Bishop Oscar Cantú, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee for International Justice and Peace will be the keynote presenter for the twenty-eighth annual conference. In his keynote address he will speak on the dignity of every human being and the mission of the Church. Representing the US Bishops Bishop Cantú has traveled to the Middle East, Latin America, and Asia and addressed the US Congress on many issues. Among these issues are International Agreements protecting Religious Freedom, the diplomatic negotiations concerning Iran’s Nuclear Development, and the use of unmanned drones in war. In a July 14 letter to members of Congress, Bishop Cantú stated: “It is no small achievement that the United States, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, China, Germany and France have reached this agreement with Iran. We hope that the full implementation of the agreement will gradually foster an environment in which all parties build mutual confidence and trust, so that progress will be made toward greater stability and dialogue in the region.” He urges all people of goodwill to work toward protections of the marginalized and persecuted.

Bishop Brendan Cahill will also be presenting at the Conference. He will speak about Religious Liberty and True Toleration in his address. He will refer to the writing of an American theologian, Father John Courtney Murray, who had an influence on the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on the question of religious freedom. Throughout his years of service, Bishop Cahill has been involved with several boards and organizations, including Anti-Defamation League Coalition of Mutual Respect, Adore Ministries and Gratia Plena Counseling. He was a weekly celebrant of Mass for the Missionaries of Charity and a monthly celebrant for Casa Juan Diego in Houston for 14 years. Among his academic degrees he earned a Masters degree in African-American Catholic Studies from Xavier University in Louisiana.

Each Bishop will present his talk in an English session and in a Spanish session. The day-long conference will also include workshops on Scripture, liturgy, RCIA, forgiveness, prayer, and Catholic Social Teaching. Also, catechetical presentations on First Reconciliation and First Communion, classroom management, the saints, and teaching children how to pray will be among the array of workshops available at the conference. Catholic vendors will provide conference attendees the opportunity to shop for religious items, books, and resources for religious education.

Due to limited seating, everyone is encouraged to register early. This year the $35 registration fee includes lunch. Information on how to register will be online at www.victoriadiocese.org and in parish bulletins. For more information, call Christella Alvarez at (361) 573-0828 or email: calvarez@victoriadiocese.org. Everyone is encouraged to attend this diocesan event.

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Catholic News Service

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A Daily Decalogue –
Some Daily Commitments

Hopefully each of us has developed a daily prayer routine- maybe a set of memorized prayers, or a special place or time to meditate on Scripture, or some prayer cards that we read and pray each day. One of the prayers I pray each day comes from St. John XXIII, who I mentioned in last month’s column. I love this prayer for its simplicity and the wisdom I find each day I say it. As we are moving back into the routine time of the school year, it may be a good time to think about and recommit to your own daily prayer ritual.

Here is the prayer, The Daily Decalogue of St. John XXIII:

1) Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life at all once.

2) Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behaviour; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.

3) Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.

4) Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.

5) Only for today, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.

6) Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.

7) Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.

8) Only for today, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it; and I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.

9) Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.

10) Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for 12 hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life.

God bless each of you- let us keep each other in prayer that we can work together with all people of good will for the defense and promotion of the human person from the very beginning to the natural end of life.

+Bishop Brendan

Bishop Brendan’s September Schedule

September

9 10:00 a.m., Presbyteral Council Meeting, 2nd Floor, Chancery
13 10:00 a.m., 100th Anniversary Mass & Celebration, Holy Cross Church, Yorktown
14 2:00 p.m., Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament Associates Mass & Consecration, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria
15 6:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Public Servants Appreciation Dinner, Holy Family, Victoria
16 2:30 p.m., Finance Board Meeting, 2nd Floor, Chancery
18 8:00 a.m., School Mass, St. Michael School, Weimar
20 9:00 a.m., TV Mass, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria
21 12:00 p.m., Spanish Mass and Parish Festival, Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca
27 10:00 a.m., Mass & Parish Festival, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Meyersville
29 11:30 a.m., Prison Visit & Confirmation, Stevenson Correctional Facility, Cuero

October

2 8:00 a.m., School Mass, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria
4 8:45 a.m., Mass, Sts. Peter & Paul, Freelsburg
10 3:00 a.m., Mass, St. Roch, Mentz
7 8:00 a.m., School Mass and New Parish Office Blessing, St. Joseph, Yoakum
6:15 p.m., CCD Night, Our Lady of Victory School, Victoria

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Parish Pledge Totals: $760,736.81
Parish Contribution Totals: $686,730.24
Number of Parish Families Participating: 3,118

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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.

