

Diocese retires *The Good News*; will launch quarterly magazine aimed at evangelization

After more than 20 years serving the Diocese of Kalamazoo, *The Good News* diocesan newspaper will retire with its final edition, September 2018. The decision was approved by Bishop Bradley after thorough review and in consultation with the Priests' Council.

The evolving nature of communications and the desire to reach a broader audience with an evangelization tool were just two of the factors contributing to the decision.

"*The Good News* has been a valuable resource to help spread the good work happening in our diocese," noted Bishop Bradley. "The decision is bittersweet, especially for those of us who have a long-time love for newspapers, but we're excited to bring even more innovative resources to the Faithful to help them grow in the faith."

One of those resources will be a quarterly feature magazine produced in cooperation with Faith Catholic, a division of the Diocese of Lansing. The magazine *Southwest Michigan Catholic*, will be mailed to all registered parish-

ioner households within the Diocese of Kalamazoo with the first edition scheduled to arrive in mid-November, just prior to the Advent season. The Diocese will be covering all costs associated with the magazine.

The growing adoption of digital media is another reason driving the decision according to Editorial Director, Victoria Cessna. "Even within the last five years the way people access information has changed," she said. "We have expanded our reach through digital media including our Facebook page and we have plans for even greater use of video."

However, the primary driving force of the change was to reach people within the nine counties of the Diocese with a communication resource that will help them grow in their faith.

"Interestingly, research shows that across all demographics readership of magazines has increased," noted Cessna. "We also need to reach people where they are. We know that on average less than 40 percent of Catholics attend weekly

Mass. Bringing them a resource into their homes will hopefully bring them back to Church."

Faith Catholic currently produces more than 50 magazines for dioceses and Catholic institutions across the United States including the Diocese of Grand Rapids, the Diocese of Lansing, the Diocese of Gaylord and the Diocese of Saginaw.

The magazine will include some of the popular features of *The Good News* including a column by Bishop Bradley and Spanish-language content as well as a quarterly calendar of events. Features will be focused on personal testimonials of Catholics in the Diocese.

For more information on the magazine, visit the diocesan website to get a sneak peek of the prototype (see right) or contact Victoria Cessna, vcessna@diokzoo.org.



SPECIAL REPORT

Protecting God's Children



"We can never become complacent. It is not enough for us to be able to say that we avoid evil; we must also commit ourselves to do good, to pursue holiness and to foster a safe environment of Christ-like love, that is pure, chaste, and selfless."

~ Bishop Paul J. Bradley, Letter to the Faithful, August 20, 2018

How does the Diocese handle an allegation of abuse?
What is the Charter for the Protection of Young People?
What training is available for volunteers and ministry leaders?
What resources are available for those suffering from trauma?

These are just a few of the questions raised in light of the news of clerical sex abuse detailed in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report and the ongoing case and revelations related to former Cardinal, now Archbishop McCarrick.

See pages 6 -7 for a special report providing information on the Diocese's ongoing efforts to create safe environments for all people.

Kalamazoo United opens registration for service day

Four hours. One Saturday.
Hundreds of people served.

That's the goal of the Kalamazoo United Day of Service, October 27, 2018 which will send out more than 500 people to work at close to 30 service sites throughout the city of Kalamazoo. The day marks the one-year anniversary of the historic Kalamazoo United gathering in 2017 at Wings Stadium which brought together close to 3,000 Protestant, Christian and Catholic people for a time of prayer. This year the group wants to show unity through service.

Bishop Bradley and Jeff Wenke, Pastor, The Bridge Church, Portage, will kick-off the day at Kalamazoo Christian High School with an opening prayer service. Afterwards volunteers will dispatch to their service sites that they've chosen through an online registration.

"Last year's Kalamazoo United gathering was a powerful event and I'm so pleased we will once again stand together with our sisters and brothers as the Body of Christ in the Kalamazoo-area community," said Bishop Paul J. Bradley.

"We will work hand in hand to bring the light of Christ to the city of Kalamazoo," added Pastor Wenke.

Many of the service projects are family-friendly and accommodate a variety of skill levels.

All will be completed within the three-hour time allotted.



The schedule for the day is:
8 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Registration/Check-in and Refreshments

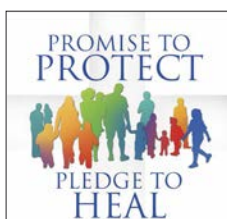
8:15 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Welcome by Pastor Jeff Wenke and Bishop Bradley, brief program & prayer

9 a.m. – Noon

Volunteers depart and serve at pre-arranged service projects
Interested volunteers can choose their service project by registering online.

Visit www.kalamazooisunited.org.



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FROM THE EDITOR

By Victoria Cessna

“Have you ever thought that maybe it’s time we looked around for another Church?”

It was 2002 and our two young children had just gone to sleep when my husband’s question hung in the post-bedtime silence of our living room.

“No,” I responded quickly and admittedly maybe more emphatically than I was really feeling. “I’ve been Catholic my entire life and I plan to remain that way.”

However, at that moment when we were inundated with the news of abuse of children at the hands of priests, I shared the hurt, disappointment and shame that was driving him to ponder our faith options.

Just 12 years previous to that night my husband had joined the Church. Experiencing the RCIA classes together as well as the moving Easter Vigil Mass where he was confirmed was the highlight of our newlywed years. The thought of jumping ship was incompressible to me, a cradle Catholic, who had been formed in the faith from my first moments. I couldn’t imagine abandoning the Church which had bestowed upon me the gifts of the sacraments. However, my husband’s notion to shop around in the faith department in light of those scandals coming out of the Archdiocese of Boston was an understandable reaction.

Today, as we’re in the midst of additional revelations of clerical sexual abuse from the past, and anticipation of what else may be to come, the pain is still there.

But I’m still not leaving.

Because I love the Church and my faith rests in Jesus, not man. I’m also buoyed by the knowledge that each of us is a member of the Body of Christ. I mourn for the evil that has invaded that Body and at the same time this round of revelations sparks the fight instinct in me. We must be armed with both prayer and information for this battle.

One of the television networks runs a long-standing Public Service Announcement featuring celebrities giving practical advice, called “The More You Know.” The general goal is to impart knowledge for better living. I’d suggest that we should do the same when it comes to our faith and in particular this topic. Do you know what the Church has and continues to do to address clergy sex abuse? Do you know that we conducted more than 20,000 background checks on volunteers since 2002 alone? Do you know the hotline to call for reporting sexual misconduct? If not, you should. The center spread of this edition, pages 6-7, is just a start for helping all of us be “in the know.” Together we can continue to protect our children and each other while we pray for the healing of our Church.

Bishop plans pastoral visits to all Deaneries in October/November

Bishop Bradley will make pastoral visits to each of the five deaneries within the Diocese of Kalamazoo beginning in October and continuing through early November. The visits will include time for Bishop Bradley to meet with pastoral leadership and also invite the Faithful for a time of reflection and discussion. The theme of the Pastoral Visits is “Moving from Maintenance to Mission: Building Vibrant Parish Collaboratives.” Within this framework, Bishop Bradley will invite discussion on the three Diocesan priorities: Fostering Priestly Vocations, Accompanying Families Toward Holiness and Activating Missionary Disciples.

Last month clergy gathered with Bishop Bradley for an Afternoon Reflection led by keynote speaker, Msgr. Michael Bugarin, Archdiocese of Detroit, on the same topic. Msgr. Bugarin provided content from his own experience as a pastor. During the afternoon the clergy had time to spend in prayer and discussion.



SAVE THE DATE

*NOTE: Check diocesan website and Parish websites for final times and schedule. Dates and location will remain the same.

October 22: Central Deanery Meeting,
St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo

October 25: Eastern Deanery Meeting,
St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Coldwater

October 29: Southern Deanery
Holy Maternity, Dowagiac

October 30: Northern Deanery Meeting,
St. Peter Parish, Douglas

November 6: Lakeshore Deanery Meeting,
St. Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor

Pictured left: Rev. Daniel Doctor, St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo, (sitting) reviews materials with Rev. Al Jorgensen, Pastor, St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan, during last month’s Afternoon of Reflection for clergy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kristin M. Corra has been appointed Executive Assistant to the Stewardship and Development office. In this role, Kristin will report directly to Tom Dowdall, Director of Stewardship and Development and will be instrumental in growing the stewardship and development programs. Her responsibilities will include, but not limited to, event planning, research, grant writing and management of donor files.

Most recently Kristin was a Loan Officer for Aspen Hills Mortgage Co. Previous to that position she worked as a civilian employee for the United States Department of Defense in a variety of positions including Intelligence Officer and Policy Program Manager. Kristin earned her Bachelor’s Degree in International Studies from Michigan State University. A resident of Portage, Kristin, her husband and two children are parishioners of St. Augustine Cathedral Parish, Kalamazoo.

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Annette Brennan, who has been supporting the Stewardship and Development Office, has been appointed Administrative Assistant to the General Secretary, Msgr. Michael Osborn, and to the Vocations Office. Annette transitioned to this new role last month. Annette can be reached at Abrennan@diokzoo.org or at 269-903-0203.

Intentions from Pope Francis

Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Evangelization – The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.



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The mission of *The Good News*, therefore, is to enable its readers to grow in their Catholic faith, to develop as mature, well informed Catholics and to deepen their commitment to, and relationship with, the Lord, their Catholic faith and their Church.

Congregation of St. Joseph celebrated jubilees

Eleven sisters from the Congregation of St. Joseph celebrated 50, 60, and even 75 year jubilees on Sunday, July 22, at Nazareth Center in Kalamazoo. Mass was celebrated by Presider, Rev. Michael Howell at Holy Family Chapel. After the homily, the Jubilarians were invited by Sr. Christine Parks, CSJ, to renew their vows. These sisters join with 41 others in the congregation celebrating jubilees this year. Standing from left to right, Sisters Lenora Benda and Mary Pung (60 years), Peggy Wessel, Janet Pewoski, Janet Fleischhacker, and Ginny Jones (50 years), and Jan Popilek, (60 years). Seated from left to right, Sisters Mary Hallock, (75 years), Ellen Mullally, Laura Smith, and Rita Berby, (60 years).



