The Most Rev. Bishop David E. Fellhauer retires; celebrates 50 years as a priest and 25 years as bishop; new diocesan bishop named

Effective April 23, 2015, Pope Francis accepted Bishop Fellhauer’s resignation as bishop of the diocese, a resignation which had previously been submitted, because of age, in accord with the requirements of the Church’s Code of Canon Law. The Pope has appointed as the new bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria, Fr. Brendan Cahill, a priest of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. On June 29, 2015, Fr. Cahill will be ordained a bishop and will become the spiritual leader of more than 100,000 Catholics in 10 counties and 67 churches which make up the diocese.

Regarding the Interim Governing of the Diocese of Victoria

The College of Consultants met last month and elected Fr. Gary Janak as diocesan administrator. He possesses the power of a diocesan bishop “excluding those things which are excepted by their very nature or by the law itself.” As Canon 428 states: *sede vacante nihil innovetur* (“when the See is vacant, nothing is to be altered”). He took an Oath of Fidelity in the presence of the College of Consultants and informed Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S., of his election. Diocesan policy and law remains in place and the diocesan administrator makes decisions, which will guide the diocese and provide necessary pastoral care of the faithful, as well as of the parishes and diocesan institutions, until Bishop-Elect Cahill is ordained and installed as the 3rd bishop of the Diocese of Victoria. The work of the Gospel, in the diocese, continues and during this time of transition, let us pray for Bishop Fellhauer and thank God for his 25 years of ministry as our bishop. Let us also pray for Bishop-Elect Cahill, as he prepares for his ministry as bishop and shepherd of the Diocese of Victoria.

We in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston rejoice that Pope Francis has chosen to honor this local Church by selecting one of her priests to serve as the third bishop of the Diocese of Victoria. Bishop-Elect Brendan Cahill has been a faithful priest of this Archdiocese for close to 25 years and brings a wealth of gifts and experiences with him in this new ministry. His appointment is a sign of the Holy Father’s care for the needs of the people of Southeast Texas, whose deep Catholic roots continue to be a vital presence in the region. He has served the faithful of this diocese as a parish priest, seminary formator and rector, and most recently as vicar for clergy and chaplaincy services. His warm and pastoral heart has been a wonderful asset to the people of Galveston-Houston and we are confident that he will serve the Diocese of Victoria well. ~Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

The Diocese of Victoria extends our deepest gratitude to Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer for the truly wonderful years of service. We have been very blessed by your leadership, by your faith, and by your example. You will be terribly missed, but know in our hearts we are extremely glad to know that you will remain in Victoria. At hearing the news of the announcement, several in attendance were wiping away tears and saying prayers. Many Catholic organizations in the diocese offered well wishes to Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer for all he has done and welcoming Bishop-Elect Cahill with open arms. You have led your flock well in the last 25 years and given much in your 50 years of consecrated life. We appreciate you. We thank you. We love you. We will continue to keep you in our prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide and protect you always. May God Bless you! ~Diocese of Victoria


Most. Rev. David E. Fellhauer, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Victoria

Most. Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Victoria

Fr. Gary Janak, Diocesan Administrator

Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer and Bishop-Elect Cahill at the news conference

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Bishop Fellhauer’s Schedule

May

9  5:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Mary Church, Victoria
10 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Flatonia, including Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Cistern
11 5:00 p.m. Liturgical Commission Meeting, Chancery
13 10:00 a.m. Pension Board Meeting, Chancery
16 10:00 a.m. 50th Anniversary Mass, St. Agnes Church, Edna
17 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Holy Cross Church, Yorktown
19 6:30 p.m. KC Council #9088 Catholic Schools Appreciation Social and Dinner, Holy Family Activity Center, Victoria
22 8:10 a.m. School Mass, St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg, followed by dedication of Dayton Helms Memorial Plaza
23 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Goliad
24 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Peter Church, Blessing
24 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Church, Moulton
25 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria
30 12:00 p.m. Serra Club Sisters’ Cookout, IWBS Convent, Victoria
30 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Philip the Apostle Church, El Campo
31 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick’s Church, Bloomington

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Bishop’s 8th Grade Awards


Thank you notes

Dear Bishop Fellhauer:

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your diocese’s contribution of $26,242.41 from the 2014 Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Such generosity provides essential support to mission dioceses and territories here at home. I am grateful for your help to strengthen the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Peter F. Christensen
Bishop of Boise
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions

Dear Bishop Fellhauer:

On behalf of Catholic Relief Services, I wish to express much gratitude to the faithful of the Diocese of Victoria for participating in our shared mission of helping Catholics in the U.S. live their faith in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable through CRS programs and resources. Your support of our lifesaving work brings a message of hope to the world.

