In This Issue . . .

• Pg. 2
  Ordination/Installation Information

• Pg. 5
  Meet a Deacon

• Pg. 8
  CRS/Church Celebrates 50 Years

• Pg. 9
  Top Graduates

• Pg. 10
  Meet a Catholic School Principal

• Pg. 11
  Year of Consecrated Life

• Pg. 14
  Faith Formation Graduates

4 priests, 1 deacon ordained in the diocese

On June 6, 2015 at Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, Victoria, the sacrament of holy orders will be conferred, through the imposition of hands and invocation of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Emeritus David E. Fellhauer, upon Rev. Mr. Kristopher L. Fuchs, Rev. Mr. Scott J. Hill, Rev. Mr. Jacob A. Koether, and 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.

Fr. Kristopher Fuchs completed Theology IV at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH. Fr. Scott Hill completed Theology IV at St. Mary Seminary in Houston, TX. Fr. Jacob Koether completed Theology IV at St. Mary Seminary in Houston, TX. Fr. Francis Nguyen III completed Theology IV at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT. Deacon Max Landman completed Theology III at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH.

The Diocese of Victoria congratulates them on their accomplishments and welcomes them into our diocese. Their services are much needed and we look forward to having them serve in the parishes of our diocese.

Is God calling you? For more information, contact The Office of Vocations at (361) 573-5304, vocations@victoriavocations.org, or visit www.victoriavocations.org.

NOTE: More ordination coverage will be featured in the July issue.

Always, our bishop

“Through the Holy Spirit who has been given to them, bishops are the successors of the apostles by divine institution; they are constituted pastors within the church so that they are teachers of doctrine, priests of sacred worship, and ministers of governance. Bishops are called diocesan when the care of a diocese has been entrusted to them . . . .”

(Canons 375 §1 and 376)

We thank you!

Joseph L. Vrana, III was born Dec. 21, 1939 to Joseph L. Vrana, Jr. and Helen Cyva Vrana. He attended 1-8 grades in Sheldon, TX and transferred to Crosby High School in Crosby, TX for grades 9-12. It was during this time that he began to seriously consider the priesthood. After graduation, he answered his calling to the priesthood and entered St. Mary’s Seminary in Houston, TX. He was among 8 seminarians ordained by Bishop John L. Morkovsky on May 29, 1965 at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. Following his ordination, Fr. Joe was very happy to impart his priestly blessing to his parents as Reverend Joseph L. Vrana, III “Father Joe” - Pastor of St. Mary’s

See more on pg. 2.

Consecrated in Christ’s name ‘to feed the church by the word and grace of God.’

Set the Diocese of Victoria as your homepage: www.victoriadiocese.org. View TCL online!
Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer’s Schedule

June
6  10:00 a.m. Mass, Priestly and Diaconal Ordinations, Holy Family Church, Victoria
   5:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. Michael Church, Cuero
7  10:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, St. John Bosco Church, Vanderbilt
11  3:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer for Sanctification of Priests and Serra Club
     Priests’ Cookout, Holy Family Church, Victoria
17  2:00 p.m. Finance Board Meeting, Chancery
29  2:00 p.m. Ordination and Installation of Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, Third Bishop
     of Victoria, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria

July
5  11:30 a.m. Opening Mass for 2015 Vocation Camp, St. Michael Church, Weimar

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, The Diocese of Victoria in Texas joyfully announces the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of His Excellency The Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, S.T.D. as the third bishop of Victoria

Monday, June 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Victory Cathedral
1309 E. Mesquite Lane Victoria, TX

Due to space limitations, seating at the OLV Cathedral is by ticket only.

All are welcome to view the Ordination/Installation at the OLV Gymnatorium or by additionally provided LIVE coverage via EWTN and CatholicTV networks. For more information, visit www.ewtn.com and www.victoriadiocese.org.

A link for live viewing will be provided soon!

The Diocese of Victoria is pleased to announce that all will be able to welcome our new bishop at the following receptions:

JULY 10 • El Campo • 7:00 p.m. • KC Hall
JULY 13 • Victoria • 7:00 p.m. • Holy Family
JULY 15 • Hallettsville • 7:00 p.m. • KC Hall
JULY 20 • Palacios • 5:30 p.m. • Mass/reception at the Vietnamese Apostolate

Thank you note

Dear Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer:
On behalf of the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), thank you for your support and donation of $4,021.79.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the CCC

Dear Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer:
Thank you for $51,485.84 in support of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you and the faithful of your diocese for such generosity and prayerful support.

Gratefully,
Sr. Janice Bader, CPPS
Executive Director

TCL Special Edition advertising

In addition to our July edition, a special edition will be published featuring the newly named Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria. Advertising rates listed below will be applicable to the all-color pages of the special edition only.

Ad pricing for the special edition:
Outside diocese
   Color
   Full page: $1,500
   ½ page: $750
   ¼ page: $450
   Inside diocese
   Color
   Full page: $1,200
   ½ page: $675
   ¼ page: $375

To place an ad or for more information, contact TCL at (361) 573-0828.

DSA update

2015 Diocesan Services Appeal
Diocesan Goal: $1,826,700.00
Parish Pledge Totals: $579,979.87
Parish Contribution Totals: $466,060.67
Number of Parish Families Participating: 2,652

Please visit www.victoriadiocese.org.
A link to watch it LIVE on your television, computer, or phone will be provided soon!
### 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 • P.O. BOX 4070 • VICTORIA, TX 77903.

