872.8412 o visitando nuestro sitio web en www.progress2017.org



BOWLING *for* SEMINARIANS

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

The Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso cordially invites you to Bowling for Seminarians on Friday, August 4, 2017 at Oasis Lanes at 1660 Zaragoza from 6-9 p.m. Bishop Mark Seitz, priests, seminarians, and teams from all over the El Paso community are going to bowl for a cause, turning an evening of bowling into a blessing. Each team has to raise a minimum of \$500 per team. All proceeds, including 20% of the food and beverage sales, will benefit the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund. All bowlers get free use of bowling shoes and an event t-shirt. Spectators are Free. Donations welcome! To register your team, please contact Javier Zamarripa at 915.872.8412 or jzamarripa@elpasodiocese.org.

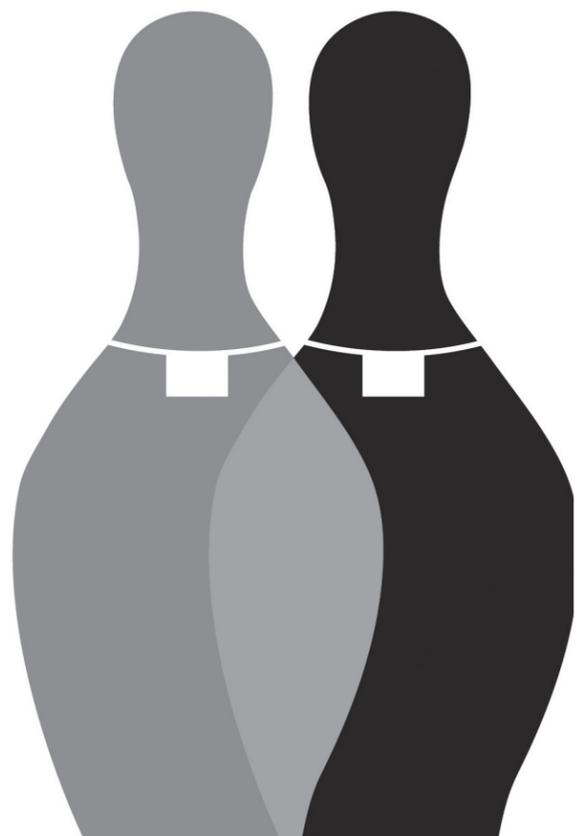
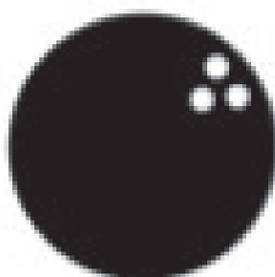
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