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The Bishop's Perspective

“An unforgettable and lamentable month”

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The month of August is usually focused on dealing with summer's most extreme temperatures, last-minute vacation trips and back-to-school shopping. However for us as people who love our Church, the month of August was explosive, turbulent and mind-boggling in every way imaginable, as wave after wave of shocking revelations of sinful and criminal sexual abuse by former Cardinal, Archbishop McCarrick rocked the Church in the United States, and throughout the world. Then on the heels of those heart-wrenching revelations, in mid-August, on the eve of the Solemnity of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report, regarding clergy sexual abuse of six dioceses (out of eight) in that state, sent seismic shock waves throughout the Church. The Grand Jury had painstakingly reviewed the clergy files of those six dioceses dating back 70 years, back to the 1940's, and then announced the findings that 301 priests in those six dioceses had been identified as having credible allegations of sexual abuse against them, with more than 1,000 children who had been sexually abused by those priests during that 70-year period. Additionally, the Grand Jury Report also detailed accusations against many of the bishops in those six dioceses, alleging that they had at times attempted to cover up some of these incidents, or that they had not properly dealt with the priest-perpetrators.

As we all were trying to wrap our minds around these shocking revelations, a week after the release of the Grand Jury Report, the former Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Vigano, released an 11-page “testimony.” He stated that he had knowledge of many people in the highest positions of authority in the Church who knew about the sexual abuse by Cardinal McCarrick, including both Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, but never did anything about it.

These revelations have left many people not knowing what to conclude, many others are scandalized and some others are angry at the institutional Church and threaten to step away from the practice of their faith.

So, what do we do? Well, as I said in my first public statement on this matter on August 3, 2018, our thoughts and prayers are foremost with all those who are victims (survivors) of clergy sexual abuse, praying for their healing, their forgiveness, and that they can be made whole. Our diocese has been blessed with the Trauma Recovery Program (see page 4), a program developed here nearly 20 years ago for the purpose of providing counseling and support to victims of sexual abuse perpetrated by anyone, and supported by the Diocese of Kalamazoo. We welcome anyone in need to avail themselves of this wonderful program of healing. We take this occasion to stand with all survivors of clergy sexual abuse, and we promise them that we will continue to do whatever it will take to root out this evil which has somehow found its way into the Church.

As I also said in that same statement, and repeated again in my Letter to the Faithful of our Diocese on August 19, 2018, among the many action steps that we need to consider in order to confront and defeat this evil in the Church, we must place front and center the spiritual resources of prayer and fasting. Jesus taught us that in the face of the Evil One, prayer and fasting are required to fight against that Evil personified. In addition to the fasting that we typically take on ourselves every Friday of the year, I have asked that over a nine-week period, all people offer special prayers and take on ourselves specific acts of sacrifice and fasting on those nine Tuesdays, from August 21st, the Feast of Pope St. Pius X when we began, until October 16th, the Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque who had such great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I also urged each parish to decide for themselves what additional prayerful practices they might take on together as we pray for God's graces and that we too can remain strong in our faith.

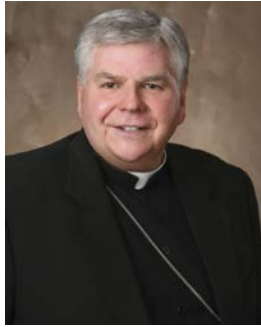
On the first of those nine Tuesdays, on August 21st I asked all our priests to spend a Holy Hour together in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for our Diocese and for our Church, followed by an evening of conversation together. I found that Holy Hour to be spiritually powerful for me, and I believe for the nearly three-fourths of our priests who were able to be present.

On Sunday, September 30, 2018, I am inviting all people throughout the Diocese to come together at the Cathedral for a special **Mass for the Reparation and Healing of the Church** which I will be celebrating as we all pray for a conversion of heart and mind, especially for any of our priests and bishops in the United States.

In addition to the spiritual practices of prayer and fasting, I also am very much aware that we need a plan of action which must be aimed at restoring the trust of our Faithful People in the Church, and most importantly, at safeguarding and protecting our children and vulnerable population from any harm. To that end, I have consulted with our Diocesan Pastoral Council as we develop that plan of action, and will be consulting with our Priests' Council for their suggestions and recommendations.

I stand firmly with Cardinal DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) who has called for an Apostolic Visitation, by a team with a majority presence of lay leaders, with the Vatican's authority to investigate how it was possible for someone such as Archbishop McCarrick to advance through the hierarchy of the Church to the position of a Cardinal without any punitive action being taken against him. The USCCB is also recommending the establishment of new and confidential channels for reporting complaints against bishops, as well as finding ways to more effectively and expeditiously resolve complaints lodged against bishops. In each of these cases, the USCCB is asking that three criteria be followed in each of these action steps: appropriate independence, sufficient authority and substantially lay-led initiatives.

My dear Family of Faith, in the midst of the sorrow, embarrassment and even anger we



La Perspectiva del Obispo

“Un mes inolvidable y lamentable”

Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos en Cristo,

El mes de agosto generalmente se enfoca en lidiar con las temperaturas más extremas del verano, los viajes de vacaciones de fines del verano y las compras de “regreso a la escuela”. Sin embargo, para nosotros como personas que amamos a nuestra Iglesia, el mes de agosto fue explosivo, turbulento y alucinante en todas las formas imaginables, mientras ola tras ola de impactantes

revelaciones de abusos sexuales pecaminosos y criminales por el ex cardenal, arzobispo McCarrick sacudieron a la Iglesia aquí en los Estados Unidos y en todo el mundo. Luego de esas revelaciones desgarradoras, a mediados de agosto, en vísperas de la solemnidad de la Asunción de nuestra Santísima Madre, el informe del Gran Jurado de Pensilvania sobre el abuso sexual cometido por clérigos de seis diócesis (de un total de ocho) en ese estado envió ondas de choque sísmicas por toda la Iglesia. El Gran Jurado revisó concienzudamente los archivos del clero de esas seis diócesis que datan de 70 años, desde la década de 1940, y luego anunció los hallazgos de que 301 sacerdotes en esas seis diócesis habían sido identificados con acusaciones creíbles de abuso sexual contra ellos, con más de 1,000 niños que habían sido abusados sexualmente por esos sacerdotes durante ese período de 70 años. Además, el Informe del Gran Jurado también detallaba las acusaciones contra muchos de los Obispos en esas seis diócesis, alegando que a veces habían intentado encubrir algunos de estos incidentes, o que no habían tratado adecuadamente con los sacerdotes-perpetradores.

Mientras todos estábamos tratando de “dar vueltas en nuestras mentes” sobre estas impactantes revelaciones, una semana después del lanzamiento del Gran Jurado, el ex Nuncio Apostólico en los Estados Unidos, el Arzobispo Vigano, dio a conocer un “testimonio” de 11 páginas que indicaba que él tenía conocimiento de muchas personas en los puestos más altos de autoridad en los que la Iglesia sabía sobre el abuso sexual por parte del Cardenal McCarrick, incluidos el Papa Benedicto y el Papa Francisco, pero nunca hizo nada al respecto.

Estas revelaciones han dejado a muchas personas sin saber qué concluir, muchas otras se escandalizan y otras están enojadas con la Iglesia institucional y amenazan con alejarse de la práctica de su fe.

¿Así que, qué hacemos? Bueno, como dije en mi primera declaración pública sobre este asunto el 3 de agosto de 2018, nuestros pensamientos y oraciones están primordialmente con todos aquellos que son víctimas (sobrevivientes) del abuso sexual del clero, orando por su curación, su perdón, y que puedan recuperarse enteramente. Nuestra diócesis ha sido bendecida con el Programa de Recuperación de Trauma (ver página 5), un programa desarrollado aquí hace casi 20 años con el propósito de proporcionar asesoramiento y apoyo a víctimas de abuso sexual perpetrado por cualquier persona, y con el apoyo de la Diócesis de Kalamazoo. Damos la bienvenida a cualquier persona en necesidad de valerse de este maravilloso programa de curación. Aprovechamos esta ocasión para apoyar a todos los sobrevivientes del abuso sexual del clero, y les prometemos que continuaremos haciendo lo que sea necesario para erradicar este mal que de alguna manera ha encontrado su camino dentro de la Iglesia.

Como también dije en esa misma Declaración, y repetí nuevamente en mi Carta a los Fieles de nuestra Diócesis el 19 de agosto de 2018, entre los muchos pasos de acción que debemos considerar para enfrentar y vencer este mal en la Iglesia, debe colocarse al frente y al centro los recursos espirituales de la oración y el ayuno. Jesús nos enseñó que, frente al Maligno, se requiere oración y ayuno para luchar contra ese mal personificado. Además del ayuno que normalmente guardamos todos los viernes del año, he pedido que durante un período de nueve semanas, todas las personas ofrezcan oraciones especiales y se hagan actos específicos de sacrificio y ayuno en esos nueve martes, desde agosto. 21, la fiesta del Papa San Pío X cuando comenzamos, hasta el 16 de octubre, la fiesta de Santa Margarita María Alacoque que tuvo tanta devoción al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. También insté a cada parroquia a decidir por sí mismas qué prácticas adicionales de oración podrían tomar juntos cuando oramos por las gracias de Dios y para que nosotros también podamos ser fuertes en nuestra fe.