**As of May 30, 2015**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Burse Type</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General Seminary Burse</td>
<td>$10,820.90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CDA Court St. Ann #369</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CDA Our Lady Queen of Peace Ct. #1374</td>
<td>$10,858.99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CDA Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca</td>
<td>$7,722.12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer/Catholic Life Insurance: Nada, Moulton-Flatonia, Hallettsville, El Campo and Edna-DeWayne and Adeline Dvorak</td>
<td>$200.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ganado Branches Burse #2</td>
<td>$1,300.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>— Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune</td>
<td>$5,230.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>— Rev. Kristopher L. Fuchs</td>
<td>$3,320.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>— Rev. Scott Hill</td>
<td>$6,200.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>— Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB &amp; John and Mary Kolek</td>
<td>$5,180.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>— Rev. Timothy Kosler</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>— Rev. Dan Morales in Honor of his Work for Vocations</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>— KC Council #1329-Victoria Burse #3</td>
<td>$14,575.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>— Rev. Msgr. Michael Harrold Burse</td>
<td>$5,200.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 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: Bishop Emeritus 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.

**Reporting Child Abuse Hotline** • 1 (800) 252-5400

www.txabusehotline.org

If you know or suspect a child or person has been abused or mistreated, you are required to report it to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or to a law enforcement agency within 48 hours.

If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.

---

### Fall Vermont Tour

Oct. 16-24, 2015
More space! 7 spaces available!

Canadian Rockies

Glacier National Park: July 23-29
2 spaces available until May 15th!

Oregon’s Natural Wonders: Sept. 20-26

Cruise from Venice - Croatia - Athens - Ephesus: June 11-18, 2016
Book early for best cabins!

Pathways ~with Patti
334 Jurek Road
Port Lavaca, TX 77979
(361) 532.2695 or (361) 920.3216

### ABCATS TRAVEL

Tour Germany, Poland, & Czech Republic

August 11-23, 2015

Berlin, Gdansk, Warsaw, Czestochowa, Jasna Gora Monastery, Krakow, Przemszt, & Prague

(361) 578-0828 • slovakjim@att.net

www.abcatstravel.com

---

### Happy Birthday!

**Jacob Mendoza**

is in his Pastoral Year at Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca. His birthday is June 6. Please show your support by writing to Our Lady of the Gulf, 415 W. Austin St., Port Lavaca, TX 77979.

---

**Stephen Vacek**

is in his Pastoral Year at St. Anthony of Padua, Palacios. His birthday is June 26. Please show your support by writing to St. Anthony of Padua, P.O. Box 900, Palacios, TX 77465.
3rd Annual Fishers of Men Saltwater Fishing Tournament

Saturday, August 29, 2015
Elks Lodge • El Campo, TX
Entry fee: $200 per team (4 persons max)
5 optional side-pot entry fees
$20 each category • 100% side-pot payout
Tournament prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.
5 fish heavy stringer (2 red & 3 trout)
A meal will be provided after the weigh-in for those who have entered the tournament by August 14th. Additional meal tickets may be purchased for $8 p/p when the team entry is sent in or at weigh-in.
You may register at the mandatory Captain's Meeting at the Elks Lodge on Friday, August 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
For more information, contact Kyle Chandler at (979) 541-9833 or kyle.streamline@yahoo.com.

Entry fees benefit the El Campo Deanery ACTS.

Presidio La Bahia (PLB) Museum and Visitor Center
Visit the 19th Century!
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.

At the CDA State Convention, JCDA Court #206, Yoakum, was awarded a 1st place honor for their Circle of Love report. The report details and informs other CDA courts throughout the state of Texas about JCDA #206’s community involvement, charitable activities, donations, and how they share their faith. JCDA #206 currently has 51 active members which girls in 1-12 grades. Desi Muenich and Jennifer Jahn are co-leaders. JCDA #206 members ended the 2014-15 year with an awards ceremony and celebration at Yoakum City Park. Members received a necklace with a rainbow-enameled cross. The rainbow-colored cross symbolized how all of their activities and charitable acts focused on the colors of faith. Some of the activities involved donating a specific item to the Yoakum Food Pantry each month, donating care packages to the Yoakum Journey House, and donating a crucifix to the children’s liturgy program at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church.

Fr. Matthew Huehlefeld, pastor of St. Joseph, Yoakum, attended a meeting and spoke about symbolism, history, and traditions of the Catholic faith. Members learned about various saints and statues as well as symbols of animals and figures etched in the beautiful stained glass windows visible in the church. While visiting the sacristy, Fr. Matthew explained the different oils used in the sacraments and showed the selection of sacred vestments he wears throughout the liturgical year.

JCDA #206 members ended the 2014-15 year with an awards ceremony and celebration at Yoakum City Park. Members received a necklace with a rainbow-enameled cross. The rainbow-colored cross symbolized how all of their activities and charitable acts focused on the colors of faith. Some of the activities involved donating a specific item to the Yoakum Food Pantry each month, donating care packages to the Yoakum Journey House, and donating a crucifix to the children’s liturgy program at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Fr. Matthew Huehlefeld, pastor of St. Joseph, Yoakum, attended a meeting and spoke about symbolism, history, and traditions of the Catholic faith. Members learned about various saints and statues as well as symbols of animals and figures etched in the beautiful stained glass windows visible in the church. While visiting the sacristy, Fr. Matthew explained the different oils used in the sacraments and showed the selection of sacred vestments he wears throughout the liturgical year.

JCDA #206 members ended the 2014-15 year with an awards ceremony and celebration at Yoakum City Park. Members received a necklace with a rainbow-enameled cross. The rainbow-colored cross symbolized how all of their activities and charitable acts focused on the colors of faith. Some of the activities involved donating a specific item to the Yoakum Food Pantry each month, donating care packages to the Yoakum Journey House, and donating a crucifix to the children’s liturgy program at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

At the CDA State Convention, JCDA Court #206, Yoakum, was awarded a 1st place honor for their Circle of Love report. The report details and informs other CDA courts throughout the state of Texas about JCDA #206’s community involvement, charitable activities, donations, and how they share their faith. JCDA #206 currently has 51 active members which girls in 1-12 grades. Desi Muenich and Jennifer Jahn are co-leaders.