Peace and blessings,
Joan Rosenhauer
Executive VP/U.S. Operations Div.

*Front page

Photo courtesy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Fr. Gary Janak, diocesan chancellor and OLV pastor, was Chaplain for the Day for the Texas Senate in Austin, TX. He was invited by State Senator Lois Kolkhorst.

DSA update

2015 Diocesan Services Appeal
Dioecesan Goal: $1,826,700.00
Parish Pledge Totals: $454,746.96
Parish Contribution Totals: $345,478.66
Number of Parish Families Participating: 2,055
Seminary Burses

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is $15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received. Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation to: DIocese OF VICTORIA • SEMINARY BURSES • 77904

As of April 29, 2015

— Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch
Previously reported $11,059.00
In honor of Stazy Hajek’s 102nd birthday celebration by Gary and Denise Greive 102.00
Total $11,161.00

— Rev. Charles Carolan
In loving memory of Rev. Charles Carolan by Dorothy Noska 1,000.00
Previously reported $10,833.99
— CDA Court St. Ann #369
Previously reported $10,783.99
In memory of Bob Johnston by CDA Court St Ann #369 25.00
In memory of Freida Truman by CDA Court St. Ann #369 25.00
Total $10,833.99

— Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune
Previously reported $3,195.00
In memory of Dorothy Noska by Lambert and Carol Brune 25.00
Total $3,220.00

— Very Rev. Matthew Huelkefeld
In honor of Rev. Matthew Huelkefeld for his pastoral care at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Yoakum by Jimmy and Shirley Mudd $15,000.00

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For Young Men...

Fall Vermont Tour: Oct. 16-24, 2015
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Glacier National Park: July 23-29
Only 2 spaces available
until May 15th!

Oregon’s Natural Wonders:
Sept. 20-26

Cruise from Venice: June 11-18, 2016
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With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God,
The Diocese of Victoria in Texas
JOYFULLY ANNOUNCES AND INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
THE ORDINATION OF
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Rev. Mr. Scott J. Hill
Rev. Mr. Jacob A. Koether
Rev. Mr. Francis T. Nguyen III
TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST
AND THE ORDINATION OF
Mr. Max A. Landman
TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS
WILL BE CONFERRED THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS
AND INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY
THE MOST REV. DAVID E. FELDHUAVER, J.C.D.
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Happy Birthday!

Deacon Kristopher Fuchs is in honor of Rev. Matthew Huehlefeld for Theology IV at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH. His birthday is May 13. Please show your support by writing to Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43235.

Blayne Jemelka is in memory of Dorothy Noska by Rev. Philip Brune

Dominic Schaefer is in memory of Rev. Charles Carolan by Dorothy Noska

See Seminary Burses, pg 4
Reporting Abuse

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy or other church personnel, you can register a complaint.

- Call the bishop or the chancellor at the Chancery at (361) 573-0828; or
- Call Fr. Gary Janak (361) 575-4741 or Sr. Emilie Eilers (361) 575-7111, Coordinators of Pastoral Care and Outreach; or
- Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer
  Diocese of Victoria, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903

Mark your letter “Personal and Confidential”. We will also help you bring your concerns to Church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria. If you are unsure about bringing forth a complaint or need more information, please contact: Fr. Gary Janak at (361) 575-4741.

Look for the Puzzle Contest in next month’s issue! See pg. 5 for April winners!