El primero de esos nueve martes, el 21 de agosto, les pedí a todos nuestros sacerdotes que pasaran una Hora Santa juntos en la Presencia del Santísimo Sacramento para orar por nuestra Diócesis y por nuestra Iglesia, seguidos por una noche de conversación juntos. Encontré esa Hora Santa ser espiritualmente poderosa para mí, y creo para las casi tres cuartas partes de nuestros sacerdotes que pudieron estar presentes.

El domingo, el 30 de Septiembre 2018, invito a todas las personas de la Diócesis a que se reúnan en la Catedral para una Misa especial de Reparación y Sanación que celebraré mientras oramos por una conversión de corazón y mente, especialmente por todos nuestros sacerdotes y obispos en los Estados Unidos.

Además de las prácticas espirituales de oración y ayuno, también estoy muy consciente de que necesitamos un “plan de acción” que debe estar dirigido a restaurar la confianza de nuestro Pueblo fiel en la Iglesia y, lo más importante, a salvaguardar y proteger a nuestros niños y población vulnerable de cualquier daño. Con ese fin, he consultado con nuestro Consejo Pastoral Diocesano a medida que desarrollamos ese plan de acción, y vamos a consultar con nuestro Consejo de Sacerdotes para sus sugerencias y recomendaciones.

Me solidarizo con el Cardenal DiNardo, Presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) que ha pedido una Visita Apostólica, por un equipo con la presencia mayoritaria de líderes laicos, con la autoridad del Vaticano para investigar cómo fue posible para alguien como el arzobispo McCarrick avanzar a través de



“Connecting with our Parishes: A Day of Appreciation and Resource Sharing”

Close to 100 parish staff members from 50 of the parishes participated in a day of workshops hosted by the Diocesan Pastoral Center staff. Bishop Bradley opened the day with a special welcome. Topics ranged from communications to volunteer recruitment and more.



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are currently experiencing, I ask you to resist the temptation to turn away from the practice of our Catholic faith, or from the Church, our spiritual Home. Our faith is a gift from God, and our Church is established by Jesus, with the promise that the “gates of Hell shall not prevail against it”. Our faith and trust is in God, and God’s Holy Spirit will continue to guide the Church even through this dark valley. It is with our Loving God and Father’s abiding Presence with us, the Truth revealed by the Word made Flesh, Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the “Barque of Peter” will be set back on the right course. Jesus, who has already won the cosmic battle over sin and death, will continue to lead us to victory, because He is, and remains, the Light of the World.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
+ Bishop Paul J. Bradley

Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

jerarquía de la Iglesia a la posición de cardenal sin que se tomara ninguna medida punitiva contra él. La USCCB también está recomendando el establecimiento de canales nuevos y confidenciales para reportar denuncias contra obispos, así como la búsqueda de formas de resolver de manera más efectiva y expedita las denuncias presentadas contra los obispos. En cada uno de estos casos, la USCCB solicita que se sigan tres criterios en cada uno de estos pasos de acción: independencia apropiada, autoridad suficiente e iniciativas sustancialmente dirigidas por laicos.

Mi querida Familia de Fe, en medio de la tristeza, la vergüenza e incluso la ira que estamos experimentando actualmente, les pido que resistan la tentación de alejarse de la práctica de nuestra fe católica o de la Iglesia, nuestro Hogar espiritual. Nuestra fe es un regalo de Dios, y nuestra Iglesia es establecida por Jesús, con la promesa de que “las puertas del Infierno no prevalecerán contra ella”. Nuestra fe y confianza está en Dios, y el Espíritu Santo de Dios continuará guiando a la Iglesia incluso a través de este oscuro valle. Es con nuestro Dios amoroso y la Presencia permanente del Padre con nosotros, la Verdad revelada por la Palabra hecha Carne, Jesús, quien es el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida, y la guía del Espíritu Santo que la “Barca de Pedro” volverá a estar en el camino correcto. Jesús, que ya ha ganado la batalla cósmica sobre el pecado y la muerte, continuará guiándonos a la victoria, porque Él es, y sigue siendo, la Luz del Mundo.

Fielmente suyos en Cristo,
+ Obispo Paul J. Bradley

Oración de San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla; sé nuestra protección contra la maldad y las trampas del diablo. Que Dios lo reprenda, humildemente oramos, y tú, oh Príncipe de la hueste celestial, por el poder de Dios, arroja al infierno a Satanás y a todos los espíritus malignos que merodean por el mundo en busca de la ruina de las almas. Amén.

Bishop Bradley invites all to a diocesan Mass to pray for the Reparation and Healing of the Church on September 30

Bishop Bradley will celebrate a diocesan Mass for the Healing of the Church on Sunday, September 30th at 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo.

“At this critically important moment in the life of our Church we are called to come together in prayer and devote our time for the intentions of the continued healing of all victims of abuse,” explained Bishop Bradley, “and for the ongoing healing and reparation of our Church and also for inspiration guided by the Holy Spirit that we will be lead in new directions for the good of all.”

The Mass for the Reparation and Healing for the Church will allow time for private prayer and communal prayer to align ourselves more closely with Jesus Himself, Who always leads us in the right ways because He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.



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DIOCESE OF LODWAR – SISTER DIOCESE Greetings Friends from Lodwar!

June 27, 2018

It is with great joy that I take this opportunity to share with you news from our side of the world.

First of all I must say that God is blessing us in many ways especially with the gift of peace and tranquility in our country. Last year we went through a very difficult time because of the political turmoil that we experienced following the presidential elections of August 2017. Now we are enjoying a relative peace amid signs of reconciliation by the warring politicians.

Similarly we received more rain this year than any other year since I came to Lodwar eight years ago. Unfortunately the rains caused widespread floods that destroyed homes and other properties. Our own Pastoral Centre was flooded. The guests who were there had to be evacuated to safety since water entered everywhere including their rooms. We are now on the process of cleaning the whole place and trying to replace the things affected by the floods. Seeing the floods of this year and the drought that ravaged our region last year we cannot help concluding that the climate has changed leaving us swinging from one extreme weather to another, unable any more to predict when and where it will not rain. For us the issue of climate change is real and we are faced with its effect each day.

Yesterday our Vicar General, Fr. Joseph Ekalimon, arrived here in Kenya from Kalamazoo where he had been requested by Fr. John Peter Ambrose to assist in one of the parishes for a period of one month. Since he was due for his holiday, he saw this invitation as another opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the Diocese of Kalamazoo and the Diocese of Lodwar. Already here in Lodwar we have a priest from Kalamazoo, Fr. Bruno Okoli, working on an exchange program. It is wonderful to see this idea of a “sister” Diocese relationship working very well.

Another area where we are enjoying the fruits of the cooperation is with our children. Children from Queen of Peace primary school here in Lodwar are exchanging letters with the children from St. Rose of Lima, Hastings. The children from St. Rose are sending a box of pencils, pencil sharpeners and erasers to the children of Queen of Peace. It is good to see how these children are reaching out to one another, exchanging letters and gifts. For sure it is a very Christian spirit that is at work here, uniting people across continents and bringing the best that is in all of us.

For a long time individuals and families from 00Kalamazoo have been expressing their faith in a concrete

way by sponsoring poor children to study in Queen of Peace school for girls and St. Augustine School for boys. We have over 50 children benefitting from the scholarship program. With about \$450, a child gets tuition, lives in a boarding school and gets a school uniform. It is worthwhile to give a lifeline to these children who without education will always languish in poverty and be unable to enjoy a better quality of life and other opportunities that come with proper education. Educating a child is the best way to empower him or her and is essential to developing a region like Turkana where the levels of illiteracy are still incredibly high. As of now only 30 percent of the children go to school. The rest are busy herding the livestock of their family, with most of the girls destined for early marriages.

Still in the area of education, I was very much delighted the other day when we had a meeting of all the head teachers of our Catholic Schools. I discovered that we now have 12 Church schools scattered all over the Diocese. Most of these schools have been started by our parishes who took up the challenge of establishing

Catholic Schools was one of the major resolutions of our Diocesan Synod that we celebrated in 2013. It is very clear to us that a school is not only a place to acquire academic knowledge but more importantly a place of holistic formation where the children acquire Christian values and virtues. Furthermore, these children will be guided to deepen their prayer life and helped to live an intense sacramental life. Having our own schools will strengthen our hand in the formation of our children now and in the future. These are the children we hope will bring positive change and provide us with good leaders in the future.

In case I hadn't mentioned before, we are now in the process of establishing an order of religious sisters called the Good Shepherd Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. The first two of the ladies are in the novitiate. There are nine who have come for what is called “come and see” so as to discern whether they are being called to religious life or not. Given the challenging situation they find themselves in, it will be by the grace of God that all of them will persevere up to the end. The climate is very harsh for most of them. We are hosting them in an old renovated building that is very small for the number we have. We are looking for funds to build a hall and some classrooms. Later on we will have to construct a proper novitiate house for them.

Please join us in praying that this new Diocesan Congregation that is just beginning will bear many fruits of evangelization here in Turkana. We need Sisters who will be willing to go and proclaim the good news even in the remotest parts of the diocese; sisters well equipped and full of zeal in establishing new Christian communities in spite of the challenging situations they will find themselves in. We need sisters who will be nurses, teachers, social workers and



Shown above are students from Queen of Peace girls school with Fr. Joseph Ekalimon, Vicar General for the Diocese of Lodwar. Fr. Joseph sculpted the Queen of Peace statue which adorns the outside of the school and also teaches sculpting to the students.

other professions for then they will be able to respond to the many needs of the people here and beyond.