Fr. Matthew Huehlefeld, pastor of St. Joseph, Yoakum, attended a meeting and spoke about symbolism, history, and traditions of the Catholic faith. Members learned about various saints and statues as well as symbols of animals and figures etched in the beautiful stained glass windows visible in the church. While visiting the sacristy, Fr. Matthew explained the different oils used in the sacraments and showed the selection of sacred vestments he wears throughout the liturgical year.

JCDA #206 members ended the 2014-15 year with an awards ceremony and celebration at Yoakum City Park. Members received a necklace with a rainbow-enameled cross. The rainbow-colored cross symbolized how all of their activities and charitable acts focused on the colors of faith. Some of the activities involved donating a specific item to the Yoakum Food Pantry each month, donating care packages to the Yoakum Journey House, and donating a crucifix to the children’s liturgy program at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

At the CDA State Convention, JCDA Court #206, Yoakum, was awarded a 1st place honor for their Circle of Love report. The report details and informs other CDA courts throughout the state of Texas about JCDA #206’s community involvement, charitable activities, donations, and how they share their faith. JCDA #206 currently has 51 active members which girls in 1-12 grades. Desi Muenich and Jennifer Jahn are co-leaders.

Fr. Matthew Huehlefeld, pastor of St. Joseph, Yoakum, attended a meeting and spoke about symbolism, history, and traditions of the Catholic faith. Members learned about various saints and statues as well as symbols of animals and figures etched in the beautiful stained glass windows visible in the church. While visiting the sacristy, Fr. Matthew explained the different oils used in the sacraments and showed the selection of sacred vestments he wears throughout the liturgical year.

JCDA #206 members ended the 2014-15 year with an awards ceremony and celebration at Yoakum City Park. Members received a necklace with a rainbow-enameled cross. The rainbow-colored cross symbolized how all of their activities and charitable acts focused on the colors of faith. Some of the activities involved donating a specific item to the Yoakum Food Pantry each month, donating care packages to the Yoakum Journey House, and donating a crucifix to the children’s liturgy program at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

At the CDA State Convention, JCDA Court #206, Yoakum, was awarded a 1st place honor for their Circle of Love report. The report details and informs other CDA courts throughout the state of Texas about JCDA #206’s community involvement, charitable activities, donations, and how they share their faith. JCDA #206 currently has 51 active members which girls in 1-12 grades. Desi Muenich and Jennifer Jahn are co-leaders.

Fr. Matthew Huehlefeld, pastor of St. Joseph, Yoakum, attended a meeting and spoke about symbolism, history, and traditions of the Catholic faith. Members learned about various saints and statues as well as symbols of animals and figures etched in the beautiful stained glass windows visible in the church. While visiting the sacristy, Fr. Matthew explained the different oils used in the sacraments and showed the selection of sacred vestments he wears throughout the liturgical year.

JCDA #206 members ended the 2014-15 year with an awards ceremony and celebration at Yoakum City Park. Members received a necklace with a rainbow-enameled cross. The rainbow-colored cross symbolized how all of their activities and charitable acts focused on the colors of faith. Some of the activities involved donating a specific item to the Yoakum Food Pantry each month, donating care packages to the Yoakum Journey House, and donating a crucifix to the children’s liturgy program at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.
Meet a Deacon
(a TLC series)

by Deacon Dennis Kutach

Born in Shiner on August 4, 1948 to Julius and Agnes (Strauss) Kutach, I am the youngest of 9 children. I graduated from St. Paul High School in 1966 and joined the Air Force under the buddy system while a senior in school. In June of 1967, I was called to active duty and served until October 1971. My wife, Georgia, and I have been married for 45 years. We have 4 daughters and 11 grandchildren. We moved to Yoakum in 1972. I was employed by First State Bank and retired from there in 2013 after 41 years.

I have always been involved in the Church, having served as an altar boy from age 8 until a senior in high school and also having served as a lector. I spent 2 weeks at St. John's Seminary in the summer of 1961 and planned to enter the seminary my freshman year, but changed my mind. After moving to Yoakum, I became involved at St. Joseph as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and as a member of the choir. In 2001, Fr. Gary Janak asked me to attend a meeting about the diaconate in Moulton. After attending the meeting with Fr. Gabriel Maison and Michael Fonseca, there was no doubt in my mind God was calling me to do more with my life. My wife and family were in total support of my decision of becoming a deacon. I began formation in Sept. 2001 and was ordained in July 2006.

Becoming a deacon was a life changing experience for me. I had always been driven to be successful, but always felt something was missing in my life. As a banker, service was always important- but service has taken on a different meaning in my life as a deacon. Being of service to the Church and the people of God has made me realize what is really important in life. It can be the most satisfying and most humbling journey a person can experience. I have found true success can only be accomplished through service- and that is what being a deacon is all about. One of the best decisions I have made in my life was answering the call from God to the diaconate.

At St. Joseph, Yoakum, I assist at Mass, teach RCIA classes, assist with baptism classes, preside at wake services, and serve on the Finance Committee. I am active in the Yoakum Ministerial Alliance and serve as secretary/treasurer. In 2008, I was appointed as the director of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Victoria by Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer and also serve on the diocesan Finance Council. In addition to attending many functions of my children and grandchildren, I enjoy golf, fishing, hunting, and traveling. My wife and I went to the Holy Land last year and recently returned from a pilgrimage to Italy. Even though I am retired from the business world, I stay very busy with Church activities, family, and service organizations including Lions Club and Knights of Columbus. I especially enjoy morning quiet time beginning with the Liturgy of the Church activities, family, and service organizations including Lions Club and Knights of Columbus.