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If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.
Meet a Deacon
(a TCL series)

by Deacon Larry Hoelscher

I was born in Robstown, TX to Richard and (the late) Ella Lange Hoelscher. I was raised across the street from St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in a little farming community between Corpus Christi and Robstown named Violet. I went to St. Anthony’s and was an altar server from age 6 until I graduated from high school. I thoroughly enjoyed serving at Mass. I went to college at Tarleton State University where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy. I also played football on a scholarship. I meet my wife, Patricia, in college. We married my senior year. In 1980, I moved my family to El Campo. I currently work for Valent U.S. A. Corp. which manufactures crop protection products. My wife is an interior decorator and a spiritual director. When our family moved to El Campo, I became involved in St. Philip’s Catholic Church as a Eucharistic minister and started singing in the choir- which lead me into the ministry of cantor for Masses and funerals. The music ministry at St. Philip’s has taken me to a deeper dimension of spirituality in my life. The ACTS movement helped to also broaden my spirituality. I believe music ministry, ACTS, along with the different pastors in my life has lead me on a path into the deaconate program where I am serving God today.

In 2004, I took my family on a pilgrimage with Fr. Gary Janak and Betty Urbanovsky to Italy and Medjugorje. In Rome, we saw Pope John Paul II. I was able to get to within about 20 feet of the Holy Father and it seemed He looked right at me and gave me His Blessing. Ever since that day my life has changed. In the days that followed during our daily Masses, Fr. Gary would offer a petition for vocations to the priesthood and deaconate. Every time he would offer that petition I would experience a pain in my heart. It only lasted a few moments, but it seemed to happen every time the petition was offered. The same pain lasted the rest of the trip and even after we returned home. At the time, I did not share this with anyone, but after I told my wife, she encouraged me to visit with Fr. Gary. He told me he thought it may be a calling from God. Patricia and I went to visit with Fr. Gabriel in Moulton and after the visit I started the deaconate formation program. Bishop Fellhauer, Fr. Gary and Fr. Ed Abell were very supportive during my formation years in the program, as well helping me through some rough times and understanding the true meaning of perseverance.

Serving now as a deacon at St. Philip’s, Fr. Michael Rother allows me to teach baptism classes, prepare couples for marriage, help with annullments, teach RCIA classes, take communion to the home bound and nursing home, serve on the parish finance board, and serve at the table of the Lord with Fr. Albert Yankey. Fr. Michael encourages his deacons to give homilies once a month. It is truly a humbling experience- one that I never take lightly. I find when I am serving God and His Church, I am the happiest. Helping people find God in their lives as well as helping God’s people celebrate the sacraments is a gratifying experience. I thank God every day for the ability to serve Him and His Church as a deacon.

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**Catechetical leader retires**

*TCL* asked Doris about her years of ministry in the diocese and how she felt about retiring from her leadership role.

**TCL: How did you become involved in being a parish catechetical leader (PCL)?**

**Andel:** I became involved in catechetical ministry when I retired from public education in 1998. Msgr. Michael O’Shaughnessy asked me to help Sr. Jacinta Benavides, IWBS and Sr. Lois Marie Etzler, IWBS as CRE for the parish.

**TCL: How has being a PCL enriched your life?**

**Andel:** God and family have always been essential in my life. While my religious beliefs were instilled in us as a youngster in our family, I took advantage of the opportunities to expand my religious knowledge and shared these beliefs as a CCD teacher for many years. When St. Agnes needed a CCD director, I answered the call and have tried to positively influence the youngsters of our parish to become better Catholics.

**TCL: Why is religious education/faith development important?**

**Andel:** I have always enjoyed sharing my faith with others and have learned much in the process. Religion is not something to be learned for a "test" or memorized; religion is alive and meant to be lived every day. Although life can get rather hectic, we must all remember to be the disciples that Jesus taught us to be. We must pass on the teachings of our Church to make it stronger. By doing so as a PCL, my responsibilities have impacted my life in ways I never thought possible. Rather than a job, being a PCL has been a joy.

