By Taylor Janak

This year Camp David celebrates almost 20 years of serving the youth of the Diocese of Victoria. Camp David was named jointly for biblical hero King David and Bishop David Fellhauer, who was the bishop of the Diocese of Victoria when the camp started. Every year Camp David provides a faith-filled retreat for elementary and junior high students. Held at the Spiritual Renewal Center, it gives staff and participants an opportunity to escape from the outside world and foster a relationship with God. As the Spiritual Renewal Center has grown so has Camp David. In the beginning we had to use the small chapel not only as a chapel but also as a meeting room. In 2009, Hermes Hall, a large conference center with a cafeteria, was built as well as new cabins. Camp David has grown into one of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry’s most anticipated events of the year, hosting over 100 campers every year.

Reflecting on my own Camp David journey, which began in 2003, at the age of six, I have continued to witness how Camp David changes lives. Most people don’t have the privilege of going until they are 9 or 10 years old. I was lucky because my mom, Regina Janak, who works for the Diocese of Victoria, would take pictures for the Lighthouse and I would join her. Even though I was younger I was treated like the “big” kids. I really looked up to the teenage staffers and loved how fun and interactive they were. I knew right then, that one-day I wanted to staff the retreat like them. One of my best memories is getting to staff with my group leaders that I knew as a camper. Now, even more rewarding is seeing kids who were in my groups as campers grow up and return to staff. I felt privileged to have the opportunity to staff with them.

By attending camp I was able to grow in a closer relationship with God while also enjoying the various activities, and meeting new people. My time at Camp David inspired me to become involved with the Diocese of Victoria’s Youth Leadership Training (YLT) program. It is through YLT that high school students learn to deepen their faith and become leaders in their parishes. It is from this group that the staff for Camp David is chosen. My journey as an elementary and middle school camper then continued with me serving on staff all four years of high school. Through this experience I deepened my faith and met some of my best friends. When I graduated from high school I knew I didn’t want my Camp David journey to end. I am currently a student at Texas A&M University in College Station. I now return for YLT’s monthly meetings during the school year to get to know the next group of leaders and serve on the adult staff for Camp David each summer.

See Camp David, pg. 16
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Speaking to the National Catholic Education Association in June 1920, Fr. Edwin O’Hara said: “The farmer pursues the most fundamental, the most dignified profession in the world. He is the primal producer of the earth. He is the primal producer … the type of citizen which has been in every civilization the substantial foundation of stable social order.” (Timothy Dolan, Some Seed Fell on Good Ground, Catholic University of America Press, 1992, pp. 58-59) In the speech he gave that day he also acknowledged many of the problems facing the rural Church and called for a greater response to these needs. After this conference Fr. O’Hara continued to advocate for the pastoral care of the Catholic Church in the countryside. Three years later, with his leadership the National Catholic Rural Life Conference held its first meeting at St. Louis University.

Now called Catholic Rural Life (CRL), the organization that Fr. O’Hara helped establish almost 100 years ago continues to be a source of support and encouragement for the Church in rural America. In April of this year three representatives from CRL came to Victoria to present to our priests some of their work. They also had dinner with some farmers at my house and visited a local farm. One of the representatives who passed some time talking with the students at St. Joseph Catholic High School in Victoria. They shared with each of these groups very helpful ideas and resources. One of the resources was a Rural Life Prayer Book. There are many beautiful prayers for every season and purpose in this Prayer Book, which was originally published in 1956 and re-printed by TAN Books in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2014.

I’m writing this article in the last week of June, anticipating a harvest time for many of our local farmers. I want to share with you an example of a prayer from the Prayer Book (p. 166) – a “Blessing of the Barn and the Stored Harvest”:

“Almighty Lord God, You keep on giving abundance to men in the dew of heaven, and food out of the richness of the soil. We give thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the fruits of the field which we have gathered. We beg of You, in Your mercy, to bless our harvest, which we have received from Your generosity. Preserve it, and keep it from all harm. Grant, too, that all those whose desires You have filled with these good things may be happy in Your protection.

May they praise Your mercies forever, and make use of the good things that do not last, in such a way that they may not lose those goods that are everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

As I mentioned above CRL has many good resources for our spiritual development and living out the vocation of agriculture. For more information on Catholic Rural Life you can write them at: University of St. Thomas, Mail Number 4080, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105-1078; or call them at: 651-962-3955. They also have their information on a web-site at: CatholicRuralLife.org.

Once again, I want to particularly thank each of you who has committed to pray the Rosary for the gift of peace in the world and for the family. As St. John Paul II invited us to pray this faithfully, I believe we can maintain our confidence in the power of this prayer – more than we ever know! May God bless you and your families, let’s keep each other in prayer.

+Brendan
**Bishop Brendan’s Schedule**

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**Official Appointments**

**Effective June 29, 2017:**

Bishop Brendan Cahill has announced the appointment of **Father John Kollannur** as Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Church in Wharton and Saint Joseph Mission in Boling.

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**Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary**

You are invited to St. Mary’s Church, Victoria, on Thursday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. to honor the 100th anniversary of the July appearance of Our Lady of Fatima. There will be a service including a Gospel reading, a reflection, and a rosary. The prayers for the special plenary indulgence will also be recited.

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**Please remember in prayer the priests of the Diocese of Victoria, who died during the month of July:**

- Rev. Alfred Hoenig, OSB
  07/12/1994
- Rev. Msgr. Stanley Petru
  07/25/2013

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

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**DSA update**

**2017 Diocesan Services Appeal**

- Diocesan Goal: $1,994,298.00
- Parish Pledge Totals: $743,352.59
- Parish Contribution Totals: $642,256.59
- Number of Parish Families Participating: 2,694

Updated June 28, 2017

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**Please remember in prayer the priests of the Diocese of Victoria, who were ordained during the month of July:**

- Rev. Gabriel Maison 07/01/1978 St. Joseph, Moulton
- Rev. Charles E. Otsiwah 07/07/1985 Immaculate Conception, Goliad
- Rev. Peter Yeooha-Amanfo 07/10/1983 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nada
- Rev. Dominic Anthi-Boasiako 07/11/1981 St. Mary, Victoria
- Rev. Gabriel Bentil 07/14/1984 Holy Family, Victoria
- Rev. Gabriel J. Mensah 07/15/1990 St. Peter, Blessing
- Rev. Samuel Appiasi 07/17/1983 St. Patrick, Bloomington
- Rev. Clement Quainoo 07/17/1982 St. Andrew, Hillje
- Rev. Augustine Nsiah Asante 07/18/1998 St. Anthony, Columbus
- Rev. Charles Owusu Dwomoh 07/19/1986 St. John the Baptist, Hungerford
- Rev. Albert Yankey 07/20/1980 Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria

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**All Alumni Reunion**

**Sacred Heart Catholic School, Hallettsville**

**Saturday - July 15**

All Sacred Heart Catholic School Alumni (Classes 1948-2017) and/or former students are invited to the Alumni Reunion to be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hallettsville. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. followed by a Memorial Mass for Deceased Alumni at 4:00 p.m., Social (5:00 p.m.) Dinner (6:30 p.m.), Dance (8:00-11:00 p.m.)