Last but not least pray for us also so that we may be able to complete the many projects we have started. Even though we opened our Minor Seminary this year, we still lack many key structures including an Administration, an additional dormitory, a laboratory and a library. We have extended our Pastoral Centre with the construction of 30 additional rooms from the 25 rooms we now have for accommodation. Hopefully with the completion of these rooms we shall be able to accommodate people during our retreats and other meetings that take place in the Centre. We have yet to finish the construction of eight classrooms in St. Augustine Primary school where now we have over 500 students. At Queen of Peace Primary school for girls we are doing a dormitory and a convent for the Sisters running the school. In all we still have a lot to do that require a lot of resources which are scarce here. Keep us in your prayers.

Wishing you God's blessings as I remain yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Dominic Kimengich
Bishop of Lodwar

Those wishing to support Bishop Dominic ministries, contact Sr. Maureen Metty CSJ, 269-373-0424; mmetty@csjoseph.org

Catholic Families Student Contest now accepting submissions

With the new school year comes another year of the Catholic Families Student Contest, a chance for Catholic students, regardless of where they attend school, to express how they live their faith through an artistic medium.

This year's theme, “The Missionary Family”, centers on our call as Christian families to spread the good news by the way we live our lives.

Socorro Truchan, Associate Director of the Domestic Church and the organizer of the annual contest, says missionary families bring Jesus into everything they do, “in the carpool, at work, at soccer practice or in the grocery store. Families are challenged not to be closed in on their own needs and concerns, but to be open to others.”

Students in grades 4-12 are invited to submit their artistic rendering of what it means to be a missionary family in one of four categories: art, music, video and writing. Submissions must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2019. Winners will be announced in late spring and receive a scholarship from the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, visit www.diokzoo.org/student-art-contest.



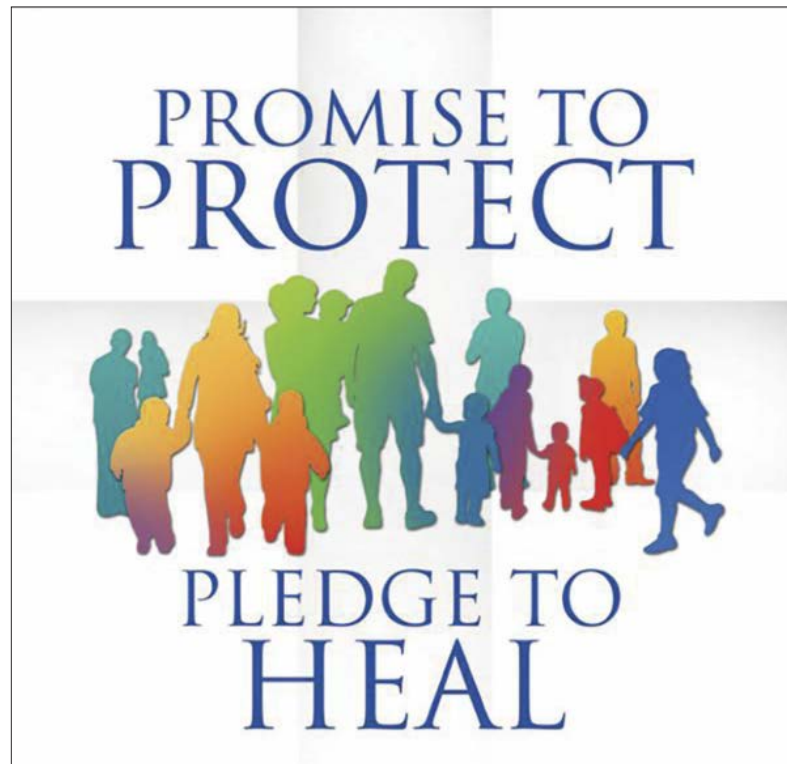
Office of Schools releases annual report

The diocesan Office of Schools, led by Superintendent Margaret Erich, recently released its Annual Report for the 2017-2018 school year. The report features highlights from the 22 Catholic schools in the Diocese in the areas of faith, academics and service. The report also includes test scores by grade level with state and national comparisons.

In her introductory letter Erich writes, “Each year I have the pleasure of sharing with you the achievements and highlights of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I am grateful for the dedication of my colleagues within the Office of Schools as we strive to advocate and advance Catholic education and faith formation working alongside our exemplary educators and school staffs. We share in each Catholic school's success and strive to provide ongoing resources and support. This past spring, we began the process of working on an updated strategic plan to help guide our schools for the next three to five years. It was refreshing to meet our current parents at the planning sessions. I was encouraged to witness so many who are so passionate about the success of our schools. Printed copies were shared with Catholic school families and parishes. For an electronic copy visit: <https://catholicschools.diokzoo.org/> or www.diokzoo.org.



SPECIAL REPORT



Dealing with allegations:

The Diocesan Delegate, Deacon Pat Hall who was appointed by Bishop Bradley, upon receipt of an allegation of sexual abuse proceeds as directed by diocesan policy, the Essential Norms of the Charter and State Law.



Dcn. Pat Hall

The following steps are taken:

1. Notify the Bishop
2. Initial investigation
3. Offer victim services
4. Report to local law enforcement
5. Convene the Review Board

For reference to diocesan policy see Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors: <https://www.diokzoo.org/documents/2016/4/dokpolicy.pdf>

Sexual Misconduct
Questions & Reporting Line: 877-802-0115

Protecting God's Children – the Diocese of Kalamazoo's response and resources

“We can never become complacent. It is not enough for us to be able to say that we avoid evil; we must also commit ourselves to do good, to pursue holiness and to foster a safe environment of Christ-like love, that is pure, chaste, and selfless.”

~ Bishop Paul J. Bradley, Letter to the Faithful, August 20, 2018

Over the course of the last month, the Catholic Church has been in the news for sex abuse scandals that have shaken many of the faithful and left many wondering what has been and is being done; what resources are available; what steps are being taken to protect all people from predatory behavior. This Special Report aims to provide information on the policies, procedures and resources provided by the local Church as well as a look at what is being planned at the national level by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

For additional information, please visit: www.diokzoo.org.

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is a comprehensive set of procedures originally established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. It was revised in 2005, 2011, and 2018.

The Charter directs action in all the following matters:

- Creating a safe environment for children and young people;
- Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors;
- Making prompt and effective response to allegations;
- Cooperating with civil authorities;
- Disciplining offenders;
- Providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem continues to be effectively dealt with through the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection and the National Review Board.

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What did it replace?

The development of the Charter's principles is built on the work of the Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse in the mid 1990's and their development of the document entitled “Restoring Trust.” During 2000-2001, the Ad Hoc Committee shifted their focus to education, prevention, and review of diocesan policies for child safe environments. Meetings with victims and victim advocacy groups were conducted and the “Restoring Trust” materials were incorporated and further developed into the document now known as the Charter.

Who drafted the Charter?

The Charter was drafted by eight members of the Bishops' Ad Hoc committee on Sexual Abuse, two individuals who are experts in treating sexual abusers, and two lay people, one of whom was a victim of abuse himself.

Who is a minor in the Charter's view?

In both civil and canon law a minor is anyone under the age of 18. Until 1994, under Canon Law, a minor was considered any person under the age of 16. In 1994, Canon Law was changed for dioceses/eparchies of the USCCB so that anyone under the age of 18 was considered to be a minor. In 2001, it changed for the universal Church.

Has the Church in the United States ever enacted a uniform policy such as this?

In the past, the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse formulated and recommended sexual abuse policies that were geared to combat sexual abuse by clergy. They were Restoring Trust Vol. I (1993), Restoring Trust Vol. II (1995), and Restoring Trust Vol. III (1996). Many dioceses instituted changes based on these policies; however, there was not universal adoption throughout the country. The Charter is the first comprehensive policy that all bishops have agreed to implement throughout the United States.

What if the abuse occurred prior to the enactment of the Charter?

Any act of sexual abuse of a minor which occurred prior to the Charter being implemented but is brought forward now, will be considered relevant and subject to the Charter. The Charter pertains to acts of abuse in the past, present, and future.

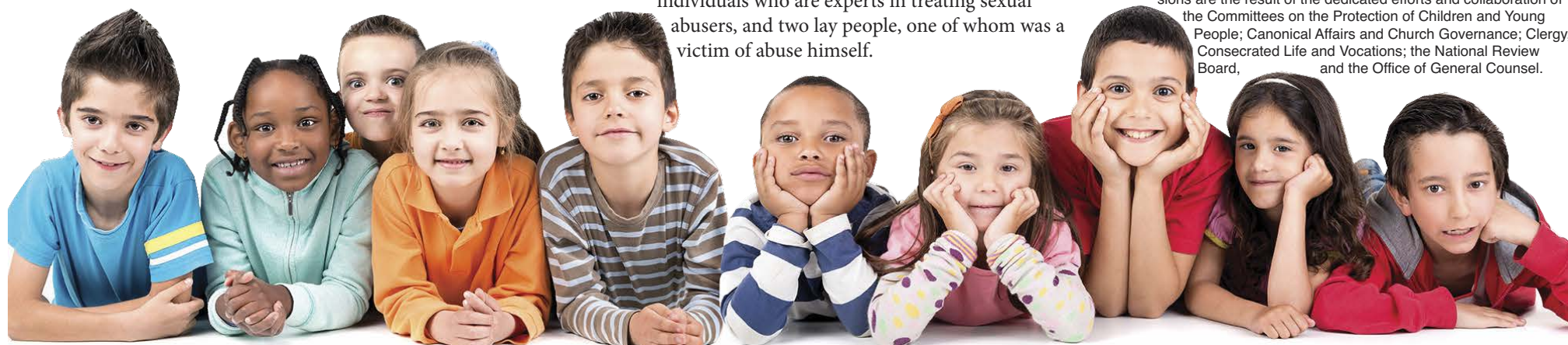
Does the Charter address due process for the accused?

The Charter states that “for the sake of due process, the accused is to be encouraged to retain the assistance of civil and canonical counsel.”

How is compliance with the Charter monitored?