The Catholic Lighthouse
Page 5 — June 2015

Seminary Burses
Continued from page 3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cora Wostarek</td>
<td>In loving memory of Kemper Sam Williams, Jr. 2,750.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leonard Buxemper</td>
<td>Memorial by a friend 2,100.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Johnnie and Elaine Hoffman</td>
<td>In memory of Bernice Schacherl 25.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Johnnie and Elaine Hoffman</td>
<td>In memory of Daniel and Martha Freytag 50.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Billie T. Hinze, Jeffrey Hinze, and Alyson Hinze</td>
<td>In memory of Cora Wostarek 3,350.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M/M Garrett Hinze</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dewayne and Adeline Dvorak</td>
<td>In memory of Leonard Buxemper 50.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elorine Bluntzer Tumlinson</td>
<td>In memory of Bernice Schacherl 2,750.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M/M Donald F. McDonald</td>
<td>Total 2,950.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total $5,400.00

If I am not capable of forgiving, I am not capable of being forgiven.
~Pope Francis

Retrouvaille™
...a Lifeline For Troubled Marriages™

August 14-16, 2015
Diocese of Victoria Spiritual Renewal Center

FOR MARRIED COUPLES WHO ARE:
- Anxious about their marriage relationship.
- Alone or distant from their partner.
- Disillusioned or bored in their marriage.
- Without the time or desire to communicate.
- Experiencing coldness or conflict.
- Frustrated, hurt or angry with their spouse.
- Unable to see how to change their situation.

For confidential inquiries, call 1 (800) 470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Celebrating 127 Years!

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

Adults: $9 p/p. • Children: $5 p/p.

Mass at 9:00 A.M.
Flag Raising Ceremonies at 10:00 A.M.
All veterans are encouraged to attend.

Dinner at 10:30 A.M.
Served Fried Chicken, and All the Trimmings!
Take-home plates - adults only
Auction at 12:30 P.M.
Beer, Soda Water, Snow Cones, Home-Churned Ice Cream, Hamburgers!
Games and entertainment: Country Store, Bingo, Cake Walk, Ball Throw, Ring Toss, and more!

Free Dance Under the Pavilion!
Music begins at 10:30 A.M.
The Shiner Hobo Band • The Dujka Brothers
Red Ravens • Texas Dream
Raffle Drawing: 8:00 P.M. - fireworks show: 10:00 P.M.
Everyone welcome - fun for all! Young and Old!

Visit our 127 Year-Old Church!

www.StJohnPicnic.com
Like us on our Facebook page: St. John 4th of July Picnic!
I spend a lot of time trying to figure out how to get the most out of this faith journey. How to go about it. How to open myself up to Jesus Christ. How to engage the faith like a saint. I mull it over. I am not certain it is the right approach anymore. It seems more efficient to just be docile, like falling into the swimming pool on that old Nestea commercial. Don’t try to figure it all out. Just give yourself to it, with abandon. It is a pilgrimage, not a vacation. Vacations are planned, mapped out, budgeted, mulled over. You hit the road and argue about when to stop and where to eat. “You decide.” “No, you decide.” “But I’m not hungry yet.” “Well, I am.” “I have to go to the bathroom.” “But, we just stopped.” “That was to get something to drink and that’s why I have to go to the bathroom.” “If we keep having pit stops, we’ll never get there.”

We spend our time bickering about details and worrying about the unforeseen events - and very little goes as planned. The magical moments, those moments we will remember and cherish 20 years from now, those are almost always the moments we did not see coming. The ice cream cone on our last night. The insomnia that sent us to the window where we had a midnight view of Lake Michigan. The afternoon nap in Florida that wasn’t planned, but came so full and so deep that we woke up and wondered where we were. Like when we were children.

In the moment our vacation takes us where we did not plan, it looks more like a pilgrimage - and that is when we realize we really needed a pilgrimage and not a vacation in the first place. A spiritual Nestea plunge. Into the arms of Christ.

Maybe that is the point. Summer vacations, like life, need to make room for pilgrimage moments. A pilgrimage is about giving up control. It is about opening up the soul. It is about expecting nothing and receiving everything. It is about letting God dot the “I” and cross the “T.” Faith likes a bit of willy nilly, a bit of waiting. A little wonder and awe.

A little wonder and awe at ice cream. At long drives. At Mass in rural America at a church we have never seen and will probably never see again. Like being a disciple and cross the “T.” Faith likes a bit of willy nilly, a bit of waiting. A little wonder and awe.

There is joy in discovering Jesus Christ in the ‘now’ of it. Like children in the backseat. “There. That’s your half. Stay on your side.” “Hey, Dad, are we almost there?” “No, son. We are already there. This is there.”

In the moment our vacation takes us where we did not plan, it looks more like a pilgrimage - and that is when we realize we really needed a pilgrimage and not a vacation in the first place. A spiritual Nestea plunge. Into the arms of Christ.

Maybe that is the point. Summer vacations, like life, need to make room for pilgrimage moments. A pilgrimage is about giving up control. It is about opening up the soul. It is about expecting nothing and receiving everything. It is about letting God dot the “I” and cross the “T.” Faith likes a bit of willy nilly, a bit of waiting. A little wonder and awe.

A little wonder and awe at ice cream. At long drives. At Mass in rural America at a church we have never seen and will probably never see again. Like being a disciple and walking from Capernaum to Cana with no expectations. It is the moment when you taste the best wine you ever had and you realize grace showed.

Vacations can be the best of times or the worst of times. I think it is one of the sadder things we, as Americans, spend so much money on something that magnifies the worst we have to offer one another, the very ones we are supposed to love the most.

Like children in the backseat. “There. That’s your half. Stay on your side.” “Hey, Dad, are we almost there?” “No, son. We are already there. This is there.”