**Many thanks**

Doris Andel

"Doris actively participated in several of the programs, conferences, and workshops sponsored through the Office of Catechetical Ministry. She received the Pastoral Institute (PI) Basic Catechist certificate in 2006, participated in leadership training from 2003-2009, received the Basic Formation in Catechetical Leadership and Management certificate in 2011, and served as vice-president of the Organization of Catechetical Leadership from 2008-2011. She believed in the training of catechists and continually offered *Echoes of Faith* courses through the PI for the catechists at St. Agnes, Edna. Doris is a wonderful example of a true leader." ~Chris Alvarez, director of catechetical ministry

"It has been an honor, privilege, and a blessing to work alongside Doris. She is very respected by students and staff. She has spent many years in catechetical ministry which is something she truly values. She will be missed!" ~Pat Kromka, CRE (grades 6-12), St. Agnes Church, Edna

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**PASTORAL INSTITUTE**

**Short Term Program**

*Echoes of Faith 3.0* is available at no cost to catechists and parish catechetical leaders in the Diocese of Victoria. For more information, contact Christella Alvarez at (361) 827-7171, calvarez@victoriadiocese.org or Sherry Kainer at (361) 573-0828 x2223, pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org.

**LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER**

**Summer Fun Days**

**WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.**

**JUNE 10, 2015**

**JULY 8, 2015**

**JUNE 24, 2015**

**JULY 22, 2015**

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (Parent or Legal Guardian).**

Summer is just around the corner and the kids will be out of school... what will you do? Bring them to the Library located on the 2nd floor at the Chancery at 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX, 77901! Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. During the months of June and July children can enjoy a faith-based movie, participate in an activity, and have a healthy snack for FREE! *Come, join us!* For more information, contact Margaret Pruett at (361) 573-0828 x2224, catecheticalsec@victoriadiocese.org, or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.
Many employees participated in the biometric test year. In January, all participants took tests to determine various health factors. Win-ners pictured tested blood pressure, BMI, tobacco use, blood sugar, and received 25, 50, or 75 for passing.
Catholic by Grace

by Denise Bossert

www.catholicbygrace.blogspot.com

Changing water into wine

It is the Marriage at Cana all over again. It really is. Everyone is celebrating. The crowds are excited and hopeful. Behind the scenes, the apostles are dealing with a crisis. The Blessed Mother sees both: the celebration and the building crisis- and she intervenes.

Right now, we are gearing up for a celebration. In September, the Church will come together to celebrate the gift of the sacrament of marriage and the beauty of the domestic church (the family); and it should be a time of celebration. A time of hope. A time of gratitude and praise for the gifts we have in marriage and family. The event is bookended by the Synods on the Family, where the apostles gathered together. A crisis threatens marriage, and the Blessed Mother steps into their midst. “My Son, they have no wine.” She seems to be saying it again. The fundamental building block of our society is crumbling and the whole thing is about to collapse. It will all come to a screeching halt- this celebration of marriage and family- if something does not happen.

What does it mean to run out of wine today? The wine runs out as we see our young people sexualized at earlier and earlier ages, as young women are objectified, as the unborn are sacrificed on the altar of our agendas, our pre-occupation with the future. The wine runs out when couples stop work- each other, stop putting faith into each other. The wine runs out when marriage and new life; marriage are advocating a lifestyle that the Church has ever society tells the Church what is real. people lives to protect, when a marriage have no wine.” Yet, the celebration goes on- as it should, because marriage and family are worth celebrating. No need to throw our hands into the air and give up. Our Lady has proven she cares about marriage and she even cares about the celebrations that surround it. She intercedes, and her Son acts.

We are living in the moment between celebration and disaster. The bishops see how fragile the family is in modern culture. They have heard Our Lady speak. They have been given the directive to do whatever He says. Celebration and crisis. The water and wine of grace. The reality of outside forces. This could be our finest hour. This could be the beginning of a world-wide ministry to the family. It began at the Wedding of Cana. Our Lord’s public ministry. The miraculous intervention. The pairing of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart.

In my darker moments, I see only the approaching crisis. People building hasty marriages. Efforts to redefine marriage. Decisions to discard marriages like they were last year’s fashion statement. The domestic church is in trouble and the answers may require something miraculous- but we have been here before. It is time to rise up. Some things are worth protecting, defining, defending, and salvaging. Once again, water can turn into wine. The celebration will continue and the Church will lead the way because she has received the mandate: do whatever He tells you.

Let the Church be the Church. Pray for the apostles... and expect a miracle.

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Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic
Hallettsville, TX
Sunday, May 24, 2015
Knights of Columbus Hall

Short memorial: 1:00 p.m. given by Rev. Msgr. John Peters

Dinner: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Dining in the KC Hall
Drive-thru/plates-to-go: 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Country Fried Chicken • Stew
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Adults: $9 p/p.

Inside the
air-conditioned hall:
Bingo: Noon – 6:00 p.m.
Cake walk, Country Store & Religious Articles Booth

Music on the Main Pavilion
J & S Playboys
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free Dance on the Polka Pavilion/ Biergarten
The Red Ravens & Jodie Mikula Orchestra
1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Washer Pitching Tournament 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a great time at the Sacred Heart Spring Picnic!
Fun & entertainment for all ages!

Presidio La Bahia (PLB) Museum and Visitor Center
In the Shadow of the Presidio/ Festival of St. Isidro

St. Isidro is the patron saint of farmers.
Join us as living historians dressed in period clothing circa 1790-1836
to occupy the presidio as soldiers would have over 200 years ago!

The Presidio, located in Goliad, is the only Spanish fort in the possession of the Catholic church in North America and is a National Historic Landmark. The museum is open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and is closed on major holidays. For more information, contact (361) 645-3752 or visit www.presidiolabahia.org.
**Legal, moral, and tolerance**

by Deacon Chuck Glynn

The recent uproar over the Indiana (and Arkansas) state Religious Freedom Restoration Act should give all of us pause for concern as our great country struggles with the relationship between what is legal, what is moral, and how we tolerate the difference. What is legal changes over time as “we the people” decide. What is moral does not change as our Creator has long ago given us a moral code, a natural law. Fortunately, there remains significant agreement between what is currently legal and what has always been moral (Do not steal, do not murder, etc). Unfortunately, there also are examples where what is currently legal, is in direct conflict with what has always been moral. In the sphere of legal, but immoral acts, tolerance is the respect for an individual’s God given free will as they pursue “life, liberty, and happiness”. Tolerance does not imply agreement, support, or justification of any immoral act, but simply acknowledges the individual has the right to choose. Charitable conversations, debates, attempts to influence, and peaceful protests are signs of tolerance, not hate speech, when they fully respect the individual’s God given free will. Intolerance is when “we the people” deliberately change what is legal in an attempt to force others to violate the moral code given by our Creator. Intolerance is religious persecution. Ultimately, intolerance fails, because for believers the moral code given by our Creator always trumps the people’s shifting laws. Pray for our country!

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**Sunday Readings from May 10 to May 31, 2015**

**May 10- 6th Sunday of Easter**
Psalms 98:1-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

**May 17- Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**
Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mark 16:15-20

**May 24- Pentecost Sunday**
Acts 2:1-11
Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

For daily and Sunday readings, as well as a daily reflection video, visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings.

**Monday, May 11**
Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

**Tuesday, May 12**
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

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**Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Contest**

(A) Front row, left to right: 9 year-old Ann Brown, 2nd place; 10 year-old Makayla Crist, 3rd place. Back row, left to right: 12 year-old Erin Blaschke, 1st place; 13 year-old Haylee Blumrick, 3rd place; and Alvin Kulcak, diocesan deputy.

(B) Left to right: Alvin Kulcak, 9 year-old Duke Sodek, 2nd place; and 12 year-old Joshua Steffeck, 3rd place. The contest was held in San Antonio.

**The Sacred Heart Indian Band**, Hallettsville, recently participated in the TAPPS Competition, receiving a 1st Division in Sight Reading and placing 3rd in the Overall State Championship for Class 2A. Students also received a total of 13 medals in solos and ensembles.

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**6th Annual Diocesan Camp David Retreat**

**Elementary Session** (students entering 3rd & 5th grades) June 17 • $15 includes food and all crafts supplies. Permission and medical release forms are required of everyone attending the retreat. Space is limited and will close when spots are filled. To order a 2015 Camp David t-shirt, include an additional $10 with payment and indicate size.

**Discipleship Week** • June 22-25. Registration forms can be found on the diocesan website under Youth & Young Adult Ministry as well as other forms needed to attend this retreat by NET Ministries.

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**Rocky Mountain High Retreat** • July 4-12, 2015 • Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

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Summer activities: Jr. High Sessions (students entering 6th or finishing 8th grade. Session I June 14-16 • Session II June 17-19 • $65 per person includes food and lodging for 2 nights. Permission and medical release forms are required of everyone attending the retreat. Space is limited to 50 participants. Registration will close when this number is reached. A $15 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT is required to secure a space. The registration fee; deposit is $50. To order include an additional $10 size. Elementary Session June 17 • $15 includes food and all crafts supplies. Permission and medical release forms are required of everyone attending the retreat. Space is limited and will close when spots are filled. To order a 2015 Camp David t-shirt, include an additional $10 with payment and indicate size. Discipleship Week • June 22-25. Registration forms can be found on the diocesan website under Youth & Young Adult Ministry as well as other forms needed to attend this retreat by NET Ministries.

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The Catholic Lighthouse
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Cayden Balcar, Ariel Barker, Justin Capak, Christian Cox, Hope

Msgr. Michael Harrold, age 89, entered eternal rest on, Apr. 2, 2015 in Victoria. He was born Jan. 16, 1926 in Limerick, Ireland to Michael Dalton and Kathleen Harrold. He was the third of 4 children, which included his sisters, Patricia, Kathleen, and Florrie. He attended Mungret College, Limerick, before entering the seminary in Ireland, and then came to the Archdiocese of San Antonio, where he was ordained a priest May 27, 1950. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church, Victoria, June 12, 1950.

He loved to work with the youth. He taught religion to the Sisters of Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament and to the students at St. Joseph Catholic High School. In 1957, he was assigned to Our Lady of Grace in La Coste, TX. In August of that year, he was named director of council of the Catholic youth for the Victoria deanery. On June 22, 1961 he was assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria. In the following years, he became pastor of: St. Anthony of Padua, Palacios; St. Cecilia, San Antonio; and St. Patrick’s, Bloomington. He served on the Personnel Board for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. He served as a campus minister and instructor at Victoria College, where he resided at the Catholic Campus House. In Dec. 1985, he was named pastor of Our Lady of Victory and later, with the naming of the new Diocese of Victoria, he became the rector of the cathedral. Seeing the need to nurture even the youngest members of the parish, he created the Early Childhood Center and brought a Pre-K program to the parish. In 1998, his leadership opened the Art Center and Youth Hut. His foresight and dreams were instrumental in the parish investing in the old Town Plaza Mall to expand the physical space of the parish. This huge undertaking will provide room to grow and accommodate future generations of members of the parish and school. He excelled at golf and loved to fish and paint. He enjoyed traveling and spending many happy vacations back home in Ireland. He loved plants of all kinds, music, art and had a fondness for a cat looking to fish and paint. He enjoyed traveling and spending many happy vacations back home in Ireland. He loved plants of all kinds, music, art and had a fondness for a cat looking for a home. His ready wit, his sparkling blue eyes, his kindness to those in need and an understanding ear for those in trouble made him beloved by many. His desire to serve God and God's people in ministry showed in every aspect of his life.

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SISTERLY THOUGHTS

by Sr. Mildred Truchard, IWBS

We All Need Help

When I was very young, I remember my dad telling me to ask Mother Mary to pray for me whenever I needed help. I do not remember the circumstances, but it probably had something to do with my natural tendency to get into trouble. However, whatever the circumstances were, I took the message to heart and Mary has always been there for me.

There have been times in my life, when the knowledge she was there and ready to intercede for me, that I achieved a sense of peace. For example, in the past when I was scheduled for surgery, I would ask her to pray for the surgeon and those assisting in the surgery. I was always reassured I was in good hands.

I think all of us understand the need for a go-between when we want to ask for something. I remember asking one of my brothers, who always seemed to do the right thing, to go to ask my parents for permission that I myself might not have received. Perhaps some of you have benefitted from such an intercessor. Then, you can understand why Mother Mary has such an important role in our lives. May she pray for all of us!

Catholic Schools Bishop’s 8th Grade Awards

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Evets

Meals • Picnics and more

Bay City–ACTS Golf Tournament May 30 at Rio Colorado Golf Club. 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. For more information, contact Mike Allison at (979) 479-1370 or Joe Gonzalez at (979) 240-9178.

San Antonio–Tribute to Motherhood Luncheon with Dr. Leslie Parks May 14 at the Whitley Theological Center. For more information, call (210) 533-3504 or visit www.setonhomesa.org.

Shiner–Sts. Cyril & Methodius Spring Picnic May 24. For more information, call (361) 987-2387, or Georgia Mikosh at (979) 335-7907 or visit www.kkfest.com.

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Port Arthur–Third Age Day Mass and Celebration May 19 at St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus. For more information, visit www.dioceseofbmt.org.

San Antonio–St. John’s/Assumption Seminary Centennial Ordinations May 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church. For more information, contact Mike Davis at (210) 734-5137 x1414 or mike.davis@archsa.org.

Shiner–Kids’ Kamp June 8-12 at Shiner Catholic School. 8:00 a.m.-noon. For youth in grades K-7. For more information, call (361) 594-3234 or visit www.scsminshiner.org.

Tivoli–Our Lady of Guadalupe Church celebrates the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the 1st Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. at 501B William St. with Fr. Paulson Panakal. For more information, call (361) 237-3634.

Victoria–Amor Meus Spirituality Center silent guided one-day retreat, The Spirituality of Brokenness with Sr. Brigid Marie Clarke, May 16 at IWBS Convent. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at (361) 575-7111, amormeus@yahoo.com, or visit www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

Victoria–Come and See Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women 18 to 50 years of age May 16-17 at IWBS Convent. For more information, call (361) 575-7111, e-mail iwbsvoc@yahoo.com, or visit www.iwbsvictoria.org.

Victoria–Our Lady of Lourdes holds Healing Mass and Prayer the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at 105 N. William St. with Fr. Phi Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS Convent. For more information, contact Sr. Louise Marie Jones at iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com.

May

Bay City–Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival June 14 at the Parish Hall. Brisket dinner. Dine-in, pick up, or drive-thru, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. $ 8 p/p. 11:30 a.m. auction.

East Bernard–Czech Kolache Klobble Festival June 13 at Riverside Hall. 10:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Sausage and BBQ chicken plates available at 11:00 a.m. Admission is $8 p/p. Children 12 and under are free. Sponsored by KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40. For more information, call (979) 335-7907 or visit www.kkfest.com.

Port Lavaca–CDA Court Our Lady of the Gulf #2267 Games Party June 14 at St. Jude’s Hall. 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. $7 entry fee. Bring a card game, dominoes, or board game to play while enjoying refreshments. There will be door prizes, a raffle, and silent auction. For reservations, contact Margaret Hilscher at (361) 552-3233, Doris Winter at (361) 987-2387, or Georgia Mikosh at (361) 552-6844.

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Corpus Christi–Teens Open Up to God’s Holiness Youth Retreat July 24-26 at the Pax Christi Liturgical Retreat Center for youth in grades 9-12. For more information, visit www.dioceseexc.org.

Conferences • Masses • Retreats and more

Amarillo–Hats Off to DCCW Luncheon and Fashion Show June 13 at Msgr. Francis A. Smyer Activity Center at St. Mary’s Cathedral. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.amarillodiocese.org.

El Campo–Holy Mass with Healing Prayer May 21 at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. Presiding priest will be Fr. Joseph Lam Nguyen, C.S.Sp. 6:30 p.m. rosary, 6:45 p.m. praise and worship. 7:15 p.m. Mass. Individual prayer available following Mass. For more information, contact Gwen Edwards at (361) 577-0277, gwen.edwards@sbcglobal.net or Jan Dornak at (361) 541-3609, jan.hair@sbcglobal.net.

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