In June 2003, the Office (now Secretariat) of Child and Youth Protection began an audit process of all dioceses and eparchies throughout the United States. The audit is used to determine if the diocese is implementing the practices required by the Charter. An Annual Report on the Implementation of the Charter is prepared by the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection.

Note: During the June 2018 Plenary Assembly, the full Conference of Bishops voted in favor of proposed revisions to the Charter. The revisions are the result of the dedicated efforts and collaboration of the Committees on the Protection of Children and Young People; Canonical Affairs and Church Governance; Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations; the National Review Board, and the Office of General Counsel.



The Office of Safe Environment



Marina Hentz
Associate Director

The mission of the Safe Environment Office is to assist parishes and schools in their implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (see opposite page for details on the Charter). The Office of Safe Environment conducts criminal background checks on all clergy and employees, as well as all volunteers who have regular contact with children in parishes and schools. The Office, under the direction of Marina Hentz, Associate Director, works with parishes and schools to schedule training sessions. The VIRTUS™ program “Protecting God’s Children for Adults” is used to train employees and volunteers to prevent child sexual abuse. The three-hour session covers the scope and nature of child sexual abuse.

Training offers five specific steps adults can take to protect children:

- 1 – Know the Warning Signs
- 2 – Control Access through Screening
- 3 – Monitor All Ministries and Programs
- 4 – Be Aware of Child and Youth Behavior
- 5 – Communicate Your Concerns

Proactive prevention:

- Since 2002: Close to 20,000 Catholics including all clergy, volunteers, diocese, parish and school employees have undergone background checks. Those with minors and vulnerable adults participated in proactive training to identify and prevent predatory behavior.
- All new employees and volunteers are background checked prior to beginning their roles
- All employees and volunteers who work with minors must complete three-hour Virtus training within 30 days of their start date
- All church employees and volunteers serving minors and vulnerable adults are required to complete on-going education (read monthly bulletins)
- All clergy- priests, deacons, and also seminarians are required to follow the same standards as employees
- The Diocese instituted changes to background checking in August 2017 (more frequent, added national reporting)
- The Diocese is audited annually to assess its adherence to the Charter and every three years is audited by an independent audit firm with an on-site visit. Results are shared with the USCCB and published each year.

Diocese offers road to recovery for trauma survivors

The Trauma Recovery Program is a faith-based response to adult survivors of childhood abuse and/or neglect. It is offered free of charge by the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Trauma is an event or series of events, combined with an individual's vulnerability, that creates an obstacle in normal human development. The treatment goal of the Trauma Recovery Program is to help individuals improve their functioning by helping them to stabilize, using new tools learned in a group setting. The program encourages effective living in the present, rather than recovery of repressed memories. Healing occurs with the processing and integrating of feelings, thoughts and behaviors. The Trauma Recovery Program embraces the core concepts and skills of the “Trauma Model,” a treatment model developed by Colin A. Ross, M.D. With his permission, the program utilizes Dr. Ross’ concepts in conjunction with the expertise and skills of the facilitator-therapists. The Diocesan Trauma Recovery Program will be holding the next round of classes in the greater Kalamazoo area, beginning October 2018. Registration is now open and space is limited. If you believe your past hurts from childhood experiences of abuse — verbal/physical/sexual — or emotional neglect have made life difficult for you, then this program may be for you. It’s not about rehashing the past; it’s about healing for the present and a better future. **The program is free for the people of the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo. Please call (269) 903-0134 and leave a message.**

Past Participant’s Testimonial: *I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to participate in this program. At first, I was hesitant because I thought my trauma wasn't as severe as the trauma of others, but I learned that trauma is trauma. I knew something was holding me back from being my best self, wife and mother. This program taught me the skills I needed to be more successful in all aspects and I continue to revisit the materials provided in class to remind myself that I am the best work in progress. K.M.*

National plan to involve laity

On August 18, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a statement about the USCCB’s plan to involve laity to address the “moral catastrophe” that the Church is facing. He wrote:

We are faced with a spiritual crisis that requires not only spiritual conversion, but practical changes to avoid repeating the sins and failures of the past that are so evident in the recent report.

*The Executive Committee has established three goals: (1) an **investigation** into the questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick; (2) an opening of new and confidential channels for **reporting** complaints against bishops; and (3) advocacy for more effective **resolution** of future complaints. These goals will be pursued according to three criteria: proper **independence**, sufficient **authority**, and substantial leadership by **laity**.*

We have already begun to develop a concrete plan for accomplishing these goals, relying upon consultation with experts, laity, and clergy, as well as the Vatican.

The three goals outlined by Cardinal DiNardo include:

- **Investigation** of questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick in order to prevent a recurrence, and protect minors, seminarians, and others who are vulnerable in the future.
- **Making reporting** of abuse and misconduct by bishops easier. The 2002 *Statement of Episcopal Commitment* does not make clear what avenue victims should follow to report abuse or other sexual misconduct by a bishop. That is being addressed.
- **Better procedures to resolve** complaints against bishops. For example, the canonical procedures that follow a complaint will be studied with an eye toward concrete proposals to make them more prompt, fair, and transparent and to specify what constraints may be imposed on bishops at each stage of that process.

Since the 1980’s the seminarian discernment and formation process has included increased use of screening and evaluations tools to ensure the candidate is called by God to the Priesthood to be a Shepherd for the People.

Before acceptance as a diocesan seminarian:

- + Letters of recommendation are required
- + Psychological screening is conducted
- + Multiple personal interviews are conducted with the Vocations Directors
- + Criminal Background check is completed
- + Candidates are required to complete a VIRTUS training session

After acceptance as a diocesan seminarian:

- + Annual evaluations conducted by seminary formation faculty are submitted to the diocese
- + Continual evaluation and mentoring during seminarian’s pastoral assignments
- + Invitation of feedback from clergy and laity interacting with seminarians during summer assignments
- + Regular meetings with the Bishop

Making a Report of Sexual Misconduct

A report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo’s **Sexual Misconduct Reporting Line (877) 802-0115**. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding sexual misconduct will be returned, usually within one hour. This toll-free telephone number has been established as a part of the Diocese’s effort to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within Diocesan institutions and ministries only. If you have some other concern about Diocesan schools, parishes, or ministries, please contact the appropriate Diocesan school, parish, or office directly.

Diocesan Review Board

The Diocesan Review Board serves as a confidential consultative body to the Bishop. They advise the Bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of minors in his determination of suitability for ministry. They regularly review the Diocesan Policy and Procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors and make appropriate recommendations to the Bishop for change or modification. At the request of the Bishop, they offer advice to the Bishop on all aspects of cases, whether retrospectively or prospectively.

Diocesan Review Board Members:

- Rev. Msgr. Michael Osborn, Vicar General
Mr. Gerard Alexander
Ms. Christine Bourgeois
The Honorable Paul Bridenstine
Mr. David Chadderdon
Ms. Theresa Cypher
Mr. Michael Emmons
Ms. Lisette Mira-Amaya
The Rev. Kenneth Schmidt



Light of Christ Academy marks inaugural year with blessing ceremony



Light of Christ Academy opened its first official school year with a special Mass and blessing ceremony with Bishop Bradley. The school is the culmination of a partnership begun by Vineyard Academy and St. Ann Montessori school.

Vineyard Academy, founded in 1995, begun renting space at St. Ann Parish, Augusta and began its partnership with St. Ann Montessori School which had been founded in 2012.

The school combines a classical curriculum and a Montessori-based education. Carrie Jewett, a St. Philip Catholic Central High School alumnus, is the Principal of the new Academy and also an Instructor.

The school will continue to work toward full accreditation over the next three years. For more information visit: <https://lightofchristacademy.org>



A Light of Christ Academy student enjoys the natural outdoor area on the schools' grounds. Bishop Bradley blessed the classrooms and grounds of Light of Christ Academy last month.



Annual Convocation focuses on the family

By Sarah DeMott

When Bishop Bradley announced the new diocesan priorities, it was clear that one in particular would be the perfect focus for this year's New Evangelization Convocation held on October 26th and 27th.

“Walking With Families Toward Holiness”, this year's theme, brings a new emphasis on the need for evangelization within the domestic church, at home. And while each year the diocese has increased its session offerings in Spanish, this year will take that to a new level.

“This is the first year we will be offering a keynote address in Spanish,” said George Dragan, Associate Director for Catechesis and Youth Ministry. “Given the large percentage of Hispanic/Latino Catholics in our diocese, we knew we couldn't focus on evangelizing

families without increasing our Spanish-language offerings.”

Keynote speakers Dr. Ricardo and Lucia Luzondo will facilitate that. They minister to both English- and Spanish-speaking families and previously, Lucia served as Director, Secretariat for Christian Community: Laity, Marriage and Family Life and Youth and Director, V Encuentro.

The Spanish language address will be given on Saturday following the English language version. Bishop Bradley will preside at opening Mass on Friday and closing Mass on Saturday. The entire weekend will be held at Hackett Catholic Prep in Kalamazoo.

Breakouts this year will include incorporating Theology of the Body into the parish and school curricula, the Challenge of Keeping Your Children Catholic,



Dr. Ricardo and Lucia Luzondo

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Accompanying Hispanic families in Catholic schools, the work of Catholic Relief Services, Finding Healing and Strength Within the Catholic Faith, Effective Youth Ministry and more.

Cost is \$45/one day or \$60/both. Registration is available online at www.diokzoo.org/convocation.

Cursillo's planned for the fall

The diocesan Cursillo group recently held its “Grande Ultreya” on August 11 at Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Dowagiac. Rev. Dan Hyman, Spiritual Director for the English Cursillo, Pastor, St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo, blessed a rosary that was a gift from the English Cursillo to the Spanish Cursillo.