There is joy in discovering Jesus Christ in the ‘now’ of it.
The Catholic parishes of Holy Family, Wharton; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wharton; and St. Joseph Mission, Boling, were challenged to provide 40 hours of service and donate at least 400 pounds of food and personal care items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society during this past Lenten season. The Holy Trinity Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society ministers to those in financial need throughout the greater Wharton area and is a joint venture of the 3 parishes. Society members and parish volunteers documented the number of service hours and weighed the food and personal care item donations. More than 100 hours of service and 3,405 pounds of food and personal care items were donated by parishioners and ready to stock on the shelves of the society which operates out of Holy Family Church.

“Unbelievable! Amazing! Blessed!” responded Fr. Bob Knippenberg, pastor of Holy Family Church and St. Joseph Mission, upon learning of the totals. “We asked for 40 hours of service and 400 pounds of goods and the parishioners went into ‘generosity overdrive.’ I am very proud of them and their response to those in our community who are in need. They take our Lord’s teaching in the Gospel according to St. Matthew very seriously: ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (Mt 25:40).” He added, “I’m not really surprised, though. Our Christmas parish project was to collect enough money to purchase 1 pair of goats for each of the 12 days of Christmas. The goats would provide poor and needy families in developing countries throughout the world with a highly sustainable means of providing for themselves. By the end of the Christmas season, we had collected enough funds to actually donate not 12 goat pairs, but 72 goat pairs!” David Rivera, society president, stated, “We are very grateful to the Catholic parishes of Wharton and Boling for choosing us for their Lenten parish project this year. We could not fulfill our mission to serve those in need in the greater Wharton area without their kind and very generous support.”

Students in the St. Joseph High School (STJ), Victoria, Marianist Life Community joined KC #1329 in their 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive. Students encouraged classmates to bring non-perishable food items to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Mary’s, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Our Lady of Victory. Working together, students at STJ donated nearly 2,100 pounds of food.

Helping those less fortunate

Fr. Joe, 50 years
Continued from page 1

Fr. Joe celebrated his 75th birthday on Dec. 21, 2014.

To Love as God Loves—This marriage preparation program is for couples 40 and over, couples seeking convalidation, and couples seeking a second marriage and beyond. Upcoming date: Sept. 27. For more information, brochure, or registration form, visit www.victoriadiocese.org.
CRS joins World Bank and Faith Community Statement to end extreme poverty by 2030

by Tom Price / Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

More than 30 leaders from major world religions and heads of global faith-based organizations, including Catholic Relief Services (CRS), launched a clarion call to action to end extreme poverty by 2030, a goal shared by the World Bank Group.

Ending Extreme Poverty: A Moral and Spiritual Imperative notes that remarkable progress has been made in reducing extreme poverty. In the last 25 years, the number of people living in extreme poverty has declined from nearly 2 billion people to fewer than 1 billion. Now, for the first time in human history, the capacity and moral responsibility exists so no one has to live in extreme poverty’s grip.

“We have ample evidence from the World Bank Group and others showing that we can now end extreme poverty within 15 years,” the Moral Imperative notes. “In 2015, upon a new global sustainability imperative has the potential to build on urgent task of ending extreme poverty. Embrace this moral imperative because we share our society is how the weakest and most vulnerable are faring. Our sacred texts also call us to combat injustice and uplift the poorest in our midst.”

According to Bill O’Keefe, vice president for advocacy and government relations at CRS, “We believe ending extreme poverty is practically possible and morally imperative. Through our work in almost 100 countries, we are committed to reaching over 150 million of the most vulnerable people by 2018. We are also committed to engaging 10 million people in our own country to act against global poverty. We are proud to join in this comprehensive effort to end extreme poverty.”

As Pope Francis said in a 2013 meeting with students of Jesuit schools, “The times talk to us of so much poverty in the world and this is a scandal. Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry.”

The Moral Imperative seeks to generate the necessary social and political will and inspire greater commitments from others to join in this cause. It taps into shared convictions and beliefs that unify the world’s major religions around the call and responsibility to combat poverty. The statement arose from the World Bank’s Faith Based and Religious Leaders Roundtable held earlier this year, the first high-level meeting between World Bank Group president Jim Yong Kim and faith leaders.

Community members in Wajir County fetch safe water from a community-managed water kiosk constructed by CRS through the Kenya Arid Land Disaster Risk Reduction program, which received funding from U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The kiosk, which has 3 taps to reduce time spent waiting in line, protects the water fittings against vandalism and unauthorized access to water. (CRS / Styvers Kathuni)

Shouldn’t your ad be in color?
Last month, parishioners of St. Agnes, Edna, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the present church. Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer officiated at the Mass of Thanksgiving. Concelebrants were Msgr. Joseph Hybner, Fr. Michael Petering, pastor of St. Agnes, Fr. Antonio Perez, and Deacon Wally Rodriguez. Following the Mass, approximately 140 guests and parishioners enjoyed a catered meal and shared memories. Additional special guests in attendance included Sr. Leonita Barron, IWBS, and Sr. Amata Hollas, IWBS, both originally from St. Agnes parish; and Sr. Lois Marie Etzel, IWBS. It was a thankful, blessed, beautiful, and joyful occasion for all!

Parishioners make donations
The Bowers, parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua, Palacios, made vital donations to the diocese of Victoria and their parish. The donations included one towards seminarian education in memory of Msgr. Michael Harrold and Mr. Bowers’ sister, Sr. Denise Bowers; one towards the retirement of priests and nuns in honor of the priests and nuns from St. Anthony, Palacios; and one towards St. Anthony of Padua parish. Left to right: Fr. Gary Janak, diocesan administrator, chancellor, and pastor at OLV; Cheryl Bowers, Bishop-Elect Brendan Cahill; Harold Bowers; Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer; and Fr. Bryan Heyer, pastor of St. Anthony, Palacios.