Pre-registration admission is $20 per person and may be mailed to Sacred Heart Catholic School, attn: Alumni Reunion, 313 S. Texana, Hallettsville TX 77964.

For more information, please contact David Smolik at (361) 798-4492 or email davidasmolik@gmail.com.

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**Feast of St. James**

**July 25**

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**Our Lady of Fatima Centennial**

1917-2017. Celebrating 100 Years with Our Lady of Fatima
Seminary Endowment Fund

Seminary Endowment Fund (formerly known as Seminary Burses) is a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each bursa 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 person, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received.

Donation Categories: Lector - $0.01 - $99.99; Acolyte – $100 - $499.99; Candidate – $500 - $1,499.99; Transitional Deacon – $1,500 - $2,499.99; Priest – $2,500+.

June 26, 2017

• Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily Seminary Burse #2
  Acolyte
  In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily’s birthday by Jesse and Nancy Lednicky

  Lector
  In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Bily’s birthday by Kenneth and Mary Jane Berger

• Sr. Denise Bowers, IWBS Seminary Burse
  Acolyte
  In memory of Charlie Pajestka by Clem and Shirley Chilek

• Rev. Wayne Flagg and Rev. Philip Brune Seminary Burse
  Lector
  In honor of Rev. Philip Brune’s 3rd priestly ordination anniversary by Lambert and Carol Brune

• Rev. Dan Morales Seminary Burse in Honor of his Work for Vocations
  Lector
  In memory of Rev. Dan Morales by Paz and Andrea Morales

• Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Seminary Burse #7
  Lector
  In memory of Vaclav Motal by David and Wilma Wagner
  In memory of Sister Sylvia Grahmann by David and Wilma Wagner

  In memory of Jeanette Boedeker by David and Wilma Wagner

• Rev. Timothy Kosler Seminary Burse
  Acolyte
  In memory of Roy Alton Christ by K of C Council #2902, Schulenburg
  In memory of Jerome Michael Sassin, Sr. by K of C Council #2902, Schulenburg
  In memory of Joseph F. Vyvjala by K of C Council #2902, Schulenburg

• Cora Wostarek Seminary Burse
  Acolyte
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  In memory of Jerome Michael Sassin, Sr. by K of C Council #2902, Schulenburg
  In memory of Joseph F. Vyvjala by K of C Council #2902, Schulenburg

  Anonymous Donation to the burse

  In memory of Charles Pajestka by Clem and Shirley Chilek

  In memory of Vaclav Motal by David and Wilma Wagner
  In memory of Sister Sylvia Grahmann by David and Wilma Wagner

To contribute to an existing Seminary Endowment Fund send contributions with the appropriate fund designation to:

Diocese Of Victoria
Seminary Endowment Fund
P. O. Box 4070
Victoria, TX 77903

Education of Seminarian Fund

The Education of Seminarian Fund is a fund in which all of the monies donated to this fund, as well as the earnings, are available to cover the cost of educating seminarians. The proceeds of the special collection on Holy Thursday are deposited into the Education of Seminarian Fund. Publication of this fund will appear when new contributions are received.

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Lector
Robert & Beatrice Welfl
in Memory of Delores Svatek

Acolyte
Chris & Amy Kulcak
in Honor of Rev. Stephen Vacek Ordination

Candidate
Robert & Kathryn Kennedy

Transitional Deacon

GOD IS GOOD AT ST. ANTHONY PARISH—More big changes are happening! Old Main’s second story was removed recently at St. Anthony School, Columbus. Two buildings will be tied together and Old Main will soon house the parish offices, school administrative offices and a chapel. May He continue to grace and bless St. Anthony School!

PROGRESS CONTINUES—The Cathedral Center in Victoria continues to take shape day by day. They are working on the parking lot shown above.

The Catholic Lighthouse
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Come Aside and Rest

One morning recently I was trying to clear the flower beds of weeds; however, the sunny day began to warm up quickly and the bench in the shade beckoned to me, “Come and rest awhile.” Then as I was sitting there enjoying the shade, someone passed by and said, “I got tired and am just resting here.” She replied and said, “That’s good.” Her response reminded me of Jesus’ words to “come aside and rest.”

Built into our schedule, we Sisters are fortunate to have opportunities to join Jesus in coming away from the busy-ness of daily life. Each month we have a retreat day, usually a Sunday, to step away from our ordinary routine in order to review God’s presence in our lives and to refresh ourselves spiritually. Moreover, each year we are privileged to make a week’s retreat in which we have excellent retreat directors and guides. Also the joined presence of Sisters who may have been served outside of Victoria provides a sense of their accompaniment on our mission to make the Incarnate Word known and loved wherever we minister. Together, we enjoy receiving spiritual enrichment and having the time and place to reflect upon and absorb the Holy Spirit’s presence and prompting in our lives.

Sometimes people ask us if we pray all the time together. Well, while we appreciate prayer and like to pray in community, we also love gatherings and meals together with the Sisters and with the many friends that we have. We also enjoy parties and “fun” events and just being together. We really enjoy many things we do together.

My prayer is that all our Light-house readers use vacation time for recreation – recreating or renewing their focus on what is important in life. Take some time to keep in touch in the “God moments” – insights that come in times of silence and recollection and awareness of God’s goodness. Do things with loved ones and enjoy one’s family and friends. Give your phones some rest and listen in person to those about you. You might hear the Holy Spirit speaking through them!