Visit: www.kalamazooocursillo.com

All weekends begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, and end by 6 p.m. on Sunday and are held at The Amigo Retreat Centre-Sturgis, Mich. Candidate applications are welcome at any time.



Upcoming weekends:

Cursillo in Spanish:

Men — Oct. 4-7, 2018

Women — Oct. 11-14, 2018

Cursillo in English:

Women's — Oct 18-21, 2018

Men's — March 14-17, 2019

Council plans to increase stewardship understanding

On Saturday, July 21st, the newly constituted Stewardship Formation Council met for the first time to begin deliberations in how best to proceed in creating a new paradigm shift in the overall understanding of stewardship across the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Bishop Bradley was on hand to welcome members, cite his vision for Christian Stewardship in the Diocese of Kalamazoo and officially commission the Council.

According to Tom Dowdall, Director of Stewardship and Development, the purpose for the Stewardship Formation Council will be to provide direction and guidance in the creation and implementation of a diocesan-wide stewardship vision and plan. The plan will be designed to create a greater awareness of the spiritual and tactical aspects of stewardship among clergy and parishioners. Members will represent their respective deaneries. Some of the highlights of the discussion included:



- The creation of a Stewardship Vision for the Diocese;
- Training and educate pastors, priest, deans, seminarians, and lay leaders;
- Expanding membership in the Council;
- Creating appropriate resources to support Stewardship initiatives.

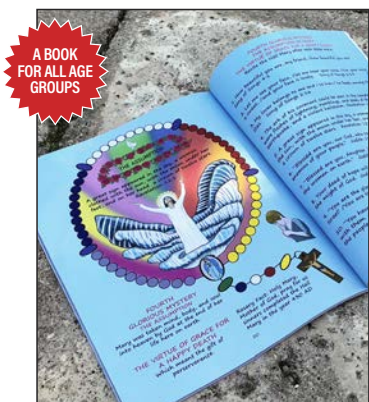
Shown in the photo above are:

Greg Sete (St. Joseph Parish, White Pigeon), Barb Sete (St. Joseph Parish, White Pigeon), Tom Dowdall, Director of

Stewardship and Development, Geralyn Andes (St. Mary's Visitation Parish, Byron Center) **Back Row:** Bishop Bradley, Carl DiBiaggio (St. Mary Parish, Marshall), Tom Gazella (St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph), Gretchen Klyczek (St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph), Marci McCarthy (St. Basil Parish, South Haven), Jay Landry (St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage) **Not Shown:** Steve Hageman (St. Mary Parish, Marshall), Roxanne Spinascita (Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Bridgman)

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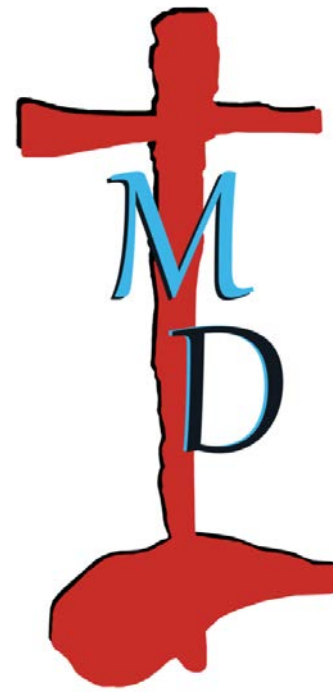
Southern Deanery Vacation Bible School. Four parishes in the Southern Deanery had a week of 'Walking With the Saints' during their Vacation Bible School where children learned about saints who were canonized after 2000. As part of their Reaching Out projects the kids made tie blankets for the local pet shelter and terrariums for residents of the nursing home in Dowagiac. They made and wore tilmas like St. Juan Diego's featuring Our Lady of Guadalupe and flower chains in honor of St. Josephine Bakhita to Mass on Friday (pictured above).



St. Catherine of Siena Parish hosted Vacation Bible School July 16 – 17. The theme was Splash Canyon and focused on how Jesus is always by our side. More than 200 children participated, along with dozens of parish and parent volunteers.



St. Rose Parish hosted Vacation Bible School July 30 – August 3. There were 60 students in attendance along with 17 teen volunteers and 13 great adult members of our parish. This year's theme was about the Prophet Jonah and how he comes to understand the extent of God's love and mercy. As a finale, there was a short program put on by all of the students for their families and friends.



Institute of Missionary Discipleship off to a strong start

The Diocese of Kalamazoo's Institute of Missionary Discipleship is off to a strong start. The Institute hosted its first training in August entitled, "The Art of Accompaniment" conducted by Burning Hearts Ministry.

The Institute is currently accepting registration for its November day-long seminar entitled, "Discernment of Spirits" conducted by Elizabeth Gengle, Diocese of Gaylord. Gengle will guide participants through Ignatius of Loyola's discernment of spirits. This process created by St. Ignatius assists the faithful in seeing God's work in their own lives, understanding the depth of prayer, and establishing a way of life that brings us closer to God and further away

from the evil one. This session assists those attending to see God's work in others and assist them in discerning God's work and direction in their lives. Participants learn through large group discussions, take time in prayer experiences, share in small groups, and participate in the active work of seeking God's will in their lives.

"This session is for all who want to grow in a deeper relationship with God and help others to do that," noted Jamin Herold, Executive Director of the Institute.

In addition to the day trainings, the Institute is currently offering online courses through its partnership with Franciscan University Catechetical Institute. To enroll in a class offered by the Catechetical Institute through Franciscan University, you initially create an account on its website. Each of the 26 collaboratives have been set up for parishoners to register. Online courses are offered by different tracks, such as Catechist or Community Leader, or you may take them individually.

Visit www.imdisciple.com for more information.



Catholic Charities Fun run sets fundraising and attendance record

The annual Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo family fun-run, Ark in the Dark, set new records this year for both participation and fundraising. Close to 300 participants hit the track last month for the run which is held at Hackett Catholic Prep in Kalamazoo adjacent to the The Ark services which houses teenage youth. The run is held at dusk and featured family-friendly activities such as face-painting and a bounce house. More than \$10,000 was raised which directly impacts the agency's work with homeless and runaway youth through its Ark services.

From November 13-15 Catholic Charities will host once again its annual CharitiesDine an opportunity for people to give back while eating out at their favorite restaurants. Check www.ccdok.org for a listing of participating businesses.

Miremos al frente de la mano de Jesús por el Padre Oscar Londoño Palacio

En mi vida de estudiante, paso por mi vida un profesor de Biblia que nos decía: “Cada vez que vayan a leer, estudiar, orar y meditar la Palabra de Dios, lo primero que uno debe hacer es invitar al Espíritu Santo para que nos ayude a IMAGINAR el pasaje y ENTRAR al mismo para ser actor de la narración”.

Ahora desde la Diócesis de Kalamazoo debemos estar LISTOS para dar respuesta a los diferentes planteamientos que se nos hacen en el caminar de una PASTORAL HISPANA UNIFICADA desde

JESUS en los ESTADOS UNIDOS. Usted hermano hispano debe entender lo anterior en clave del libro del ÉXODO, los Egipcios permitían que los Israelitas a pesar de ser esclavos tuviesen todo, vivienda, alimentación, trabajo, etc, mas ellos sentían que les faltaba la libertad de vivir plenamente la alianza con Dios Padre. Así como ellos podemos estar nosotros, más si aterrizamos nuestro actuar, vemos que la vida no es fácil, que las cosas no siempre son como deseamos y en cualquier institución nuestros planes se pueden torcer en

cualquier momento y entonces sobreviene la frustración. Frustración que también vivió el pueblo Israelita cuando prefirió morir al adherirse al pecado y a la monotonía de su vida adorando dioses hechos por manos humanas. Y nosotros como hispanos podemos caer en lo mismo si no caminamos con los planes de unidad pautados desde la cabeza, desde nuestro obispo, y lógicamente podremos caer en la monotonía de los cultos idolátricos más no evangelizadores. Aún así, nuestra presencia depara momentos maravillosos, alegrías y sorpresas que merecen la pena. Para no continuar en lo mismo y no caer, debemos llenar nuestra

mochila de herramientas para la vida de una nueva y renovada evangelización que llegue con la Religiosidad popular hecha oración, con una evangelización hecha adhesión y así podamos sacerdotes, religiosas, catequistas y laicos comprometidos, afrontar mejor los tiempos difíciles y desarrollar acciones adecuadas para disfrutar de los buenos momentos. Para terminar cito a Pablo Neruda quien nos recuerda: “Muere lentamente quien se transforma en esclavo del hábito, repitiendo todos los días los mismos trayectos, quien no cambia de marca, quien no arriesga vestir un color nuevo, quien no arriesga lo



cierto por lo incierto para ir detrás de un sueño. Ese muere lentamente a vivir”. Nuestra diócesis morirá, o seguirá ahí, si no cambiamos. Pero si somos un Éxodo vivimos los retos de Jesús en un constante cambio, pero con la confianza plena en que desde la Oración del SER se nos lleva a realizar nuestra diócesis en un HACER de vida desde El.

Con Jesús vivamos un AÑO MÁS

por el Padre Oscar Londoño Palacio

El tiempo transcurre, un nuevo año académico, administrativo, etc inicia, y desde este espacio te invitamos para que bajo guía de un Dios amoroso y fraternal seamos capaces de crecer en la vida bajo la pauta de nuestro HACER COTIDIANO. Donde seamos capaces de Agradecer a Dios por la oportunidad a vivir, por ser co-creadores y sobre todo, porque esa creación habla de la existencia de un otro, ese otro que nos da existencia porque moviliza el deseo y se refleja en una Amistad y familia que nos impulsa a ver con nuevos ojos y con nuevo entusiasmo nuestro hacer y compartir.

La presencia de Dios en nuestra Diócesis manifestada en nues-

tras vidas, en nuestro trabajo y hogar se traduce en una serie de actitudes que podemos considerar como valores, los cuales fortalecen nuestro trabajo parroquial, además nos ayudan a vivir en comunidad y dignifican nuestra diócesis y nuestro ser de personas. Vistos desde la óptica Orante, serían:

- **Generosidad y solidaridad** como acto de compartir lo mejor de sí en cosas, tiempo y dedicación, a quienes lo necesiten, en forma amorosa.
- **Humildad** como camino constante de aprendizaje y de felicidad.
- **Gratitud.** Visto como donación, entrega, vida y expresión de amor.
- **Responsabilidad.** Entendida como el hacer las cosas bien, con calidad, oportunidad y gusto como sello de una vida que se toma en

serio.

- **Justicia.** Como promoción, respeto y valoración de los derechos de las personas sin discriminación alguna.
- **Tolerancia.** Donde el respeto, la escucha, acogida, perdón, ayuda mutua y solidaridad, fundamentan la verdadera democracia y hermandad.
- **Libertad.** Como búsqueda de lo que promueve mi dignidad y calidad de persona y la de los demás, sin miedos, y pasiones desbordadas.
- **Paz y Reconciliación.** Como acción de vida que impulsa la convivencia y la unión de esfuerzos para lograr bienestar en un ambiente de reconciliación, perdón y amistad.
- **Amor y Esperanza.** Vistos como afinidad de personas entre sí, que se traduce en entrega, afecto, re-

speto, bondad y estima y en nuestra diócesis entendido desde la FAMILIA como institución formadora de Buenos Cristianos y excelentes ciudadanos. Lanzarte desde cada rincón de la Diócesis de Kalamazoo a vivir este nuevo año, sintiéndote Creador, es mantener viva la llama del deseo que ilumina la paleta de pinturas que pintaran el lienzo donde nacerá la Obra Maestra de cada día, obra que solo puede ser completada por el otro, ese otro encontrado en cada parroquia, en cada rectoría pero ante todo en cada hogar. Feliz y fructífero año.

Calendario/Calendar

Septiembre

Septiembre, Temporada del Ministerio Migrante Diocesano
14 — 9 a.m. — 12 p.m. Reunión de Migrant Resource Council (agencias que ofrecen servicio a la Comunidad Migrante). Lugar: Van Buren DHHS, Hartford.
15 — 7 p.m. Misa en SS Cyril & Methodius con el Obispo Paul J. Bradley.
20 – 23 — V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana: Discípulos Misioneros Testigos del Amor de Dios, última fase de la convocatoria a nivel nacional por parte de la Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Todas las diócesis de los Estados Unidos estarán participando con una delegación que fue elegida a nivel diocesano.
29 — 8:30 a.m. Instituto San Agustín – Programa de Formación Pastoral y de Liderazgo, Segundo año de Formación.

Octubre

Octubre, Temporada del Ministerio Migrante Diocesano
12 — 9 a.m. — 12 p.m. Reunión de Migrant Resource Council (agencias que ofrecen servicio a la Comunidad Migrante). Lugar: Diócesis de Kalamazoo 215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007
17 — 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Cena de Agradecimiento para todos los voluntarios del Ministerio Migrante. Lugar: Crowley Center de la Catedral de San Agustín, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007. (Appreciation Dinner for All Volunteers who helped in our ministry to the migrant farmworkers.)
20 — 8:30 a.m. Instituto San Agustín – Programa de Formación Pastoral y de Liderazgo, Segundo año de Formación.
26 – 27 — 8:30 a.m. Convocatoria Diocesana a una Nueva Evangelización 2018, Tema: Caminando con las Familias Hacia la Santidad. El sábado 27 de octubre, habrá talleres en español. Lugar: Hackett Catholic Prep.

Noviembre/ November

1 — Día de Todos los Santos. Oficinas Cerradas.
9 — 9 a.m. — 12 p.m. Reunión de Migrant Resource Council (agencias que ofrecen servicio a la Comunidad Migrante). MBG Marketing, Grand Junction.
10 — 8:30 a.m. Instituto San Agustín – Programa de Formación Pastoral y de Liderazgo, Segundo año de Formación.
22 – 23 — Centro Pastoral Diocesano estará cerrado por el Día de Acción de Gracias

Diciembre/ December

1 — 10 a.m. — 12 m. Comité Diocesano de Pastoral Hispana, Centro Pastoral Diocesano, Kalamazoo.
12 — 6 p.m. Misa Bilingüe, Celebración de Nuestra Sra. De Guadalupe, Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, Hartford, MI, Preside el Señor Obispo Paul J. Bradley.
16— Comienzan las Posadas y Novenas Navideñas en las Parroquias.
24 — Enero 1, Centro Pastoral Diocesano estará cerrado debido a Navidad y Año Nuevo

V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana, 20 – 23 de Septiembre del 2018

por **Veronica Rodriguez**

El V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana tendrá lugar en Grapevine, Texas del 20 al 23 de septiembre del 2018. Este Encuentro Nacional es la culminación de un proceso iniciado por la Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos desde hace tres años. La meta principal del V Encuentro es discernir formas en las que la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos pueda responder mejor a la presencia de los hispanos/latinos y potenciar modos en que los hispanos/latinos respondan como discípulos misioneros al llamado de la Nueva Evangelización, sirviendo a toda la Iglesia.

El proceso comenzó al nivel parroquial, luego a nivel diocesano, luego a nivel regional y ahora a nivel nacional. Nuestra Diócesis de Kalamazoo comenzó el proceso a nivel parroquial en los meses de enero a septiembre del 2017 donde participaron más de 405 personas y se “primerearon” (dar el primer



paso en la evangelización) a más de 600 personas. Nuestro Encuentro Diocesano fue el 4º de noviembre donde participaron más de 120 personas. Nuestro Encuentro Regional fue del 2 al 3 de junio y participaron 32 delegados de la Diócesis de Kalamazoo. Durante el proceso a nivel diocesano, los delegados discernieron ocho áreas ministeriales para dar prioridad en nuestra diócesis. Las áreas son: Jóvenes y Vocaciones, Familias, Formación, Evangelización, Ministerios, Espiritualidad, Social e Inmigración. Para la participación al Encuentro Nacional, el Equipo Nacional asignó el número de delegados que cada diócesis de la nación puede llevar. De la Diócesis de Kalamazoo, van seis personas más el Obispo como nuestra delegación. Para ser delegados, las personas tuvieron que haber hecho las

cinco sesiones que se ofrecieron en sus parroquias, más el Encuentro Parroquial, Encuentro Diocesano y Encuentro Regional. Esta delegación llevará al Encuentro Nacional los resultados que se discernieron durante los Encuentros Regionales, Diocesanos y Parroquiales. El proceso del Encuentro ha sido el gran catalizador para el desarrollo del ministerio hispano/latino en los últimos cinco años. Cada uno de los Encuentros anteriores han sido una experiencia renovadora que ha cambiado significativamente la manera en que la Iglesia responde a la presencia hispana, y la forma en cómo los hispanos/latinos responden como Iglesia. El V Encuentro promete ser otra experiencia renovadora que ofrezca a la Iglesia la claridad, el entusiasmo y los medios que necesita para responder más adecuadamente a la presencia hispana en el espíritu de la Nueva Evangelización. Estemos atentos a los resultados del V Encuentro. Para más detalles visite la página del V Encuentro: www.vencuentro.org.

Gracias Voluntarios del Migrant Ministry

Agradecemos profundamente a todos los voluntarios que directamente e indirectamente ayudaron en el ministerio con los campesinos migrantes. Los invitamos a una cena de agradecimiento el miércoles 17 de octubre del 2018 a las 6:30 p.m. en el Crowley Center de la Catedral de San Agustín, 542 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Por favor llame al 269-903-0197 para confirmar su asistencia.

Thank You to the Volunteers of Migrant Ministry

We want to thank all the volunteers who directly or indirectly helped in the ministry to the migrant farmworkers. We invite you to an appreciation dinner on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crowley Center of St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Please call 269-903-0197 to confirm your attendance.

Here & There

BISHOP BRADLEY'S CALENDAR

Sept. 15 - Migrant Ministry Mass, SS. Cyril & Methodius, Wayland, 7 p.m.

Sept. 16 - Blue Mass, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage, 11 a.m.

Sept. 27 – Celebrating Workers of Mercy, St. Augustine Cathedral, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 3 – Grandparent's Day Mass, St. Monica School, 8 a.m.

Oct. 4 – St. Francis Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 11 – Mass with Widowed Friends, St. Augustine Cathedral, 3 p.m.

Oct. 14 – Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, St. Augustine Cathedral, 3 p.m.

Oct. 15 – Walk for Education Mass, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph, 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 26 – New Evangelization Convocation Opening Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 27 – KUDOS, 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 27 – New Evangelization Convocation Closing Mass, 4:15 p.m.

Bishop Bradley to honor Goldywedds with special 50th Anniversary Mass
Bishop Bradley will be celebrating a special Mass for couples on Sunday October 14, 2018 at 3 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI. A small reception will follow in the Fr. Crowley

Activities around the Diocese

Sept. 16 – Annual Blue Mass, 11 a.m., St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The Blue Mass recognizes and prays for our police, fire, military and emergency medical technicians. The public is invited to participate. A luncheon buffet will follow the Mass. Please bring a dish to share.

Sept. 29 – Day of Reflection for Adults with Disabilities, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Pretty Lake Vacation Camp Retreat Center, Mattawan. Cost: \$15, scholarships available. Contact Lisa Irwin: lirwin@diokzoo.org, 269-903-0177.

Oct. 11 – Widowed Men & Women
2nd Annual Mass with Bishop Bradley, 2 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral. A special Mass for men and women who have been widowed. A small reception will follow in the Crowley Center. RSVP to Socorro Truchan, 269-903-0199, struchan@diokzoo.org.