CRS launches partnership with Catholic high schools by Susan Walters/ Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

It’s a big world out there. As Pope Francis has often repeated, it’s a world Catholics are called into to serve their neighbors with the numerous gifts they have at their disposal. One such gift is knowledge— and to help youth become more internationally aware and globally responsive, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is teaming up with Catholic high schools in a unique partnership called the CRS Global High School Program.

Carolyn Woo, president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, announced the partnership at the National Conference of Catholic Educators. “Drawing from our experience overseas, CRS has developed resources to help Catholics pursue a lifelong relationship with our brothers and sisters around the world, to better understand how Catholic teaching calls us to serve others as we gain a deeper understanding of our place in the human family,” said Carolyn Woo.

“For young people, the CRS Global High School Initiative, with its inventive approach, is a perfect opportunity to help prepare our youth to be global citizens,” said Bishop-Elect Brendan Cahill, Victoria. Bishop Cahill encouraged Latin American youth to embrace their rich native heritage and to study and learn about different cultures around the world.

See CRS launches program, pg. 13
Thankful for Catholic education

The Holy Family KC Council #9088, Victoria, sponsored the 17th Annual Catholic Schools Appreciation Dinner last month. Administration, faculty, and staff from Our Lady of Victory School, Nazareth Academy, and St. Joseph High School were honored. Harvey Kocian, grand knight, thanked the educators and audience of 175 people which included school officials, KC members and spouses, for their dedication to Catholic education. Mr. Gary Janak, diocesan chancellor and pastor of OLV, spoke of how grateful he was for those who have invested in Catholic education. He stated, “Our teachers are the unsung heroes and we say thank you for the many contributions and efforts.” Also, in attendance was Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer. He added, “A Catholic education pays dividends for life.”

Meet a Catholic School Principal
(a TCL series)

I was born in McAllen, TX. I lived in the McAllen/Mission area all of my life. I was raised in a Catholic family with deep-rooted faith. I was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows parish. When I married my husband, Tony, I became a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mission.

I was the principal at James Bonham Elementary in McAllen until June 2014. Bonham Elementary is an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. Students in the 21st century are faced with the challenge of learning about an interconnected world where knowledge is constantly developing. The Primary Years Programme prepares students to be active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. This is my 3rd year in education. I have a Masters degree in Education in the area of reading, a Bachelors degree in Interdisciplinary Studies for Elementary Education, and a minor in Special Education.

I have wanted to be a principal for a Catholic school for several years. I feel that as my faith has grown, God has called me to serve him through what I know—education. I love working with young people and am very excited to get to know the children and families of St. Michael’s School, Cuero. My husband passed away very unexpectedly last year and it caused me to re-evaluate life. Being close to family and following my heart have become very important to me. I know God’s plan was for me to move and to start this new challenge.

In the 2015-16 school year, I hope to be a strong instructional leader. I hope I will be an influence of growth. Students deserve to not only meet expectations for standards of education, but to surpass them. We are preparing children for a future that is exciting and wide open. We must influence our children with the values of faith that will guide them as they meet future challenges.

The most important thing about being a principal is knowing the responsibility that God has given me. As a community of educators, parents, caregivers, and spiritual leaders, we have the most important asset for our future in our hands. It is very important that we use every day wisely to build our children into the dynamic, knowledgeable, caring, spiritual leaders of tomorrow. The most interesting part of being a principal is getting to know every student. A principal who loves their children in a school will never lack being loved back. It is the very best medicine.

I live in Port Lavaca with my 3 boxers, Mikey, Charlie, and Benny. They keep my life active and interesting. People who have dogs, know this: dogs are God’s gift to humans. They love us unconditionally. My daughter and her husband live near me and I cook dinner for them most evenings. It is a win-win situation because they help me with chores at my house. My son lives in San Antonio. Education has always been a big part of our family.

Sacred Heart Catholic School (SHCS), Hallettsville, announced Kevin Haas will take over as principal. Haas is a 1999 graduate of Sacred Heart and will replace long-time principal, David Smolik who is retiring after 31 years of service. Left to right: Fr. Barnabas Kyeah, parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Msgr. John Peters, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Kevin Haas, new principal of SHCS; John Quary, superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Victoria; and David Smolik, retiring principal of SHCS. Photo courtesy of Jimmy Appelt/Tribune-Herald.

Also, at SHCS, Hallettsville, Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer blessed several additions and renovations to the school and parish including a gazebo in memory of Rebecca and Julie Steffek, two young students killed in an accident two years ago; a prayer garden in memory of Carolyn Hermes Dworsky and Terry Mitchon Bludau, two deceased alumni and mothers who died of cancer; and the Ten Commandments Monument. Left to right: David Smolik, Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer, Kevin Haas, Msgr. John Peters, Sr. Colette Koubal, IWBS, and Sr. Emiliana Grafe, IWBS.

LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER
Summer & Media Days
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

JUNE 10, 2015
JULY 8, 2015
JULY 22, 2015
CANCELED* CHILDRREN 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! 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! Join us! *Cancellation due to preparation for Bishop Ordination. For more information, contact Margaret Pruett at (361) 573-0828 x2224, catecheticalsec@victoriadiocese.org, or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Meet a Catholic School Principal
(a TCL series)

Jennifer Saenz
St. Michael, Cuero

The Catholic Schools Office Library Committee, left to right: Tammy Grabariekovetz, Shiner Catholic School; Michelle Wilson, St. Philip School, El Campo; Leah Wagner, Shiner Catholic School; Kathy Anderle, Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca; Barbara Schroeder, St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg; Amy Heffrey, St. Anothony, Columbus; Audrey Sauer, St. Michael, Cuero; Liliane Janda, Nazareth Academy, Victoria; Norma Smolik, Our Lady of Victory, Victoria; Mita Bossley, Holy Cross, Bay City; and Debra Studer, St. Joseph High School, Victoria.