Therefore, let us all be mindful and heed Jesus’ invitation to “come aside and rest.” Happy Vacation!

In Memory of...

Margaret Warbeck-Sackey, the sister of Father Clement Quainoo, pastor at St. Andrew, Hillje/St. Procopius, Louise

Jose Duplan Sr., the father of Deacon Jose “Joe” Duplan, Spiritual Renewal Center Director/Deacon at Our Lady of Sorrows, Victoria

Dolores Meletio, the mother of Sister Ann Meletio, IWBS, Nazareth Academy, Victoria

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

CLERGY APPRECIATION—The St. Joseph Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA), Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206, Yoakum, Texas, held a clergy appreciation dinner on Monday evening, June 5, 2017, to recognize and communicate their appreciation to the Very Reverend Matthew Huehlefeld, Reverend Jacob Koether and Deacon Dennis Kutach for their all encompassing services to St. Joseph, Yoakum, St. Ann, Hochheim, St. John the Baptist, Koerth, and Queen of Peace, Sweet Home. The CDA greatly appreciates each of them for all that they do for the communities. Pictured, left-right, Deacon Dennis Kutach, Reverend Jacob Koether, CDA officers Dorothy Zabransky, District Deputy, #12 and Vice Regent; Mary Margaret McQuillen, Regent; Wanda Zabransky, Recording Secretary; Lynn Brewer, Treasurer, and Very Reverend Matthew Huehlefeld.

Grief Group Summer Schedule

Grief Group meets at 5:30 p.m. at The Emmaus Center at 1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140 on the following dates: July 10 and 31; August 14 and 28

For appointments go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com or call (361) 212-0830.

KC’S LEND A HELPING HAND—In honor of retired pastor of St. Michael Church, Weimar, Msgr. John C. Bily’s 59th anniversary as a priest, members of Weimar Knights of Columbus Council #2153 installed a new storm door at his retirement home. Shown in the picture are those who worked on the project. Left-right, past Grand Knight Charlie Herzik, Grand Knight Martin Luchak, Msgr. John C. Bily and Treasurer Frank Janacek. Not pictured is past Grand Knight Bill Prihoda.

Reduce Stress

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  Registration forms at the church office or back table of the church or call the church at (361) 972-2446.

- Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn ~ July 17-21 ~ 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
  Hostyn Parish Hall - for more information call the office at (979) 247-4441.

- St. Mary Church, Victoria ~ July 17-21 ~ 8:00 - 11:50 a.m.
  Where: Activity Center; For: PreK-4 to 5th grade; Cost: $10/child; Contact: Marie Immenhauser at (361) 572-3863 for more information.

- St. Michael Church, Cuero ~ July 25-27 ~ 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon
  Birthday Blast: A Celebration of Life at STM School Gym; this free VBS is for all who have completed PreK4-5th grade. Volunteers are also needed! Please contact the church office at (361) 275-3554 for more information.

Blessing Knights of Columbus Council #4307 presented their annual scholarships and Knights of Columbus bibles to five recipients for the academic year 2016-2017. Shown above are the five seniors with their scholarship certificates and bibles along with council chaplain Rev. Gabriel J. Mensah and members of Council #4307 who were in attendance for the presentations. The presentations were made on May 20, after Mass at St. Peter’s Church, Blessing. Rev. Mensah is pictured with the recipients who are (front, left to right): Brooke Elizabeth Hickl, Jordan Leigh Rickaway, Weston Lane Havel, Darrell Kyle Carrillo, and Jacob Matthew Lezak.

Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council #9088, Victoria presented scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each to four high school graduates. The scholarships were presented by Grand Knight Bob Sobczak and Scholarship Chairman Charles Bluntzer. Pictured from left to right: Hannah Rose Kristynik, St. Joseph High School; Charles Bluntzer, Bob Sobczak, Sarah Denise Andruss, Victoria West High School, and Jacob John Wiebelhaus, Victoria East High School. Not pictured Zane A. Koenig, St. Joseph High School.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court #1598, Yorktown, Regent Janice Tiemann is pictured with Yorktown ISD seniors Stephanie Mattox (left) and Ann Ochoa (right). Both received college scholarships awarded by the CDA and the Knights of Columbus (KC) Council #2480. Additionally, Stephanie earned a State CDA scholarship by participating in a state contest. These young ladies, with eight other seniors from Yorktown and Nordheim, were recognized during Mass at Holy Cross Church and were presented with bibles, courtesy of the CDA Court and the KC’s. Following Mass a reception was hosted by both organizations.
CONTINUING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION — The Shiner Catholic Daughters of Court #1604 awarded three $100 scholarships to students who will be attending St. Paul High School in the Fall. The three 8th graders were all students from St. Ludmila Elementary School, Shiner. Pictured left to right, Sophie Kolle; CDA Vice-Regent Patricia Pesek who presented the scholarships, Brooke Pesek, and Ted Machacek. The scholarships were awarded at a ceremony held on May 24, 2017.

HELPING HANDS DAY — Members of the Weimar Branch of Catholic Life Insurance celebrated Join Hands Day on April 27 with students at St. Michael School. This year’s project was to weed, replant and mulch flower beds at the school. Everyone had a great time working together. St. Michael’s prayer garden on the north side of the church was weeded to help the beautiful roses. Pictured, from left, first row, Caitlyn Klam, Michael Koeth Jr., Lucas Desselle, Basil Desselle, and Reed Purdy. Second row, Dennis Herzik, Karen Kutac, Austin Stech, Abigail Psencik, Zoe Urban, Grant Gindler, Allison Gallaher, Sydney Psencik, Emily Elstner, Skylar Heger, Kennedy Koehn, Frank Janacek, and Carolanne McAfee.

Sacred Heart
Catholic School

SACRED HEART HIRES NEW COACH — Brad Wright, center, has been hired as Sacred Heart School, Halletsville, new athletic director and head football coach. Brad will replace longtime Sacred Heart coach Pat Henke. Brad is originally from Pearseall. He previously coached collegiately at Texas State and over the years has also coached high school in New Braunfels, East Bernard, and Karnes City. Also, pictured at left is Kevin Haas, principal, and right, Msgr. John Peters, pastor at Sacred Heart Church.

ST. MICHAEL GRADUATION — Graduation for the eighth grade students of St. Michael School, Weimar was held at St. Michael Church on May 24, 2017, followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. After the special Liturgy, Father Wayne Flagg, Pastor, assisted by Carolanne McAfee, Principal, and Sarah Moore, 8th grade homeroom teacher, presented awards to the students. St. Michael Catholic School 2017 graduates were, front left-right, Allison Renee Gallaher, daughter of Randall and Chandra Gallaher; Emily Ruth Elstner, daughter of Kevin and Sadie Elstner; Basil Leon Desselle and Lucas Allen Desselle, sons of Mona Desselle and the late Rick Desselle; back row, left-right, Abigail Noel Psencik, daughter of Brian and Tracy Psencik; Kennedy Louise Koehn, daughter of Rori and Patricia Koehn; Father Flagg, Reed Allen Purdy, son of James and Janet Purdy; and Grant William Gindler, son of Henry and Brenda Gindler. Mr. and Ms. SMCS were Kennedy Koehn and Grant Gindler.

Reminder:
Catholic School Teachers and Administrators deadline approaching to register for the 2017 Catholic School Seminar Friday, August 11 OLV Campus

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas Regent for Court #206 Mary Margaret McQuillen, left, presents Dorothy Zabransky, District Deputy #12 and Vice Regent of Court #206 flowers in honor of her 50 years in the Catholic Daughters. Not pictured: Bessie Immenhauser.

YOAKUM—The St. Joseph Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA), Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206, recognized and congratulated Ms. Dorothy Zabransky, CDA District Deputy, District #12 and CDA Vice Regent of Court #206, and Ms. Bessie Immenhauser on their 50th Anniversary as Catholic Daughters. They each were presented with flowers and a CDA Memorial Mass card. Ms. Zabransky and Ms. Immenhauser became Catholic Daughters in March, 1967.

Ms. Dorothy Zabransky, throughout her many years, has served and worked as a member and an officer in all organization positions of Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206 in Yoakum. As District Deputy of District #12, she visits and works with all Courts offering organizational guidance, compliance, encouragement and inspiration. District #12 includes Yoakum, Cuero, Yor-ktown, Goliad and Hallettsville. Congratulations to Ms. Zabransky and thank you to her for her dedication to the organization, her encouragement, guidance and inspiring service.

Ms. Bessie Immenhauser has been a loyal member of CDA, Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206. She has always been a valuable and supporting member of Catholic Daughters. She has cheerfully served and worked on numerous projects throughout her 50 years as a Catholic Daughter. She has always been a delight to the organization. She continues to inspire and provide invaluable experience and guidance to all who are in Court Our Lady of Guadalupe #206 in Yoakum. Congratulations to Ms. Immenhauser and thank you to her for her dedicated service, guidance and continued inspiration.

CDA Members Honored for 50 Years

SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED—Pictured are seven members of the 2017 graduating classes of Shiner who were awarded Catholic Daughters (CDA) scholarships. Winners of Texas State CDA Scholarships, left-right top row: Stevie Peters, Shiner H.S., $750; Trinity Kusak, St. Paul H.S., $750; Jessica Pesek, Shiner H.S., $1,000; and Noah Leist, St. Paul H.S., $500. Winners of local court scholarships awarded by Shiner CDA Court #1604 in the amount of $500 each are St. Paul H.S. graduates, left-right, front row: Allie Kutac, Mallory Grabarkievitz, and Ryan Malinovsky. The graduates are pictured following a Baccalaureate Mass offered on May 14, 2017 for the 2017 graduates of the Shiner community at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner, by Pastor and CDA Court Chaplain, Rev. Bryan Heyer.
BISHOP’S PASTORAL VISIT TO KOERTH PARISH—On Pentecost Sunday Bishop Brendan Cahill celebrated the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass with parishioners at St. John the Baptist Church in Koerth. It was his first visit to the church. He also blessed the recent renovation work that was completed at Easter. After the Mass the parish family held a reception in the parish hall where bishop was able to visit and get to know the community.

NEW OFFICERS — Knights of Columbus Council #1329, Victoria, installed new officers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year on June 13, 2017. Officers are, front l-r, Silvano Silva, Chancellor; Michael Nevlud, Deputy Grand Knight; Dave Koub, Lecturer; Richard Gutierrez, Grand Knight; Juan Lara, Advocate; Howard Motal, Recorder; Back row, Michael Starnes, Inside Guard; Tommy Dornak, 1st year Trustee; Felipe Rosales, Warden; Rev. Albert Yankey, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes; Chris Krejci, Treasurer; Loren Hackbarth, 3rd Year Trustee; Jeremy Martin, District Deputy. Not pictured are Donald Shellenbarger, 2nd Year Trustee; Andy Luna, Outside Guard; Gary Buckler, Financial Secretary.

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SERVING GOD—Father Dominic Nguyen, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua, Palacios, guides young altar servers before Mass.
The V Encuentro Diocesan Team held its third and last formation workshop for delegates at Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville on June 25. The other two were held in El Campo and at the chancery in Victoria. There was a lot of enthusiasm in those who participated and the Spirit was truly alive! Groups of 10-12 people will soon be initiated at diocesan parishes to reflect the meaning of Missionary Disciples based on The Joy Of The Gospel by Pope Francis. This five week long process will gather input on what the Church and particular parishes need to improve as it embraces the growing V Encuentro Movement.
Moving Faith Into Action: From Different Faith Perspectives

Moving Faith Into Action: From Different Faith Perspectives is a workshop that will be offered at the 30th Annual Diocese of Victoria Catholic Conference to be held at Holy Family Church, Wharton, on Saturday, September 23, 2017. The panel will consist of speakers from the three major faith traditions, Christianity, Judaism and Islam, which are present in the Victoria area. Each faith-representative will share their core beliefs. Following comments from Bishop Brendan Cahill, who will moderate the discussion, there will be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

Speaking on behalf of the Christian Tradition is Rev. Barbara Beale, an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who serves in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cuero, Texas. Imam Osama Hasan, the religious leader from the Victoria Islamic Center, will be speaking on the Islamic Faith Tradition. Dr. Scott Woodward, a Catholic layperson, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Oblate School of Theology, and a frequent presenter on Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialog, especially within the Judaic tradition, Christianity, and Islam will speak about Judaism from his experience of these dialogues within the Judaic Tradition rather than from his own faith experience.

Dr. Woodward is speaking in place of a Jewish rabbi because the date on which this conference is held, is one of the holiest of days, Shabbat Shuva, which occurs between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur for those of the Jewish tradition.

For further information, call (361) 573-0828 or go to www.victoriadiocese.org.

Loving Our Spouse Even When we Find it Difficult to do

Reflection by Very Rev. Gary Janak, Chancellor, Diocese of Victoria

“I love you, but I really don’t like you right now!” We have either spoken these words on a few occasions to our spouse or they have spoken them to us. A rift or a full fledged fight can cause division and emotional separation between a husband and a wife. We can become so angry with our spouse that we might not like them very much. Certainly, we love them but we do not want to be around them. All of us experience tension in our marital relationships from time to time. What we do and say in such situations is what matters the most. A Swedish proverb may ring true for many of us, and even offer a direct challenge, in how we treat our spouse when we are angry with them: “Love me when I least deserve it, because that’s when I really need it.”

May our loving Lord and Savior bless you, as you choose to live your vows every day.

Questions for Consideration:
1. How can we better love one another when we are in conflict?
2. How does it feel when we choose to love one another when we least deserve it?
3. What am I willing to do to love you better, especially when you least deserve it?

Sunday Readings from July 9 - August 13

July 9 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

July 16 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 55:10-11
Romans 6:14-23
Matthew 13:1-23

July 23 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 72:1-2, 5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

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

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bishops are appointed. The ultimate decision in appointing bishops rests with the pope, and he is free to select anyone he chooses. But how does he know whom to select?

The process for selecting candidates for the episcopacy normally begins at the diocesan level and works its way through a series of consultations until it reaches Rome. It is a process bound by strict confidentiality and involves a number of important players—the most influential being the apostolic nuncio, the Congregation for Bishops, and the pope. It can be a time consuming process, often taking eight months or more to complete. While there are distinctions between the first appointment of a priest as a bishop and a bishop's later transfer to another diocese or his appointment as an archbishop, the basic outlines of the process remain the same.

Key Terms
Apostolic nuncio: The pope's representative to both the government and to the hierarchy of a given nation; a key person in deciding what names are recommended to the Congregation for Bishops for possible episcopal appointment.

Auxiliary Bishop: A bishop appointed to assist a diocesan bishop. Whether in a diocese or archdiocese, his title is bishop.

Coadjutor: A bishop appointed to a Catholic diocese or archdiocese to assist the diocesan bishop. Unlike an auxiliary bishop, he has the right of succession, meaning that he automatically becomes the new bishop when the diocesan bishop retires or dies. By canon law, he is also vicar general of the diocese. If the diocese is an archdiocese, he is called coadjutor archbishop instead of coadjutor bishop. In recent years, a growing number of U.S. bishops in larger dioceses or archdioceses have requested and received a coadjutor in their final year or two before their retirement, in order to familiarize their successor with the workings of the (arch) diocese before he has to take over the reins. This minimizes the learning curve of a new bishop and eliminates completely the possibility of the diocese being vacant following the bishop's retirement.

Congregation for Bishops: A department of the Roman Curia, headed by a Cardinal. The head of the Congregation, called the "prefect," is presently Cardinal Marc Ouellet, a Canadian. Among the congregation's responsibilities are moderating all aspects of episcopal appointments; assisting bishops in the correct exercise of their pastoral functions; handling ad limina visits (regular visits to Rome by bishops every five years); and establishing episcopal conferences and reviewing their denominations as required by canon law. Its membership consists of approximately 35 cardinals and archbishops from around the world. Current U.S. members of the Congregation are Cardinal William J. Levada, Prefect Emeritus of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington.

Diocesan Bishop: Pastoral and legal head and representative of a diocese.

Province: A territory comprising one archdiocese, called the metropolitan see, and one or more dioceses, called suffragan sees. The Code of Canon Law spells out certain limited obligations and authority that the metropolitan archbishop has with respect to the dioceses within his province. The United States is divided into 33 ecclesiastical provinces.

Terna: A list of three candidates for a vacant office, including the office of bishop.

The Steps to Becoming a Bishop

Stage 1: Bishops' Recommendations
Every bishop may submit to the archbishop of his province the names of priests he thinks would make good bishops. Prior to the regular province meeting (usually annually), the archbishop distributes to all the bishops of the province the names and curricula vitae of priests which have been submitted to him. Following a discussion among the bishops at the province meeting, a vote is taken on which names to recommend. The number of names on this provincial list may vary. The vote tally, together with the minutes of the meeting, is then forwarded by the archbishop to the apostolic nuncio in Washington. The list is also submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Stage 2: The Apostolic Nuncio
By overseeing the final list of names forwarded to Rome, the apostolic nuncio plays a decisive role in the selection process. He not only gathers facts and information about potential candidates, but also interprets that information for the Congregation. Great weight is given to the nuncio’s recommendations, but it is important to remember that the pope’s “gatekeeper” role, however, does not mean that his recommendations are always followed.

For Diocesan Bishops
After receiving the list of candidates forwarded by a province, the apostolic nuncio conducts his own investigation into the suitability of the candidates.

A report is requested from the current bishop or the administrator of a diocese on the conditions and needs of the diocese. If the appointment is a replacement for a diocesan bishop or archbishop about to retire, consideration will be given to the incumbent’s recommendations. Broad consultation within the diocese is encouraged with regard to the needs of the diocese, but not the names of candidates.

The report is to include the names of individuals in the diocese with whom the Nuncio might consult and how to contact them.

Previous bishops of the diocese are consulted.

Bishops of the province are consulted.
The president and vice president of the USCCB are consulted.

If the vacancy to be filled is an archdiocese, other archbishops in the United States may be consulted.

At this point, the nuncio narrows his list and a questionnaire is sent to 20 or 30 people who know each of the candidates for their input.

All material is collected and reviewed by the nuncio, and a report (approximately 20 pages) is prepared. Three candidates are listed alphabetically – the terni – with the nuncio’s preference noted. All materials are then forwarded to the Congregation for Bishops in Rome.

For Auxiliary Bishops
A diocesan bishop must justify to the apostolic nuncio his need for an auxiliary bishop. This is easier if he is requesting a replacement for a retired or deceased auxiliary.

The diocesan bishop prepares the terni, or list of three candidates, for his requested auxiliary and forwards it to the apostolic nuncio.

The nuncio then conducts his own investigation of the priests on the diocesan bishop’s terni, sending the names to Rome with a report and his own recommendations.

On average, this part of the process may take two to six months.

Stage 3: Congregation for Bishops
Once all the documentation from the nuncio is complete and in order, and the
AUSTIN — The state of Texas has changed the relationship of local law enforcement with the Immigration Control Enforcement agency. The bishops of Texas oppose the legislation, S.B. 4, known colloquially as the “anti-sanctuary city” bill, and encourage Catholics throughout Texas to learn more about their own Fourth Amendment rights and how they can make their communities safer and more welcoming to immigrants.

Pray for our police, who sacrifice to keep us safe; for migrants, who seek a better life for their families; for our leaders, who seek the common good; and for ourselves, that we all may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Why do the Catholic bishops oppose S.B. 4?

We support the right of a sovereign nation to ensure the integrity of its borders and to enforce its laws. All residents in the U.S. are obliged to respect with gratitude and to enforce its laws. All residents in the nation, obey its laws, and assist in carrying out civic duties.

At the same time, governments are established to protect individuals’ God-given rights. We object when laws do not do so, such as when due process is not upheld. The U.S. immigration system, for example, is frequently absent of legal representation for migrants, lacks sufficient judges, and is reliant on large-scale detention. In many cases, migrants go through proceedings without impartial adjudicators, such as a jury of citizens.

In the long-term, we must address the deepest causes of flight: poverty, gang violence, climate change, and corruption. All governments should protect their residents’ God-given rights so that all people can live in their native country with dignity. In the short-term, we must improve our immigration system in a comprehensive way. In other words, both admittance requirements and enforcement must be addressed. To focus on only one of these, as S.B. 4 does, neglects the common good.

Finally, we opposed S.B. 4 because it charges our local police with enforcing immigration law. Specifically, S.B. 4 allows individual police officers to inquire into legal status, which will hurt trust between migrants and police. This damages communication, which is essential to community policing, and makes our communities less safe. The bill’s promise to protect victims and witnesses is not reassuring because of the bill’s small size and because the spirit of the law — which focuses only on enforcement — treats immigration as a problem.

In sum, S.B. 4 neglects Christ’s call to welcome the stranger and undermines our nation’s heritage to offer the light of freedom to the oppressed.

**Stage 4: The Pope Decides**

At a private audience with the pope, usually on a Saturday, the prefect of the Congregation for Bishops presents the recommendations of the Congregation to the Holy Father. A few days later, the pope informs the Congregation of his decision. The Congregation then notifies the nuncio, who in turn contacts the candidate and asks if he will accept. If the answer is “yes,” the Vatican is notified and a date is set for the announcement.

It often takes six to eight months—and sometimes longer—from the time a diocese becomes vacant until a new bishop is appointed.

**Ever Wondered How Bishops are Appointed?**

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prefect approves, the process moves forward. If the appointment involves a bishop who is being transferred, the matter may be handled by the prefect and the staff. If, however, the appointment is of a priest to the episcopacy, the full congregation is ordinarily involved.

A cardinal relator is chosen to summarize the documentation and make a report to the full congregation, which generally meets twice a month on Thursdays. After hearing the cardinal relator’s report, the congregation discusses the appointment and then votes. The Congregation may follow the recommendation of the nuncio, choose another of the candidates on the list, or even ask that another name be prepared.

AUSTIN—In comments filed with the Texas Attorney General, the Texas Faith Leaders for Fair Lending Coalition describes the effects of payday and auto title lending practices and regulations on the consumers of those products. “These lenders trap Texans in a cycle of debt which leaves borrowers worse off than before they applied for the loan,” the coalition members explain. “At the same time, we have found through our ministry that borrowers make good faith attempts to repay these loans, and that lenders continue to collect payments from borrowers who have already paid two, three, or four times as much as they borrowed. This is unjust.” The comments are signed by Jennifer Carr Allmon, executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops, Kathryn Freeman, director of public policy for the Texas Christian Life Commission, and Rucker Preston, executive director of the Texas Christian Community Development Network. Instead of extending loans beyond 180 days, the coalition writes, “We encourage the State Legislature to adopt a more comprehensive strategy to support a lending market that encourages borrower and lender success.”

**Convocation of Catholic Leaders**

The Joy of the Gospel in America

July 1-4, 2017

July 1-4, 2017 the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops gathered in Orlando, Florida where key leaders from dioceses and Catholic organizations from all across the country met in order to assess the challenges and opportunities of our time, particularly in the context of the Church in the United States.

Bishop Brendan Cahill and a group from the Diocese of Victoria attended the Convocation. The Convocation has been an ongoing initiative of the Bishops’ Working Group on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. The gathering assembled Catholic leaders for strategic conversation, under the leadership of the bishops, on forming missionary disciples to animate the Church and to engage the culture.

Inspired by Evangelii Gaudium, the Convocation was held to form leaders who will be equipped and ready to re-energize and share the Gospel as missionary disciples, while offering fresh insights, communications strategies, and successful models.

**Fair Lending Coalition Calls for Adherence to 180-day Limit for Payday Loans**

AUSTIN—The Fair Lending Coalition is calling for adherence to an 180-day limit for payday loans. The coalition sent a letter to the Texas Attorney General expressing its concern over the continued availability of payday lending products.

The coalition noted that payday loans often result in financial hardship for borrowers, leading to a cycle of debt that is difficult to escape. It also highlighted the impact of payday loans on community well-being, including increased risk of default, higher rates of bankruptcy, and reduced economic stability.

The coalition urged the Texas Attorney General to take action to protect consumers from the negative effects of payday lending. It called for the enforcement of existing laws and regulations designed to limit the total amount of interest and fees that can be charged on payday loans.

The coalition’s letter concluded with a call to action for policymakers and stakeholders to work together to ensure that consumers have access to safe and affordable credit options.

**Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops**

Understand Senate Bill 4

AUSTIN — The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops is calling on the state legislature to oppose Senate Bill 4, also known as the “anti-sanctuary city” bill. The bishops argue that the bill puts the common good at risk by treating immigration as a punitive issue.

The bishops noted that Senate Bill 4 would allow local law enforcement agencies to inquire into the legal status of individuals, regardless of whether they have committed a crime. This, they said, would undermine the rule of law and create a climate of fear and mistrust.

The bishops also highlighted the negative impact that Senate Bill 4 would have on communities, noting that it would make it more difficult for law enforcement to build relationships with members of immigrant communities. They called on the state legislature to instead focus on policies that support integration and help to create welcoming environments for all residents.

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops is one of the largest diocesan organizations in the state, representing more than 2 million Catholics. It is dedicated to promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church and working for the common good of all Texans.
Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma
Muestra Video de Padre Rother

Por Catholic News Service

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS) — La Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma ha emitido un video de tres minutos de un documental sobre el Padre Stanley Rother, sacerdote estadounidense que trabajó en Guatemala durante 14 años hasta que fue brutalmente asesinado en 1981. El Padre Rother, conocido en Guatemala como Padre Francisco o Padre Apla’s, será beatificado en septiembre en Oklahoma.

El documental se titula “El pastor no puede huir: la historia de padre Rother”. Según la arquidiócesis, el documental será presentado inmediatamente antes de la Misa de su beatificación el 23 de septiembre en el centro de convenciones Cox en Oklahoma City.

Celebrando la Misa estará el cardenal Angelo Amato, prefecto de la Congregación para las Causas de los Santos y representante personal del papa Francisco. El cardenal estará el 23 de septiembre en el centro de convenciones Cox en Oklahoma City.

El video corto, en inglés y español, se puede ver en stanleyrother.org/documentary. Estará el documental será presentado inmediatamente antes de la Misa de su beatificación el 23 de septiembre en el centro de convenciones Cox en Oklahoma City.

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Padre Rother, originario de la zona rural de Oklahoma, fue casi expulsado del seminario porque se le hacía difícil aprender el latín, idioma en que se enseñaba todas las clases para seminaristas en aquel tiempo.

Él se transfirió a otro seminario, superó sus dificultades idiomáticas y fue ordenado sacerdote en 1963 para la Diócesis de Oklahoma.

Cinco años más tarde él fue a la misión arquidiocesana en Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala, y ayudó a traducir la Biblia al zutujil, uno de los más de 20 lenguajes distintos hablados en Guatemala y uno que hasta entonces no había sido escrito.

De 1960 a 1996 el gobierno guatemalteco llevó una campaña militar contra los pueblos indígenas del país, a quienes consideraba guerrilleros. Según algunos cálculos, aproximadamente 200,000 personas fueron asesinadas o ‘desaparecidas’ — incluso un embajador estadounidense asesinado por fuerzas rebeldes en 1968.

El nombre de Padre Rother apareció en una lista de muerte después que un miembro de una parroquia de Oklahoma se quejó de él ante la embajada de Guatemala diciendo que en sus prédicas él consideraba guerrilleros. Según algunos cálculos, aproximadamente 200,000 personas fueron asesinadas o ‘desaparecidas’ — incluso un embajador estadounidense asesinado por fuerzas rebeldes en 1968.

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numbers of Catholic Hispanics. This experience will also open the doors to welcome people of other ethnic backgrounds into this one Family of God.

On Sunday, July 16, a V Encuentro web workshop will be held at Holy Family Church, Victoria from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. All participants of V Encuentro are welcome.

Para entender el Proyecto de Ley 4 del Senado

AUSTIN — Por qué los obispos se oponen a la S.B. 4. Apoyamos el derecho de una nación soberana a garantizar la integridad de sus fronteras y a hacer cumplir sus leyes. Todos los residentes de Estados Unidos están obligados a respetar con gratitud el patrimonio material y espiritual de esta nación, a obedecer sus leyes y a cumplir con sus deberes cívicos.

Al mismo tiempo, los gobiernos se establecen para proteger los derechos dados por Dios a los individuos. Nos oponemos cuando las leyes no lo hacen, como es el caso cuando no se sigue el debido proceso. El sistema de inmigración es ‘es-tadounidense’, por ejemplo, frecuentemente carece de representación legal para los migrantes, no cuenta con suficientes jueces y depende de la detención a gran escala. En muchos casos los migrantes pasan por procedimientos sin árbitros imparciales, como lo sería un jurado de ciudadanos.

A largo plazo debemos abordar las causas más profundas de la emigración: la pobreza, la violencia de pandillas, el cambio climático y la corrupción. Todos los gobiernos deben proteger los derechos que Dios les ha dado a sus residentes para que todas las personas puedan vivir en su país natal con dignidad. En el corto plazo debemos mejorar nuestro sistema de inmigración de manera integral. En otras palabras, debemos abordar tanto los requisitos de admisión como la ejecución de las leyes. Constrstrase sólo en uno de ellos, como la S.B. 4, descuida el bien común.

Finalmente, nos oponemos a la S.B. 4 porque impone a nuestros policías la carga de aplicar la ley de inmigración. Específicamente, la S.B. 4 permite a los policías en lo individual indagar sobre la situación jurídica, lo que perjudicará la confianza entre los migrantes y la policía. Esto daña la comunicación, que es esencial para la labor policial comunitaria y hace que nuestras comunidades sean menos seguras.

Para entender el Proyecto de Ley 4 del Senado

La promesa del proyecto de ley de proteger a las víctimas y a los testigos no es un consuelo, debido al corte alcance de la visa S y porque el espíritu de la ley, que se centra sólo en la aplicación, trata a la inmigración como un problema.

En suma, la S.B. 4 descuida el llamado a dar la bienvenida al extranjero y socava la herencia de nuestra nación de ofrecer la luz de la libertad a los oprimidos.

Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Reporting Procedures

If you witness, suspect, or know of child and/or vulnerable adult abuse, you must file a report within 48 hours by contacting the Civil Authorities: Department of Family and Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400 or www.txabusehotline.org. If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.

If Church Personnel Is Involved In Alleged Abuse:

Step One: Contact Civil Authorities, if individual is a minor.

Step Two: Contact one of the following:
• Call Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria at (361) 573-0828.

Written Allegations Should Be Sent To: Office of the Bishop, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903, Mark as “Personal and Confidential”
• Call Vicki L. Pyatt, LMSW, Pastoral Care and Outreach, at (361) 827-7186 or mark@stclares.com

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. For further assistance please contact Vicki L. Pyatt.
EVENTS

July

Moravia—Ascension Parish Picnic July 16 with a stew and fried-chicken dinner beginning at 11:00 a.m. at $10 p/p. There will be entertainment throughout the day including music by Mark Halata & Texavia and the Czechaholics. For more information see pg. 6.

Victoria—Knights of St. Gregory annual Bishop’s Charity Banquet, Thursday, July 20 at Victoria Country Club. Beginning with a social at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Proceeds benefit Bishop Cahill’s special charity. Tickets are $100 p/p. Reservations can be mailed to Knights of St. Gregory, P. O. Box 5725, Victoria, TX 77903.

Port O’Connor—KC’s #9088 and Nazareth Academy Fishing Tournament, Aug. 4-5. See ad on pg. 10.

Yoakum—Annual St. Joseph Alumni Reunion, Aug. 5 with Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a reception and dinner at St. Joseph Family Center. Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children under 12. Call the rectory at (361) 293-3518 for more information.

Yoakum—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Aug. 6 at the Yoakum Community Center. A stew and sausage meal served starting at 10:30 a.m. at $9 p/p. See ad on pg. 4

Freiburg—Sts. Peter and Paul Country Festival, Aug. 6 beginning with a Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. A fried fish meal at 11:00 a.m. at $10 p/p large and $6 p/p small. For more information call (979) 732-3430 or (979) 732-0257. See ad on pg. 13.

Victoria—KJZT Society #101 Mass for living and deceased members Aug. 13, 7:30 a.m. at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory. Following Mass a breakfast and scholarship presentation will be in the cafeteria.

Praha—161st Prazska Pout/Praha Picnic Aug. 15. A 10:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Cahill at St. Mary’s Church. From 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. stew and fried chicken dinner will be served. Music from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. There will be a cakewalk, games, country store and more throughout the day. Auction at 1:00 p.m.

Hillje—St. Andrew Summer Festival, Aug. 20 at the Parish Hall. A prime beef barbecue and sausage dinner at 11:00 a.m. with dine-in or drive-thru plates-to-go available both at $10 p/p. Indoor auction at 12:30 p.m. There will be a country store, bake sale, cakewalk and more along with some music.

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

Emmaus Center—Offers individual, couple, family, adolescent and children’s counseling as well as specialized support groups for men, women and those afflicted by grief. Spiritual direction is also available on request. The Emmaus Center is located at 1908 N. Laurent St., Suite #140 (behind the VA Clinic). Appointments may be made by calling (361) 212-0830.

Engaged Encounter—2017 dates: Sept. 22-24, Nov. 17-19 registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 ext. 2230 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 barbaramccain85@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.

Grief Ministry—An on-going Grief Group meets at Holy Family Church, Victoria in the Conference Room, 7:00 p.m., on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Every adult, who has experienced the death of a loved one, may attend (after three months has passed). Please call Sharon at (361) 578-7572 before attending.

I.d.9:16 Ministry—For adults in their 20s-30s, single or married. Is held at Holy Family in Victoria every first Thursday of the month. Starts with the 6:00 p.m. daily Mass, dinner, a talk live streamed from the headquarters in Michigan followed by fellowship. Child Care is available to those who RSVP. It is open to all young adults of the diocese. For more information or to RSVP for events email id916victoria@gmail.com.

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 amormeus@yahoo.com.

Mothers of Grace—A new mothers’ group at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory. They meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Early Childhood Center. For more information contact Jennifer Ruiz at jennifer@lucheya.ruiz@yahoo.com.

Natural Family Planning—NFP is the only church-approved form of family planning. To learn about the NFP class schedules in the Victoria area, contact David and Annie Coffey at victorianparents@yahoo.com. For more information, see ad on pg. 11.

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 Faltonia. 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, contact Midge Elam at (361) 865-3021, (361) 258-1514, or 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 jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or (361) 580-2770; call (800) 470-2230; or visit www.helpourmarriage.org or www.retrouvaille.org. Retreat on Aug. 4-6 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. See ad on pg. 11 for more information.

September

Cuero—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica, Sept. 3
Shiner—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Picnic, Sept. 3
Hallettsville—Sacred Heart Parish Picnic, Sept. 3
Nada—St. Mary’s Parish Festival & Homecoming, Sept. 3
Vanderbilt—St. John Bosco Festival, Sept. 3
Inez—St. Joseph Church, Picnic, Sept. 10

Submit Calendar Events to lighthouse@victoriadiocese.org

Amor Meus

On-going opportunities for guidance and discussion on one’s spiritual journey are available with experienced spiritual directors. Call for appointment. Amor Meus Spiritual Center, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria, TX 77901; (361) 575-7111; e-mail: amormeus@yahoo.com; website: www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

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The staff includes high school students, Diocese of Victoria seminarians and adult leaders. The high school students team up to serve as group leaders and are assigned to a group of 5-6 kids. We set up camp before the campers arrive and once camp begins we lead the faith sessions, prayer services, water games, and other fun activities with the campers. Everyone is grateful for the seminarians who come every year and participate in camp. They help in many ways from serving at Mass to joining in games.

Over the years, thousands of young people have experienced Camp David and every year parents are eager to sign their children up. The kids are just as excited to come back to be with their friends, see their favorite staffers, and experience all camp has to offer.

Many families have seen siblings come through camp first as campers then as staffers. It becomes a family tradition for many of these families as they return year after year. They work their way from being campers to staffing the retreat. It is really neat to see younger siblings following in their older siblings footsteps as they are inspired by them to lead others and leave their own mark on Camp David.

Over the years, Camp David has taught about subjects such as the parts of the Mass, the sacraments, and most recently the Beatitudes all of which help the campers get a better grasp of the Catholic faith in an interactive and fun way. This year, like all years, Camp David meant a lot to me. This was my second year to staff as an adult. I could see from a different perspective. I was once that young child, the high school staffer, and now am honored to serve as an adult. Every year that I am on staff, I am reaffirmed of my passion for youth ministry and look forward to the next Camp David.