Good News & Brews aims to bring young adults together

Married and single young adults from college through their 30s are welcome to come enjoy discussion, fellowship at Good News & Brews, sponsored by Diocese of Kalamazoo. Music is provided by Jeremiah and the Hebrews. Upcoming dates are: Oct. 11; Nov. 8; Dec. 13. Check www.diokzoo.org for details on speakers.



Dec. 2 – Advent Family Gathering for Persons with Disabilities and their Families, 2-5 p.m. at St. Mary Parish Fr. Bart Memorial Hall, 939 Charlotte

Nov. 6 - Feast Day Mass, St. Charles Borromeo School, Coldwater, 9 a.m.

Nov. 7 – Deceased Clergy Mass, St. Augustine Cathedral, 5 p.m.

Nov. 11-15 – USCCB Fall Meeting

Nov. 26-30 – Gethsemani Retreat

Confirmations

Sept. 29 – Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford, 1 p.m.

Sept. 30 – St. Joseph Parish, Watervliet, 11 a.m.

Oct. 14 – SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Wayland, 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 28 – St. Peter Parish, Douglas, 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 5 – St. Ambrose Parish, Parchment, 5 p.m.

Nov. 8 – San Felipe de Jesus Parish, Fennville, 6 p.m.

Nov. 10 – St. Ann Parish, Augusta, 5 p.m.

Nov. 18 – Diocesan Confirmation, St. Augustine Cathedral, 3 p.m.

Center along with an opportunity to have your picture taken with the bishop. To receive an invitation to this wonderful celebration, please inform your parish so they can submit your information to:

50th Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration, 215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Ave., Kalamazoo. For more information contact Lisa Irwin, 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org.

Jan. 20, 2019 – Prayer for Life in Bronson Park, Kalamazoo, 3 p.m. For more information contact Lisa Irwin, 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org.

Family Energizer

The diocesan family program, Energizer, will begin October 13. Energizer is a time of food, fellowship, praise and worship music, a presentation about the faith, a craft or activity for young children, and time for Adoration, one Saturday each month. Dates are: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11.

Annual New Evangelization Convocation

This year's New Evangelization Convocation will be centered around "Walking With Families Toward Holiness" and will feature keynote speaker Lucia Luzondo. It will be held October 26-27 at Hackett Catholic Prep. Lucia and her husband Ricardo are the Directors of Hispanic Outreach for Marriage Building USA, as well as consultants for the USCCB initiative on marriage in Spanish. Contact George Dragan, gdragan@diokzoo.org, 269-903-0141 with questions.

Institute of Missionary Discipleship Day Training – Discernment of Spirits

All are welcome to attend the Institute of Missionary Discipleship's next day training, Discernment of Spirits, on Saturday, November 3, 2018, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Lawrence Education Center. Elizabeth Gengle will guide participants through Ignatius of Loyola's discernment of spirits. This process created by St. Ignatius assist the faithful in seeing God's work in their own lives, under-

standing the depth of prayer, and establishing a way of life that brings us closer to God and further away from the evil one. This session assists those attending to see God's work in others and assist them in discerning God's work and direction in their lives. Participants learn through large group discussions, take time in prayer experiences, share in small groups, and participate in the active work of seeking God's will in their lives.

March for Life Chicago

Interested in attending the March for Life Chicago on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019? Plans are being made for a diocesan-sponsored day trip. The March will take place at 2 p.m. Central time. Tentative plans are to attend Mass in downtown Chicago prior to the March. If you are interested contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org by Oct. 15th so that your input can be considered in the planning.



Day of Reflection for Adults with Cognitive/Developmental Disabilities

"Bible: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. A Visit with St. Jerome" is the theme of the annual Day of Reflection for Adults with Cognitive/Developmental Disabilities on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Sponsored by the Diocesan Ministry to Persons with Disabilities the gathering will take place from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Pretty Lake Vacation Camp Retreat Center, 9123 Q Ave., Mattawan. Cost is \$15 and scholarships are available. For more information and registration forms contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org. Registration deadline is Sept. 19th.

EWTN's Teresa Tomeo coming to Battle Creek

To honor Respect Life Month, Teresa Tomeo will be speaking about



Cathy Hirzel,
269-968-4639, by Oct. 19.

Rosary Coast to Coast

All are welcome to join one of the Coast to Coast Rosary sites around the diocese on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. Visit rosarycoasttocoast.com for more information.

- St. John Bosco, Mattawan, St. Margaret Mary, Marcellus & St. Mary, Paw Paw Parishes, Dream Park Large Pavilion, Lawton, MI

- St. Mary Parish, 939 Charlotte Ave., Kalamazoo 49048

- SS. John & Bernard, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, St. Joseph & St. Joseph, Watervliet Parishes at SS. John & Bernard Parish, 555 East Delaware Avenue Benton Harbor MI 49022

- St. Peter Parish, 100 St. Peter Dr., Douglas MI 49406

Diocesan dinner to honor Mercy Workers on Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

"Celebrating Workers of Mercy," will be held Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, for all those involved in doing the Works of Mercy in any of the parishes, agencies or other Catholic institutions in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Bishop Bradley will celebrate Mass at 6:30 p.m. in St. Augustine Cathedral, and a simple dinner will follow in the Crowley Center. Dr. Don Bouchard, Holy Family Healthcare, will be the featured speaker at the dinner. "Bishop Bradley's desire is to acknowledge and encourage those who engage in the various works of mercy and charitable outreach activities that take place quietly and effectively throughout our Diocese," noted Lisa Irwin, Associate Director, Parish Life and Lay Leadership, "and to give thanks for the comfort these works bring to so many who are in need of Jesus' love and mercy."

Members of St. Vincent de Paul Conferences, Knights of Columbus, parish Christian service committees, parish mens' and women's groups, jail ministry volunteers and food pantry volunteers are just some examples.

Please RSVP by Sept. 20th to Joan Jaconette at 269-903-0147 or jjaconette@diokzoo.org.

Contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177/lirwin@diokzoo.org or Tim Lieser 269-381-9803/TimLieser@ccdok.org for more information.

Sacred Music at the Cathedral 2018-19 concert season

James Biery organist in recital

Biery is the director of music for Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, MI, and a widely published composer of church music.



Friday, 28 September 2018, 7pm



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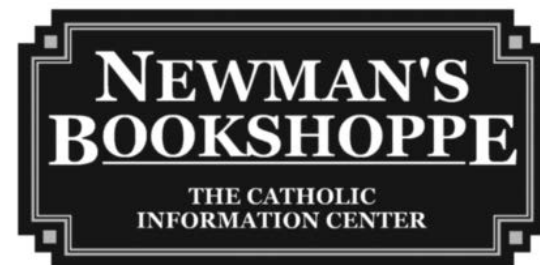
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A report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Sexual Misconduct Question and **Reporting Line: 877-802-0115**. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding sexual misconduct will be returned, usually within one hour. This toll-free telephone number has been established as a part of the diocese's effort to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within diocesan institutions and ministries only. If you have some other concern about diocesan schools, parishes or ministries, please contact the appropriate diocesan school, parish or office directly. In all cases of sexual abuse you are encouraged to report all cases to the local police or protective services.



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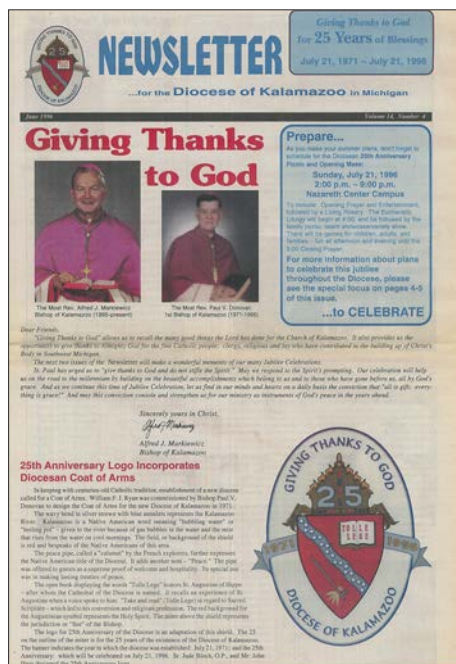
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Parting is such sweet sorrow

By **Victoria Cessna**, Editor and Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Diocese of Kalamazoo

It's not easy saying goodbye to a good and trusted friend. *The Good News* has been the official publication of the Diocese of Kalamazoo since its first issue rolled off the presses in June of 1998 after being revamped from its predecessor, the *Newsletter*. Throughout its two-decade history the newspaper has featured news, events and profiles of those doing God's work throughout the nine counties of the Diocese. Senior Graphic Designer Terry Hageman joined the Diocese soon after *The Good News'* debut and has guided the design transitions of the publication ever since. Looking back through old issues has been bittersweet as we uncover photos of beloved priests who have passed on to their Heavenly Home and reminisce about news of key events in the life of the Church. And while we are confident our transition is the right one to further the mission of the Church we are still marking the end of an era. We wish to thank you for your readership and support and we hope to meet you again within the pages of *Southwest Michigan Catholic*.



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
OPEN 6 P.M. – MIDNIGHT

St. Lawrence Grill Team –
Food Tent: 6-10 p.m.

Casino – 7- Midnight

THE ROCK SHOW
8:30 p.m. – Midnight

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
OPEN NOON – MIDNIGHT

St. Lawrence Grill Team –
Food Tent: 1-10 p.m.

Casino – 7- Midnight

T.Y.P.O & STACKED
8:30 p.m. – Midnight

Sunday, September 23
Open Noon – 4 p.m.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Children's Talent Show

Noon – 3 p.m. – St. Lawrence Grill Team –
Food Tent

1:30 – 2:30 p.m – Silent Auction Closing

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Live Auction

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