Thankful for Catholic education

The Holy Family KC Council #9088, Victoria, sponsored the 17th Annual Catholic Schools Appreciation Dinner last month. Administration, faculty, and staff from Our Lady of Victory School, Nazareth Academy, and St. Joseph High School were honored. Harvey Kocian, grand knight, thanked the educators and audience of 175 people which included school officials, KC members and spouses, for their dedication to Catholic education. Fr. Gary Janak, diocesan chancellor and pastor of OLV, spoke of how grateful he was for those who have invested in Catholic education. He stated, “Our teachers are the unsung heroes and we say thank you for the many contributions and efforts.” Also, in attendance was Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer. He added, “A Catholic education pays dividends for life.”
On the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we all gathered together in our chapel at Incarnate Word Convent for a Holy Hour for Vocations. We prayed especially for all of those around the world who are praying for vocations. We prayed especially for all of those around the world who are praying for vocations. As we pray for vocations, we are reminded of the words of St. Agnes, my home parish was named pastor in 1942, he greatly encouraged vocations and prayed especially for all of those around the world who are praying for vocations. He is the domestic church with his 5 children, In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them, fostering with special care vocation to a sacred state.”

As we celebrate this Year of Consecrated Life we are also bonding with the Synod of Bishops as they address the family. Pope Francis will join with tens of thousands of people from around the world, in Philadelphia for the 8th annual World Meeting of Families Sept. 22-27, 2015. The theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.

The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society.

~Pope Francis

On the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Sisters of IWBS pray during the Holy Hour for Vocations prayer service.

Prayer To Know One’s Vocation

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you. But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

What is religious life about?
Find out by taking a virtual journey and exploring resources to help discover your calling.

Holy Family KC Council #9088 presents the 13TH ANNUAL

READIN’, RITIN’ & REELIN’

FISHING TOURNAMENT
JULY 31 & AUG. 1, 2015
PORT O’CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTER

DOOR PRIZES – CASH PRIZES
LIVE AUCTION – RAFFLE

For information on entries, contact:
SR. ANN MELITO AT (361) 485-2044
JULIE FULGHAM AT (979) 224-6516
BRYAN ELLIS AT (361) 894-4136

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
NAZARETH ACADEMY SCHOOL, VICTORIA.
OLV receives national recognition

As featured in the April issue, Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Victoria, was selected as one of 14 schools in the U.S. to receive the 2015 Innovations in Catholic Education Award from Today’s Catholic Teacher. The Innovative Project in Total Community Involvement Award was given to OLV for their Parent Aide System Program. (A) Left to right: Dr. Linda Stuart, OLV assistant principal, Kathy Bruno, 7th grade teacher, Sr. Laura Toman, OLV principal, and Diana Kubenka, 6th grade teacher. (B) At the (NCEA) Conference in Orlando, FL, Sr. Laura Toman accepted the award which also included a 5-pound bar of chocolate from The World’s Finest Chocolate Co., a book for each student at OLV from Pflaum Publishing, a cloth school bag from Lands’ End, and (as shown above) a large banner for the school provided by contest sponsors.

Catholic Family Services—To find Catholic organizations which focus on family, visit the Catholic Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers at www.naeflm.org.

Courage—Ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. The ministry also has an outreach, EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. It is a Roman Catholic Apostolate endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. For more information, visit www.couragerc.net.

Engaged Encounter—Aug. 28-30 and Oct. 16-18. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 x2230 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Gabriel Project—Helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy- an alternative to abortion. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 101 W. Convent. Light supper included. For angel workshop/training dates, contact Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or barbarammccain85@yahoo.com. Holy Family, Wharton, meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Sts. Peter and Paul, Meyersville, meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (979) 532-3593, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or visit www.gabrielproject.com.

Grief Ministry—Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in conference/brides’ room at Holy Family Church, Victoria. Before attending, call Sharon at (361) 578-7572.

Hospice of South Texas—Volunteer to provide continuity of inpatient care, home care, and bereavement services. Free grief support group meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Victoria and the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in Hallettsville. For more information, call 1(800) 874–6908, (361) 572–4300, or visit www.hospiceofsouthtexas.org.

Incarnate Word Prayer Group—Praise and worship on Mondays 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street. For more information, contact Sr. Louise Marie Jones at (361) 575-7111 or amorrneus@yahoo.com.

Marriage Encounter—This program is no longer offered in the Diocese of Victoria. Replacing it is Retrouvaille (see below). To find a Marriage Encounter weekend outside of the diocese, visit www wwme.org.

Natural Family Planning—NFP is the only church-approved form of family planning. To learn about the sympto-thermal method in the Victoria area and NFP class schedules, contact David and Annie Coffey at victorianfpteachers@yahoo.com. In Wharton, contact Susanne Koch at (505) 710-0903 or susannekoch614@gmail.com.

Raphael’s Refuge—RR’s mission is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies, born and unborn. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Flattonia. Peer counseling and spiritual direction are available for those suffering a loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. For more information, visit www. raphaelsrefuge.org.

Retrouvaille—Retrouvaille, meaning rediscovery, is a marriage-healing ministry offered in the diocese to couples in difficult marriages. Contact John and Jennifer Vincent at jbvjoj@sbgbglobal.net or (361) 580-2770; call (800) 470-2230; or visit www. helpourmarriage.org or www.retrouvaille.org.

St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity/Secular Franciscans—For dates, contact Mary Ann LeBlanc at (361) 575-1858 or visit www.lostrescompaneros-sfo.org.