August 26, 2015

**General Seminary Burse**

Previously reported $108,239.00
In memory of Julia Krenk by Michael and Jackie Watz 100.00
In memory of Jane Laura Wielhite by Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill 50.00
Total $108,389.00

**Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily Seminary Burse #2**

Previously reported $3,249.00
In memory of Sir Knight Daniel R. Freytag by St. Michael Knights of Columbus Assembly #1527 of Flatonia, Schulenburg & Weimar 200.00
In memory of Sir Knight Leonard Buxkemper by St. Michael Knights of Columbus Assembly #1527 of Flatonia, Schulenburg & Weimar 200.00
Total $3,294.00

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369 Burse #2**

Previously reported $10,858.99
In memory of Doris Kleiber by CDA Court St. Ann #369 25.00
In memory of Lillian Steffek by CDA Court St. Ann #369 25.00
In memory of Rosemary DeLaurier by CDA Court St. Ann #369 25.00
Total $10,933.99

**Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer / Catholic Life Insurance Nada, Moulton-Flotania, Halletsville, El Campo and Edna-Ganado Branches Burse #2**

Previously reported $6,500.00
In honor of Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer’s birthday celebration by A friend 500.00
Total $7,000.00

**Rev. Michael Rother**

Previously reported $6,710.00
In memory of Alfred J. “Freddy” Egganmeyer by John Rother, Jr. 25.00
In memory of Randall Gibson by John Rother Jr., James Rother, Bernard & Madeline Rother and Johnny & Micki Krchnak 100.00
Total $6,835.00

**Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #7**

Previously reported $8,140.00
In memory of Sr. M. Agatha Shimek by Albert and Dorothy Obosvsky 20.00
In memory of Victor Roebor by Soila G. Sanchez 10.00
Anita Barrera-Rocha 10.00
Soila Sanchez 10.00
In memory of Daniel Freytag by Leo and Joyce Janda 20.00
In memory of Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say by: Lillian Gohlke 100.00

**Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune**

Previously reported $3,700.00
In memory of Gene Plughaupt, Sr. by: Victor & Gail Dvorak 25.00
M/M Elbert Brune 20.00
In honor of Ernie and Eudene Richter’s 50th Wedding Anniversary by Johnny and JoAnn Canik 25.00
In honor of Al Gene and Carolyn Canik’s 40th Wedding Anniversary by Kathleen and Ernie Noska 25.00
In honor of Rev. Wayne Flagg by Clarence and Linda Ruether 50.00
Total $3,845.00

**Rev. Scott Joseph Hill**

Previously reported $625.00
In honor of Rev. Scott Hill on his ordination to the Priesthood by: Allen and Bernice Kahlden 25.00
Paulene Roeder Money, Kelly & Ronnie Naremore, Natalie and Samantha 500.00
Total $1,150.00

**Rev. Joe Vrana, in Honor of his Golden Jubilee Year**

Previously reported $835.00
Donation by the Christopher Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 20.00
Total $855.00

**Jacob Mendoza**

In loving memory of Matthew Ernest Gonzalez by John Tinoco 600.00
Total $600.00

**Rev. Paul P. Kaspar and Parents, John & Frances Kaspar**

Donation by the Kaspar Family Reunion 500.00
Total $500.00

**St. John the Baptist Church, St. John in Memory of Rev. Brian Crookes Burse #2**

Previously reported $5,716.00
In memory of Ray Tupa by Richard and Wilma Schaefer 25.00
Total $5,741.00

**Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB & John and Marie Kolek**

Previously reported $5,530.00
Donation by the Kolek Family Reunion Fund 200.00
Total $5,730.00

**Very Rev. Matthew Huehlefeld Burse #2**

In honor of George and Almarene Bucek’s 65th Wedding Anniversary by Henry and Carolyn Janak 20.00
Total $20.00

**Knights of Columbus Victoria Council #1329 Burse #3**

Previously reported $14,657.50
In memory of Rev. Msgr. Pedro Celestino Say by K of C Council #1329 100.00
Total $14,757.50

**Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas – KJZT Burse #2**

Previously reported $6,049.80
Donation from members and friends of Societies in the Diocese of Victoria and State Office contributions (2014) to support the education of young men studying for the priesthood in the Victoria Diocese 2,523.00
Total $8,572.80

**Rev. Dan Morales in Honor of his Work for Vocations**

Previously reported $1,641.00
In honor of Rev. Dan Morales’ birthday celebration in June by Paz and Andrea Morales 25.00
In honor of Rev. Dan Morales’ work with vocations by Larry and Lynn Koether 1,000.00
In honor of M/M Al Gene Canik’s 40th Wedding Anniversary by M/M DeWayne Dvorak 40.00
Total $2,706.00

**Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB & John and Marie Kolek**

Previously reported $5,530.00
Donation by the Kolek Family Reunion Fund 200.00
Total $5,730.00

**Rev. Timothy Kosler**

Previously reported $100.00
In memory of Elreed Dittrich by Eugene and Henrietta Veselka 25.00
In memory of Adolf Ulrich, Jr. by Eugene and Henrietta Veselka 25.00
Total $150.00

**Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say**

Previously reported $12,029.00
In loving memory of Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say by: A friend 500.00
Mrs. A.R. Wearden & James 100.00
M/M Harrison Raska 25.00
Glen and Mary Ann Janca 20.00
Patricia Hessler 10.00
Emily Year 100.00
Franklin and Leona Sedlar 25.00
Diane Heller 20.00
Margaret Baros 10.00
Jeff and Denise Dickinson 500.00
In memory of Rudolph and Hedwig Bordovsky by James & Helen Knipling 50.00
Total $13,389.00

**John E. and Josephine B. Meismer Burse #2**

Previously reported $100.00
In memory of Marie Braden Whiteley by the children of John and Josephine Meismer 60.00
Total $160.00

**Cora Wostarek**

Previously reported $5,400.00
In honor of Kenneth and Patsy Warschak’s 50th Wedding Anniversary by Johnny and JoAnn Canik 25.00
Donation by Johnnie Shupak, Jr. and Trenton Shupak 200.00
Donation in honor of the marriage of M/M Daniel Dvorak by M/M DeWayne Dvorak 100.00
Total $5,725.00

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**HOLY CROSS PARISH BAZAAR**
Riverside Hall, East Bernard

**Sunday, October 11**

- Meal Served at 11:00 a.m.
  - BAR-B-QUE BEEF • CHICKEN • SAUSAGE
  - WITH “HOMEMADE DRESSING” & ALL THE TRIMMINGS
Hamburgers Served at 3:00 p.m.

- Plenty of Czech Pastries, Refreshments & Country Store Items
  ~ Pony Rides ~ Bounce House ~ Velcro Wall ~
  Games from Noon –5:00 p.m.

- Grand AUCTION at 12:30 p.m.
- ENTERTAINMENT
  The Dujka Brothers (noon to 3:00 p.m.) ~ The Red Ravens (3:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
  Acoustic Performance featuring Matt Kopycinski (6:00 p.m. – til)
  Raffle Drawing at 8:00 p.m.
Can we BE STILL and STILL BE in the storms of life that surround us?

All of us operate out of some kind of spirituality. Spirituality fuels our lifelong journey to God, the source and wellspring of life and determines the quality of our being. Jesus explained it as where “you put your heart.” We must set our heart on God’s reign and justice (Matthew 6:33).

As the loves, labors, losses, and longings of our lives mature us, we yearn to be whole, without the separations and mindsets that shrink our hearts and limit our lives. In our fractured world many people presume this level of intimate communion is beyond our “ordinary lives” and want to retreat from ordinary life. However, humble mystics like Brother Lawrence of God and Therese of Lisieux remind us that we can all “practice the presence of God” while we wash the dishes!

Engaging Spirituality, a program from JustFaith Ministries (www.justfaith.org) which has touched and transformed the lives of 40,000 people since 2001 to live lives of extraordinary compassion, offers daily practices for living deeply (a contemplative life) and loving broadly (a compassionate life). These daily practices help develop “holy patterns” that do justice to every aspect of our lives. With others, we become acutely aware of the wonders as well as the wounds in our daily lives.

This program invites us to live our lives in creative tension with two powerful Spirit impulses: 1) to withdraw from the bustle and complexities of the world and 2) to immerse ourselves in the Gospel task of tending to the most vulnerable and working for justice in the social dimension of life.

Jesus encouraged his followers to have a receptive, contemplative attitude over busyness and yet he was also fully engaged in this world, a minister of God’s love, a healer, a helper and a prophet. Engaging Spirituality looks to Jesus, the active-mystic, as our model of integrity and holiness and invites us to taste the freedom Jesus embodied and modeled.

Engaging Spirituality is a 21-week, spiritual deepening process for adult Christians who are seeking to bring the power of the Holy Spirit to bear upon the needs of our world. Throughout this program there are 3 movements toward a prayerful engagement of life: participants come out to the Light and are nurtured by the spiritual practices of centering, prayerful listening, spiritual reading, and outreach, applying the teachings of Jesus to the struggles of our world. They then move into the Dark reflecting on the wisdom of contemporary spiritual leaders and enter into suffering and darkness with a listening heart. Finally, they are moved by the Holy Spirit to be grounded in holiness down to earth. Grounded in the Beatitudes, they become a humble, transforming presence in this blessed and broken world.

A 45-minute introductory session to Engaging Spirituality will be facilitated by Sr. Marian Sturm, IWBS on September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria, TX. For more information, call (361) 575-7111.

The way we pray informs the way we live.
The way we live shapes the way we pray.
Father Janak to Participate in the Washington D.C. Marathon and Will Run for an Ultrasound Machine

On October 25, Father Gary Janak, pastor at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, will join 30,000 others in Washington D.C. for the Marine Corp Marathon. As he does with each marathon in which he participates, Father Gary will “Run for a Reason.” For this marathon, he will be raising funds to assist the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Victoria in obtaining a much needed ultrasound machine so that they can further the work and ministry they do for women from Victoria and surrounding counties.

Since 2012, according to the Texas Vital Statistics on Abortion, 209 abortions have been performed on women from the counties of Victoria, Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Jackson and Lavaca. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will pay half of the $80,000 needed to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Center. Local Knights of Columbus councils are doing their part to raise the other portion.

Let’s get as many people involved in cheering Father Gary on, as he runs those 26.2 miles and raises funds for this much needed ultrasound machine! Together, let us make a statement that we stand and RUN for life! Checks can be made payable to K.C. Council #1329 and write “Ultrasound” on the check and send to P.O. Box 7295, Victoria, TX 77903-7295.

OCL Meeting: The Church: A Field Hospital
Families are Affected by Violence

The first Organization of Catechetical Leadership (OCL) meeting for the 2015-2016 year was held Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at the chancery in Victoria. Clergy and catechetical leaders from thirty-one parishes and missions attended.

After the opening prayer, the Most Reverend Brendan Cahill shared the story of his journey of faith through the years. He clearly noted the impact of family, faith in God, and the Church as the central focus in his life. Bishop Cahill emphasized the importance of evangelization and catechesis, the liturgy, and the use of social media in ministry and in everyday church life.

The morning session was a focus on the Church as “a field hospital after battle” and how God restores the broken. Using the Gospel story of the Woman at the Well, participants were led in a reflection of how Jesus is the perfect example of how to be compassionate and merciful, accepting and attentive to those in the “field hospital.”

In the afternoon session, Mid-Coast Family Services brought awareness to the many types of brokenness in families today. The presenters outlined some common effects that violence in the home has on each family member and those around them with hopes of making people aware that professional help is available. Abusive relationships and the cycle of abuse were also discussed and how we as a community can help restore those suffering because of abusive conditions and environments. Mid-Coast is actively working to eliminate family violence, homelessness, and substance abuse in our area.

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Sunday, October 4
Hungerford Hall
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Auction starts at 12:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.
Welcome to the Diocese of Victoria, new Catholic school teachers

GOALS OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:
~To integrate Catholic, Christian teachings and values into every aspect of the learning process and experience of school so that young people’s journey into adulthood will also be a journey of faith and a growing internalization of these teachings and values.
~To provide an excellent academic education to help young people reach their God-given potential and be responsible, productive citizens.
~To assist parents, who are their children’s primary educators, in the education and religious formation of their children.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, the following teachers attended the Teacher Induction Program of Support (TIPS-ters) workshop last month at the Chancery. Welcome!

KEY
HC: Holy Cross- Bay City
NA: Nazareth Academy- Victoria
OLG: Our Lady of the Gulf- Port Lavaca
OLV: Our Lady of Victory- Victoria
SA: St. Anthony- Columbus
SC: Shiner Catholic School
SH: Sacred Heart- Hallettsville
SM-C: St. Michael’s- Cuero
SM-W: St. Michael- Weimar
SP: St. Philip- El Campo
SR: St. Rose of Lima- Schulenburg

Holy Cross ~ Bay City

Deborah Bues, OLV

Nazareth Academy ~ Victoria

Amy Alegria, NA

Our Lady of the Gulf ~ Port Lavaca

Cara Alstrom, NA

Amy Lin, OLG

Ester McDonough, OLG

Our Lady of Victory ~ Victoria

Sandra Stelpflug, Asst. Principal, OLV

Jodie Knapp, NA

Aaron Boyd, OLV

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Mary Beth Tromblee, SA
Shiner Catholic School

Derrick Neelley, SC
Sacred Heart ~ Hallettsville

Barbara Tankersley, SH
St. Michael's ~ Cuero

Kaye Calk, SM-C

Janitha Jendrzey, SM-C

Tracy Trevino, SM-C
St. Michael ~ Weimar

Denise Delgado, SM-W

Sherri Sommerlatte, SM-W
St. Philip ~ El Campo

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St. Rose of Lima ~ Schulenburg

Karina Almanza, SR

Wendy Becka, SR

Rachel Besetzny, SR

Carly Divin, SR

Dominique Fenix, SR

Brandy Janak, SR

Hannah Kalina, SR

Paulette Valis, SR
Promises make us who we are

As persons, we make promises throughout our entire lives. We are raised in families and grow up in communities, which demonstrate how essential our interactions with others are. We depend on others, and others depend on us. This necessity of—indeed, this longing for—dependence on others is an undeniable characteristic of all human persons. We make promises daily and they express our constant intentions to interact with others. For example, when I tell someone that I will meet them at the coffee shop at 5:00 p.m. that person depends on me to be there. I make a promise and it is expected to be fulfilled. Promises are quite simple, but often misunderstood.

Promises are vital to every person because they define a person’s character. They are intimately connected to our way of being. To explain, Robert Spaemann, a contemporary German philosopher, claims that “a person is the promise to keep promises.” So, when I make a promise to someone, I long to fulfill my promise, which in turn fulfills me as a person. I am defined by the promise—whether or not I keep the promise I make. Therefore, I want to keep my promise, not only to be acknowledged as a person, but that I myself take responsibility for my actions and become the person I want to be.

By making promises, we acknowledge we want to make a difference in the world. We want to be held accountable for our actions. By promising, a person gives of his entire self in the most appropriate, absolute manner.

There is a difference between merely completing an action and doing so by fulfilling a promise. In next month’s article, we will examine how promises make good acts even greater.

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: September 27.

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KJZT DONATES TO EDUCATION OF PRIESTS—The KJZT, Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas recently made their annual donation to the Seminarian Education Fund, to educate the young men studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Victoria. Presenting the check for $2,523, on behalf of Loretta Stahl, KJZT president, to Bishop Brendan Cahill are State Directors, l-r, Grace Vinklarek, Joyce Kurtz and Arlene Cloyd. The KJZT State Office also presented Bishop Cahill with a gift as being newly ordained bishop.

KJZT YOUTH GROUP DONATES—The KJZT Youth Club #40 of East Bernard recently presented a check to Steven Vacek, seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria. Making the presentation (l-r) Father Don Ruppert, pastor of Holy Cross East Bernard; Jonah Kubena, Eric Kubena, KJZT Youth treasurer; Steven Vacek, and Gloria Buxkemper, KJZT Youth leader.

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LOCAL JCDA AWARDED STATE PIN—At the recent Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Texas State Convention held in Corpus Christi, the State JCDA board implemented a new State JCDA Pin for local court members called “Be Useful”. This pin was awarded to those members who excelled in their involvement and service in their church and community while spreading the message of JCDA - “Message, Service, And Community.” JCDA Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner, member Sydney Hermann (left) received the “Be Useful” State JCDA pin from (l-r) JCDA State President, Clella Evans; JCDA 1st Vice-President, Olivia Perez and JCDA State Secretary, Emily Malinovsky. Congratulations to Sydney!

CHANCERY TOUR—Eighth graders from St. Anthony School in Columbus, recently came to the Chancery Office for a tour given by Bishop Brendan Cahill. They were asked if they have been together since first grade and all of them raised their hands. Joining the tour was Principal John O’Leary and teachers Danette Cantu and Vickie Glynn.

JUNGLE FUN AT OLV—The summer got off to a roaring start with Our Lady of Victory School’s annual summer camp for 3K through 6th grade. With a theme of a jungle adventure the kids made jungle theme crafts along with daily field trips. The children could be seen throughout Victoria at the movie theatre, bowling alley, and the pool each week. Other field trips offered an educational experience. They went to the Museum of the Costal Bend and the Texas Zoo, but not all field trips required a bus to get to. The first and second graders, pictured above along with their teachers, had the opportunity to learn just steps away from the school. They visited the chancery where they learned about the history of the diocese and the chapel. At the end of the tour the children got a special surprise: meeting Bishop Brendan Cahill. They learned about what the role of the bishop is and the signs and symbols of a bishop. The following week the children once again had an opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith. Father Kristopher Fuchs gave the children a tour of Our Lady of Victory Cathedral where they learned about the stained glass windows, items in the church, and what a priest wears. The children’s favorite part was when Father Kristopher played the organ.

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Pope: Celebrations, including Mass, are essential for family life

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cellation is above all a loving and grateful gaze at work done well,” whether it’s a wedding celebration of a relationship that has matured or birthdays and graduations when people “look at their children or grandchildren who are growing and think, ‘How beautiful.’”

The best parties are always those that gather families together, Pope Francis said. “Family life, seen with the eyes of faith, shows itself to be worth more than the effort it requires. It is a masterpiece of simplicity and is beautiful precisely because it is not artificial, not fake.”

While not ignoring one’s obligations at work, he said, it also is important to allow celebrations of birthdays, marriages, new births, welcomes or farewells “to infiltrate” the workplace. “They are moments of familiarity that throw a cog in the production line. It does us good.”

Days of rest, especially Sunday celebrations of Mass and time with the family, are important reminders that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and is not a “slave to work.”

Unfortunately, he said, even in the modern world there are women and children who have been reduced to slave-like conditions. “This is against God and against the dignity of the human person!”

In other cases, the pope said, people have made themselves slaves to work, thinking the point of life is to earn a lot of money. Even when they celebrate, he said, they allow consumerism “to swallow” the party by thinking the more money they spend, the better the celebration will be.

“But is that why we work?” he asked. “Greed for consuming, which leads to waste, is a horrible virus that, among other things, leaves us more tired than we were before. It poisons real work and consumes our lives.”

“Celebrations are a precious gift God has given the human family. Let’s not ruin them,” he said.

The most important celebration for a family, the pope said, is Sunday Mass, which brings people “the grace of Jesus Christ, his presence, his love, his sacrifice, his being with us.”

When people bring their lives to Jesus in the Eucharist, the real meaning of life is revealed, Pope Francis said. “Work, family, our daily joys and efforts, even suffering and death -- all are transfigured by the grace of Christ.”

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17th Annual Catholic School Seminar gets TECHY

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was trained and schooled by energized presenter Michael Marchand, of Project YM, who kept the educators interested and enthralled with his unique PowerPoint presentation that shared many avenues for sharing the Word with our students. Michael had presented to the diocese earlier in the year at a technology demonstration held at Holy Family, Victoria, which had been organized by Father Gary Janak. At this gathering of more than 250 teachers, administrators, and support staff, class participation was a huge part of the facilitator’s energetic exhibition as conference participants played games, learned about NEW social media sites and were informed about the related statistics regarding their use.

In fact, attendees were treated to voting on a group text to register for a FREE iPad Mini given away by the OCS. The winner, Dawn Stewart, of Holy Cross Catholic School, Bay City, was visibly surprised to hear her winning number, which was actually the last four digits of her cell phone.

Later, the CSS attenders were also asked to evaluate the CSS 2015 by email, text, or tweeting.

The teachers, support staff, and administrators who attended were also treated to an opening prayer service, presided over by Bishop Brendan Cahill, and joined in music ministry led by Mark Zepeda, liturgist of Holy Family (Victoria), who was accompanied by his daughter Sarah.

Thanks to all who helped in making this annual event a reality, especially the administration and staff of OLV Catholic School, principals who served as lectors, and the Chancery staff who assisted with refreshments sponsored by area Catholic schools.
Divorciados y recasados no están excomulgados, dice el papa durante audiencia

Por Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service
CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Los católicos que se han divorciado y están recasados civilmente “no están, de hecho, excomulgados — ellos no están excomulgados — y definitivamente no deben ser tratados como si lo estuvieran”, dijo el papa Francisco.

Reanudando sus audiencias generales de los miércoles el 5 de agosto después de un receso de un mes, el papa Francisco regresó a la serie de charlas que había estado ofreciendo sobre la familia. Esta fue la audiencia general número 100 de su papado.

Durante su última audiencia, el 24 de junio, él habló sobre el daño causado especialmente a los niños cuando las parejas pelean y se hieren el uno al otro. “Hoy”, él dijo, “quiero llamar nuestra atención a otra realidad: cómo atender a los que, después de un fracaso irreversible del vínculo matrimonial, han asumido una nueva unión”.

Sin una anulación del matrimonio sacramental, “tal situación contradice el sacramento cristiano”, el cual está predestinado a ser un vínculo indisoluble, dijo el papa.

Según la enseñanza eclesiástica, en la mayoría de los casos a tales parejas no se les permite recibir la Comunión. Pero la mayoría de los casos a tales parejas no dijo el papa.

“¿Cómo podemos decirle a estos padres que hagan todo lo posible para criar a sus hijos en la vida cristiana, dándoles el ejemplo de una fe convencida y vivida, si los mantenemos a distancia de la vida de la comunidad como si estuviessen excomulgados?”, preguntó el papa.

Particularmente durante las últimas décadas, él dijo, “la iglesia no ha sido insensible ni perezosa” cuando de proveer atención pastoral a los divorciados y recasados civilmente se trata.

En su exhortación apostólica “Familiares Consistorio”, san Juan Pablo II vio una “obligación, por amor a la verdad, de ejercer un ‘discernimiento cuidadoso de las situaciones’”, señalando por ejemplo “la diferencia entre alguien que ha soportado una separación y alguien que la provocó”, dijo el papa Francisco.

El retirado papa Benedicto XVI también estudió la cuestión, él dijo, “requiriendo un atento discernimiento y un acompañamiento pastoral sabio, sabiendo que las ‘recetas simples’ no existen”.

Ya que los estudios y el discernimiento continúan, dijo el papa Francisco, es esencial que los pastores católicos “abierta y coherentemente demuestren la disposición de la comunidad a acoger y exhortar a las parejas divorciadas y recasadas y sus familias a participar en la vida eclesiástica.

Olar, escuchar la palabra de Dios, asistir a Misa, educar a sus hijos en el credo, servirle a los pobres y trabajar por la justicia y la paz deben ser parte de sus vidas, él dijo.

Citando su exhortación apostólica, “La alegría del Evangelio”, el papa Francisco le dijo a los reunidos para la audiencia: “La Iglesia está llamada a ser siempre la casa abierta del Padre … con las puertas abiertas en todas partes. … Todos pueden participar de alguna manera en la vida eclesiástica, todos pueden integrar la comunidad”.

El papa: Celebraciones, incluyendo Misa, son esenciales para vida familiar

Por Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service
CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Las familias necesitan momentos de descanso y celebración, tiempo de dar un paso atrás y reconocer los dones de Dios y cuán bien estos se han desarrollado, dijo el papa Francisco.

Las celebraciones son momentos “para disfrutar aquello que no puede ser producido o consumido, que no puede ser comprado o vendido”, dijo el papa en su audiencia general semanal del 12 de agosto.

Continuando su serie de charlas sobre la familia anticipando la celebración del Encuentro Mundial de las Familias en Filipinas en septiembre y el Sínodo de los Obispos sobre la familia en octubre, el papa Francisco dijo que estaría examingo “el ritmo de la vida familiar” enfocándose primero en las celebraciones y entonces en el trabajo y en la oración.

“Las celebraciones son invención de Dios”, él dijo señalando la descripción en el libro Génesis de cómo, después de crear el mundo, Dios tomó un día de descanso y contempló todo lo que había creado.

La vida se torna verdaderamente humana cuando las personas sacan tiempo para hacer eso mismo, dijo el papa. “Una celebración es sobre todo un vistazo amoroso y agradecido al trabajo bien hecho”.

Bien sea una celebración matrimonial de una relación que ha madurado o cumpleaños y graduaciones cuando las personas “miran a sus hijos o nietos que están creciendo y piensan: ‘cuán hermoso’”.

Los mejores tiempos son siempre aquellos que reúnen las familias, dijo el papa Francisco. “La vida familiar, vista con los ojos de la fe, demuestra que vale más que el esfuerzo que esta requiere. Es una obra maestra de la simplicidad y es hermosa precisamente porque no es artificial, no falsa”.

Mientras no se ignoren las obligaciones de uno en el trabajo, él dijo, es también importante permitir las celebraciones de cumpleaños, matrimonios, nacimientos, bienvenidas o despedidas “infiltren” el lugar de trabajo. “Son momentos de familiaridad que lanzan un obstáculo en la línea de producción. Nos hacen bien”.

Días de descanso, especialmente las celebraciones dominicales de la Misa y tiempo con la familia son importantes recordatorios de que todo ser humano está hecho a imagen y semejanza de Dios y que no es “esclavo del trabajo”.

Desafortunadamente, él dijo, aún en el mundo moderno hay mujeres y niños que han sido rebajados a condiciones tipo esclavos. “¿Esto está contra Dios y en contra de la dignidad de la persona humana?”.

En otros casos, dijo el papa, las personas se han hecho esclavas del trabajo, pensando que el sentido de la vida es ganar mucho dinero. Aun cuando celebran, él dijo, permiten que el consumismo “se traiga” la fiesta pensando que mientras más dinero se gaste mejor será la celebración.
Meet a Deacon
(a TCL series)

By Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck

I was born in Moulton, Texas on October 25, 1939. I am the only child of John and Hilda Huff Fishbeck. My father was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Moulton and my mother was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church. Although my mother was Lutheran she was very instrumental in my early religious education and learning my prayers. She was committed to my being raised as a Catholic. Both of my parents played a big part in where I find myself today.

I graduated from Moulton High School in 1958 and attended college at South West Texas State University in San Marcos on a basketball scholarship. I am proud of the fact that our team won the N.A.I.A. National Championship in 1960. Our remaining team members get together on a regular basis.

I graduated from college in 1962 and was hired by the Moulton ISD to teach and coach basketball. I retained that position for 11 years and then became school principal for the next 29 years. I retired in 2002 after spending 40 years with Moulton ISD. I still substitute teach when needed and enjoy being around the school and keeping contact with the youth of our community.

In 1966 Kathryn Matus was hired as the new Homemaking teacher in Moulton and in July of 1967 we were married. We have been blessed with four children, two boys and two girls, and five wonderful grandchildren.

At the time of our marriage Father Robert Schmidt invited us to live in the recently vacated convent. We accepted and spent 18 wonderful years living there on the church grounds. We were CYO sponsors, CCD teachers and helped with many other church activities. I along with my cousin Dennis Fishbeck and now Father Dennis Darilek were commissioned as the first eucharistic ministers in Moulton. So if Father Schmidt was gone I would help during the week by having Liturgy of the Word with Communion services. The first four summers we attended the First Pastoral Institute at Incarnate Word University in San Antonio. Kathy and I were the only lay people in attendance and earned a degree in Pastoral Theology. Kathy and I were also very involved in the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters on both the local and state levels. During those years Father Schmidt and his sister Annie who was his housekeeper became like another set of grandparents to our children.

Not realizing it at the time, but looking back now I can see how all those experiences early on were moving me in a direction that I was not even aware of. If God had this plan for me I had not yet become aware of it.

After retiring in 2002 I attended an ACTS Retreat and the experience I had completely reordered my priorities in retirement. At the same time my parish priest Father Gabriel Maison had been talking to me about the diaconate. He invited me to a retreat with him and Michael Fonseca. “Come and see”, was all that he said. The simple invitation by Father Gabriel and the retreat itself was the final step in my decision to enter the program. I was ordained in December of 2011.

The diaconate has been a most gratifying experience for me. I enjoy serving the church and the people of my community. I assist with the Liturgy and deliver homilies once a month. I serve for funerals and have had several graveside services on my own. When called to do a wake service Kathy and I do it together. This is one of the things I truly love about the diaconate. It has enhanced our marriage relationship in so many ways. She went through the entire program with me and stands by my side to assist me in all that I do. I participate in our Community Thanksgiving Service that alternates between the three churches we have in Moulton. I especially love doing the weekly services at the Shady Oaks Nursing Home and bringing communion to the homebound. They are so happy to see me come and so thankful to be able to receive the Body of Christ. The experience of being around them brightens my day and leaves me with such a good feeling in my heart. I would have to say that the occasion that provided me with the greatest joy was being able to baptize my own grandson last year.

Yes, I am so thankful and so blessed to have the opportunity to serve God and his Church as a deacon.
** EVENTS **

** September **

** Cuero **— Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 6. BBQ dinner, tamales, auction, Bingo, and more.

** Hallettsville **— Sacred Heart Festival Sept. 6 at KC Hall. Country fried chicken, stew, and cornbread dressing. $9 p/p.

** Nada **— St. Mary’s Parish Festival & Homecoming Sept. 6 at Nada Community Center. BBQ beef and sausage. 11:00 a.m. $10 p/p.

** Shiner **— Sts. Cyril & Methodius Fall Picnic Sept. 6 at KC Park. 3-meat plate. $10 p/p.

** Vanderbilt **— St. John Bosco Festival Sept. 6 at Trinity Family Center. BBQ pork steak and sausage. $9 p/p. 1:00 p.m. auction.

** Bay City **— Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 13. Food, games, live music, raffle, and more.

** Blessing **— KC Shrimp Étouffée and Gumbo Meal Sept. 13 at St. Peter’s Parish Hall. 11:00 a.m. $9 p/p.

** Inez **— St. Joseph Picnic Sept. 13 at Inez Community Center. 3-meat plate. $8 p/p. Auction, prizes, and more.

** Yorktown **— Holy Cross Centennial Celebration Sept. 13. 9:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Cahill. 11:00 a.m. BBQ beef and sausage. See ad on pg. 16.

** Port Lavaca **— Our Lady of the Gulf Festival Sept. 20 at Bauer Community Center. Auction, crafts, games, raffle, and more.

** Victoria **— Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society Games Party Sept. 27. From 3:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church. $7 p/p. A spaghetti dinner will be served. For reservations contact Leona Sedlar at (361) 575-3160 or Helen John at iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com.

** Meyersville **— Sts. Peter and Paul (11220 FM 237) Annual Festival Sept. 27. Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by a BBQ beef dinner until 1:00 p.m. at $9 p/p. Auction and bingo at 1:00 p.m. There will be a country store, silent auction, games and much more.

** Sweet Home **— St. John the Baptist, Koerth, Parish Picnic Sept. 27. At the Sweet Home Community Center a stew and sausage dinner 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Plates-to-go available at the Sweet Home Fire Station. Auction starts at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments, games and entertainment all afternoon.

** Bay City **— Holy Cross Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner Oct. 4 at the KC Hall. Dinner served 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at $10 p/p. See ad on pg. 10.

** Flotonia **— Sacred Heart Parish, Annual Turkey Dinner on Oct. 4 at $9 p/p with drive-thru or dine in available. Serving starts at 11:00 a.m.

** Hungerford **— St. John Annual Bazaar Oct. 4 with a BBQ beef, chicken and sausage dinner beginning at 10:30 a.m. See ad on pg. 5.

** Mentz **— St. Roch Picnic Oct. 4, more information below.

** Victoria **— Nazareth Academy Fall Festival Oct. 4 at the Victoria Community Center. Turkey dinner and sides. $10 p/p. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. See ad on pg. 4.

** East Bernard **— Holy Cross Bazaar Oct. 11. A BBQ beef, chicken and sausage dinner with dressing served starting at 11:00 a.m. See ad on pg. 3.

** El Campo **— St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Festival Oct. 11 at the KC Hall.

** Victoria **— Our Lady of Victory Parish Festival Oct. 11 at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral. Lunch served after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Men and women are welcome. Father David Berger will be retreat master. No fees charged. For reservations, call Libby Ramirez at (361) 576-6314 or Sella Silva at (361) 550-0387.

** San Antonio **— St. John’s/Assumption Seminary Centennial Celebration Alumni Homecoming Sept. 30-Oct. 2 at Assumption Seminary. For more information, contact Mike Davis at (210) 734-5137 ext. 1414 or mike.davis@archsa.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 Father Paulson Panakal. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, call (361) 237-3634.

** 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 Father Phl Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS Convent. Mark your calendars now for next month. For more information, contact Sr. Louise Marie Jones at iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com.

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**Pope Francis’ Visit to Cuba and the United States**

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- St. Patrick’s Cathedral
- Headquarters of the United Nations
- Ground Zero 9/11 Memorial
- Madison Square Garden

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- Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Elementary School

*Washington, D.C. September 22–24*
- Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul
- Independence Mall
- Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
- Benjamin Franklin Parkway
- St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

*Cuba September 19–22*
- Cathedral of Our Lady of Assumption, Santiago de Cuba

“The presence of Pope Francis at the World Meeting of Families in our country will be a joyful moment for millions of Catholics and people of good will. Our great hope has been that the Holy Father would visit us next year to inspire our families in their mission of love. It is a blessing to hear the pope himself announce the much anticipated news,” said Archbishop Kurtz, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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