Before a diocesan Safety Environment’s policy and procedures training class, several parishioners were in the parish hall of Queen of the Holy Rosary. Hostyn, the Hostyn Mayfest process involved and dough rolling. used and the long ded for packaging. dle Makers make which are donated festivals in Hostyn, and Praha. Left to Kuntschik and both parishioners Holy Rosary, Hostyn.
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. (Both sessions are CLOSED, waiting lists available!) 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. To order a 2015 Camp David t-shirt, include an additional $10 with the deposit and indicate size. 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. Rocky Mountain High Retreat • July 4-12, 2015 • Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Catholic high schools can sign up to participate at introductory and beginning levels called silver and gold levels. There is no cost to the schools to participate or use the CRS Global High School Program resources. For more information, visit www.ghs.crs.org.

introduction to global topics, helps begin that lifelong journey. CRS has similar programs with Catholic universities that engage students and faculty with the poor overseas. Such partnerships are among the ingredients that distinguish Catholic education in the U.S.”

Since beginning the pilot in 2011, teachers and administrators along with CRS staff have worked together to create a rich and relevant collection of resources schools can use to introduce and explore the concepts of global solidarity with their students. Lesson plans, prayer services, and school-wide events have been designed and tested by the 14 pilot schools across the country.

What makes the program special is that the topics of social justice and global solidarity are not limited to one department, but rather are designed to be integrated into all aspects of the schools’ academic, religious, and social life. The entire school community—administrators, faculty, staff, students, and parents can engage in planning and implementing the components of the program.

Catholic high schools can sign up to participate at introductory and beginning levels called silver and gold levels. There is no cost to the schools to participate or use the CRS Global High School Program resources. For more information, visit www.ghs.crs.org.

The winner of the June contest will win Pope Francis and Our Call to Joy by Diane Houdek. Like his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis discovers joy in a personal encounter with Christ in the Gospels. By reflecting on the pope’s example and words, you will transform your own life and relationships.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past 6 months, please mail a completed June puzzle form by June 26, 2015 to The Catholic Lighthouse, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 for a chance to win!
Congratulations to adult faith formation graduates

Six parishioners from the Diocese of Victoria recently completed the Instituto de Formación Pastoral Pastoral Formation Institute (IFP/PFI), a 2-year basic adult faith formation and skills for ministry program. Graduates successfully fulfilled requirements to receive a Certificate of Pastoral Forma tion from the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. In 2010, OST received a generous grant to disseminate funds into a media package provided to all rural parish communities in the San Antonio Archdiocese.

The Oblates recognized this adult formation program to communities. Ministry for purpose of serving the faith the word of God has been a mission since coming to IFP/PFI was created in 1985 who might not ordinarily theology for training and taught in both the English format of the 2-year program is flexible. Course offerings include an emphasis on academic and human formation in year 1 and spiritual and pastoral formation in year 2. IFP/ PFI seeks to nourish a mature faith that is “living, explicit, and fruitful.” It is a program of basic adult faith formation providing foundational understandings of the Catholic faith, spiritual formation in the rich traditions of prayer and spirituality in the Church, and an introduction to the basic skills of lay ministry. For more information, call (210) 341-1366 or visit www.ost.edu. For more information on our diocesan Summer Short Term Program, see Echoes of Faith above or visit the Pastoral Institute site under the Ministries tab at www.victoriadiocese.org.


Left to right: Maribel and Elias Flores, Sacred Heart, Flatonia; Fr. Eddie Winkler, pastor of Sacred Heart, Flatonia and Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Cister, and Pedro Hernandez, Sacred Heart, Flatonia.

SAVE THE DATE!

XXVIII Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person 
October 24, 2015
Holy Family Catholic Church • Wharton, TX
The day-long conference will include keynote presentations and a variety of workshops in English and Spanish.
Journeys of Faith with Ceci

Upcoming Pilgrimages

Jewels of Eastern Europe
August 23-Sept. 3, 2015 • $3,595
Spiritual director: Fr. Gary Janak

Holy Land- Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus
November 10-21, 2015 • $3,395
Spiritual director: Fr. Pat Knippenberg

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe & Shrines of Mexico
December 10-16, 2015 • $1,595
Spiritual director: Fr. Bob Knippenberg

Ceci Triska • (979) 543-8575 • jctriska@sbcglobal.net
www.selectinternationaltours.com

Meet the third bishop of the Diocese of Victoria!
Receptions will be held:
July 10 • El Campo
7:00 p.m. • KC Hall

July 13 • Victoria
7:00 p.m. • Holy Family

July 15 • Hallettsville
7:00 p.m. • KC Hall

July 20 • Palacios
5:30 p.m. • Mass/reception at the Vietnamese Apostolate
Last month, Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer presided over the final Mass of the school year. He shared stories fond memories of his Catholic education. Students sang songs in celebration. Awards were given for perfect attendance, honor roll, and staff service. A prayer service and the release of 125 butterflies concluded the ceremony. The year-long celebration reminded those in attendance as well as the St. Rose School family and community the importance of the mission of a Catholic education.

(A) Rosanne Gallia, school principal, and Bishop Emeritus Fellhauer release butterflies

(B) Fr. Tim Kosler, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Schulenburg, and students watch butterflies at the Marti Love Children’s Chapel and Jack Hooper Prayer Garden.

Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, Rector/President, and the faculty, staff and seminarians of the Pontifical College Josephinum send congratulations and prayerful best wishes to

ALUMNUS
FATHER KRISTOPHER FUCHS

Ordained to the Priesthood June 6, 2015
Ad Multos Annos!

7625 NORTH HIGH STREET COLUMBUS, OHIO 43235
INFO@PCJ.EDU / WWW.PCJ.EDU / 1 (877) 725-4436

CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE