Ordination Class of 2016 reflects rich diversity of Church

Joyful priests, family, friends and faithful of the Diocese filled St. Augustine Cathedral on Saturday, May 21st as Bishop Paul J. Bradley ordained four men to the Priesthood. During his homily Bishop Bradley encouraged the new priests to go out into their new assignments with the same zeal as Jesus’ Apostles did more than 2,000 years ago. He referenced the powerful words of St. Paul, “The love of Christ impels us!” and also spoke the same verse in Spanish and in Igbo (Fr. Bruno’s native Nigerian language).

The four new priests, ranging in age from 27 to 51, reflect the rich diversity of the Church. Three of the men grew up in the Kalamazoo area and one priest, Fr. Okoli, spent his childhood and early adulthood in Nigeria, West Africa.

For extended coverage of the Ordination, see pages 12–13.

Diocese moves forward with collaboratives; announces new priests’ assignments

The “Diocesan Pastoral Plan: A Future Full of Hope” moved into its next phase of implementation with the announcements last month of priests’ assignments.

Twenty-eight priests were appointed Pastors of the 28 Parish Collaboratives that were created and announced in January 2016. Twenty-nine additional priests (including the newly ordained) were assigned as Parochial Vicars, Chaplains and special hospital ministries.

Nearly 75 percent of the active priests will begin new assignments on July 1, 2016 (see pages 2–4 for a complete listing of priests and corresponding assignments).

Included in this edition of The Good News is a special pull-out section on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan including maps of the nine counties of the Diocese illustrating the 28 Parish Collaboratives along with detailed information on key milestones for Parish Collaboratives over the next six months (see pages 7–10).

In conjunction with the implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Bishop Bradley has called for all Parish Collaboratives to adopt or continue a spiritual renewal program. Resources on various programs were shared with priests in May.

Additionally volunteers from Parishes convened for a one-day workshop on May 5th lead by the Catholic Leadership Institute with additional presentations on evangelization by Jamin Herold, Associate Director for the Diocese. Participants were lead through various exercises on the relationship of transition and leadership and spent some time brainstorming and sharing ideas.

During the coming months members of Parish Transition teams along with Diocesan support staff will work closely with Parishes through the transition.

The Sisters of Jesus the Saviour, based in Canton, Mich., joined in on the celebration of ordaining four new priests. Several other religious orders were in attendance.

Harrison (left) and Brennan Wheeler, pictured above, students at St. Augustine Cathedral School volunteered as ushers for the Mass of Ordination.
ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

On May 23, 2016, The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley announced the following priest assignments for the Diocese of Kalamazoo which become effective July 1, 2016 (unless otherwise noted). Pastors are appointed for a term of six years and Parochial Vicars/Chaplains are appointed for a term of three years unless pastoral needs of the Diocese necessitate a re-assignment. Priest assignments are generally announced annually in the Spring. This year marks a historic time for the Diocese of Kalamazoo as priests prepare for new assignments as part of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan: A Future Full of Hope which created 28 Parish Collaboratives. Currently there are 57 priests in the Diocese with full-time pastoral appointments. This number includes the four newly ordained priests. Three priests will retire this year, Rev. Joseph Gray, Rev. Matthew Illikatil and Rev. Matthew Manale. Rev. Richard Fritz will retire in 2018.

Additionally Bishop Bradley has created and appointed priests as directors to the following apostolates: Vietnamese Apostolate (Rev. James Vinh Le) and the Hispanic Apostolate (Rev. German Perez-Diaz).

Please see the list below for detailed information.

Bishop Bradley will ordain two men to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo

- Jeffrey Hanley, Pontifical North American College Rome, SS. John and Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor

The diaconate is the first of three ranks in ordained ministry (deacon, priest, bishop). Deacons preparing for the priesthood are transitional deacons. Those not planning to be ordained priests are called permanent deacons.

Married men may be ordained permanent deacons, and single men may be ordained with a commitment to celibacy.

PRIESTLY APPOINTMENTS

The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley has announced the following priest assignments for the Diocese of Kalamazoo which become effective July 1, 2016 (unless noted otherwise). Pastors will be appointed for a term of six years.

Rev. James Adams — currently serving as Pastor, St. Ann Parish, Gull Lake (Augusta), Canonal Pastor, St. Ambrose Parish, Delton and Our Lady of Great Oak Parish, Lacey, and Chaplain, Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo, has been appointed Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator for Hackett Catholic Prep and part-time Parochial Vicar for St. Monica Parish Collaborative, Kalamazoo.

Rev. Richard Altine — currently serving as Pastor, St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan, has been appointed Pastor, Holy Maternity of Mary Parish, (Dowagiac); Holy Family Parish, Decatur; and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Silver Creek Collaborative.

Rev. John Peter Ambrose, MSFS — currently serving as Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Watervliet, has been appointed Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Watervliet and Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford Collaborative.

Rev. Christopher Ankley — currently serving as Pastor, St. Martin of Tours Parish, Vicksburg, has been appointed Pastor, St. Philip Parish; St. Joseph Parish; and St. Jerome Parish, Battle Creek Collaborative.

Rev. Leonel Cartagena — has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan; Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Bridgman; and St. Gabriel Parish, Berrien Springs Collaborative, with special care for the Hispanic/Latino community within the collaborative.

Rev. Christopher Derda — currently serving as Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek and Canonical Pastor, St. Jerome Parish, Battle Creek, has been appointed Administrator, St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, New Salem (Byron Center); St. Stanislaus Parish, Hilliards (Dorr); and Sacred Heart Parish, Watson Collaborative.

Rev. Simon Chummur-Manjooran, SDB — currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek, has been appointed Administrator of St. Philip Parish and Spiritual Moderator/Chaplain to St. Philip Catholic Central High School.

Rev. Kevin Covert — currently serving as Pastor, Holy Maternity of Mary Parish, Dowagiac and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Dowagiac, has been appointed Chaplain to the Kalamazoo-area hospitals and health care institutions and will provide part-time assistance to St. Ambrose Parish, Parchment.

Rev. Patrick Craig — currently serving as Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Decatur, has been appointed Pastor, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks; and St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer Collaborative.

Rev. Very Rev. Robert Creagan — currently serving as Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks; and St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer Collaborative.

Rev. Simon Chummur-Manjooran, SDB — has been appointed Administrator, St. Philip Parish and Spiritual Moderator/Chaplain to St. Philip Catholic Central High School.

Rev. Daniel Doctor — currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks; and St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer Collaborative.

Rev. Simon Chummur-Manjooran, SDB — has been re-appointed Pastor, St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo and Canonical Administrator, Hackett Catholic Prep.

Rev. John Fleckenstein — currently serving as Pastor, St. Philip Parish, Battle Creek and Canonical Administrator of Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools, has been appointed Pastor, St. Ann Parish, Gull Lake (Augusta); St. Ambrose Parish, Delton; and Our Lady of Great Oak Parish, Lacey Collaborative.

Rev. Robert Flickinger — currently serving as Pastor, St. Basil Parish, South Haven, has been appointed Senior Parochial Vicar, St. Basil Parish, South Haven; Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor; and St. Jude Parish, Gobles Collaborative.

Rev. Richard Fritz — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary’s Assumption Parish, Bronson and St. Barbara Parish, Colon, continues as Pastor, St. Mary Assumption, Bronson until expected retirement in 2018. (See Rev. Rajesh for St. Barbara, Colon)
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**Rev. Fabio Garzon** — currently serving as Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford and San Felipe de Jesus Parish, Fennville, (Pearl) has been appointed Pastor, St. Peter Parish, Douglas and San Felipe de Jesus Parish, Fennville (Pearl) Collaborative.

**Rev. Joseph Gray** — currently serving as Pastor, St. John Parish, Albion, will retire and attain Senior Priest status, in-residence at St. John Parish, Albion.

**Rev. Raul Gomez** — currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Coldwater; Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Union City; and St. Mary’s Assumption, Bronson Collaborative, with special care for the Hispanic/Latino community in Bronson.

**Rev. William Jacobs, Jr.** — currently serving as Senior Parochial Vicar, St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo, has been appointed Senior Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage Collaborative.

**Rev. Robert Johansen** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Therese Parish and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) and Canonical Pastor, St. Margaret Parish, Otsego, has been appointed Pastor, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Niles.

**Rev. Christian Johnston** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Therese Parish and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) and Canonical Pastor, St. Margaret Parish, Otsego, has been appointed Pastor, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Niles.

**Rev. John Jorgensen** — currently serving as Pastor, Sacred Sacrament Parish, Allegan, has been appointed Pastor in solidum, St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan; and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus Collaborative. He will remain Pastor, Sacred Sacrament until September 30, 2016. The appointment becomes effective October 1, 2016.

**Rev. Alan Jorgensen** — currently serving as Pastor, Sacred Sacrament Parish, Allegan, has been appointed Pastor in solidum, St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan; and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus Collaborative. He will remain Pastor, Sacred Sacrament until September 30, 2016. The appointment becomes effective October 1, 2016.

**Rev. Joseph McCormick, OSA** — currently serving as Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edwardsburg, has been appointed Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edwardsburg and St. Ann Parish, Cassopolis Collaborative.

**Rev. Craig Lusk** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Marshall, has been appointed Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Marshall and St. John Parish, Albion Collaborative.

**Rev. Joseph Hyman** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo, has been appointed St. Thomas More Student Parish, Kalamazoo Collaborative.

**Rev. Mathew Illikatli** — currently serving as Pastor, St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus, will retire and attain Senior Priest status, on September 30, 2016.

**Rev. Mathew Manalel** — currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo Collaborative.

**Rev. Francis Marotti** — currently studying at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, has been appointed Vice Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo Collaborative.

**Rev. Jason Mears** — currently serving as Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor, has been appointed Artistic Director, Vietnamese Apostolate.

**Msgr. Thomas Martin, J.V., J.S.D.** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, has been appointed Pastor, St. Martin of Tours Parish, Vicksburg and St. Edward Parish, Mendon Collaborative.

**Rev. Francis Ho** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Marguerite Parish, Grand Haven, has been appointed Pastor, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, Grand Haven and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Silver Creek (Pearl) Collaborative.

**Rev. William Jacobs, Jr.** — currently serving as Senior Parochial Vicar, St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo, has been appointed Senior Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage Collaborative.

**Rev. Mathew Manalel** — currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, will retire and return to his native Diocese in India.

**Rev. Robert Johansen** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Therese Parish and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) and Canonical Pastor, St. Margaret Parish, Otsego, has been appointed Pastor, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Niles.

**Rev. Arthur Howard** — currently serving as Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Kalamazoo Collaborative.

**Rev. Joseph McCormick, OSA** — currently serving as Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edwardsburg, has been appointed Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edwardsburg and St. Ann Parish, Cassopolis Collaborative.

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Rev. Thomas McNally — has been re-appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph and Chaplain, Lake Michigan Catholic High School, St. Joseph, with the additional appointment as Spiritual Moderator, Lake Michigan Catholic Schools.

Rev. Harold Potter — currently serving as Pastor, St. Stanislaus Parish, Dorr and Sacred Heart Mission, Allegan, has been appointed Chaplain to the Lakeshore health care systems and institutions and will be in-residence at St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph.

Rev. Stephen Rodrigo — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Visitation Parish, Byron Center, has been appointed Senior Parochial Vicar to two Parish Collaboratives: St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Wayland and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) and St. Mary’s Visitation, New Salem (Byron Center), St. Stanislaus, Hilliards (Dorr) and Sacred Heart, Watson Parish Collaborative. He will also serve as Canonical Pastor for the St. Mary’s Visitation, New Salem (Byron Center), St. Stanislaus, Dorr and Sacred Heart, Watson Collaborative.

Rev. Alphonse Savarimuthu, MSFS — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Niles & St. Gabriel Mission, Berrien Springs, has been appointed Pastor, St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Wayland and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) Collaborative.

Rev. James Morris — currently serving as Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph, has been appointed Pastor, St. Basil Parish, South Haven; Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor; and St. Jude Parish, Gobles Collaborative.

Rev. Andrew Raczkowski — who was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo Collaborative.

Rev. broccoli Okoli — who was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage Collaborative.

Rev. Antony Rajesh — has been re-appointed Pastor, Holy Angels Parish, Three Rivers and St. Clare Parish, Centreville, with the additional responsibilities of St. Barbara Parish, Colon.

Rev. Mark Vyverman — has been appointed Parish, St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan and Canonical Pastor, St. Jude Parish, St. Mary Margaret Parish, Marcellus and St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan Collaborative. This assignment will be effective October 1, 2016.

Msgr. Michael Osborn — Vicar General, General Secretary and Director of Vocations for the Diocese, has been named Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo Collaborative.

Rev. Paul Redmond — who was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Collaborative.

Rev. Joseph Xavior, MSFS — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw and Canonical Pastor, St. Jude Parish, Gobles, has been appointed Pastor in solidum of St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; St. Mary Margaret Parish, Marcellus and St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan Collaborative.

Rev. Joseph Xavior — has been re-appointed Pastor, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Hastings and St. Cyril Parish, Nashville Collaborative.

Rev. James Richardson — has been re-appointed Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo and continues as Superior for the St. Philip Neri Oratory in formation.

Rev. German Perez-Diaz — currently serving as Pastor, SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor, has been appointed in-residence at Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford and has been appointed Director of the Hispanic/Latino Apostolate for the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Rev. Michael Rejent, OSFS — has been re-appointed Parochial Vicar of SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor Collaborative.

Rev. Brian Stanley — currently serving as Administrator, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks & St. Agnes Mission, Sawyer, has been appointed Pastor, SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor Collaborative.

Rev. Evelyn Ramirez — has been re-appointed Pastor, Holy Angels Parish, Sturgis and St. Joseph Parish, White Pigeon Collaborative.

Rev. Antonie Savarimuthu, MSFS — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Niles & St. Gabriel Mission, Berrien Springs, has been appointed Pastor, St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Wayland and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) Collaborative.

Rev. Kenneth Schmidt — currently serving as Pastor, St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo, has been appointed Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage Collaborative.

Rev. Alphonse Savarimuthu, MSFS — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Niles & St. Gabriel Mission, Berrien Springs, has been appointed Pastor, St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Wayland and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) Collaborative.

Rev. Stanley Witek — currently serving as Administrator, St. Peter Parish, Douglas, has been appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage Collaborative.

Rev. Joseph Xavior, MSFS — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw and Canonical Pastor, St. Jude Parish, Gobles, has been appointed Pastor in solidum of St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; St. Mary Margaret Parish, Marcellus and St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan Collaborative. This assignment will be effective October 1, 2016.
This month of June brings us to the halfway point in our calendar year, and also brings us the return of Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar. June is the month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and a month filled with special heartfelt events, from the pride of graduations to the slower pace of summer vacations.

For us in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, June is a month of major changes, a time of transitions, a month of farewells and new beginnings. As you know, most of our 57 priests received new priestly assignments last month. We are in the midst of a historic moment in the life of the Diocese. As a still relatively young Diocese, turning only 45 years of age next month on July 21st, we are completing a two-year planning process which has resulted in the redistribution of many of our priests and the re-aligning of our parishes into Collaboratives. This is something completely new, a way of proceeding that we have never done before. The most important result of this plan is that none of our parishes will need to close, as some dioceses have had to do. The challenging result of this plan is that all of us — priests and people — will be experiencing a good bit of change and adjustment which, as we all know, is never easy or comfortable.

During this month of June, we will be working through this transition, with many of our priests moving to new residences, saying goodbye to their current parish family, and taking on new responsibilities and coming to know and love one, or two or in some cases three new parish families. Change of any kind is stressful, and certainly change on this major level will bring many challenges; however, I firmly believe that we will be experiencing wonderful new opportunities as well to strengthen the Church and extend her mission throughout the nine counties of southwest Michigan, and beyond.

Throughout this process, I have been truly inspired by the commitment of our priests, and I express my deepest gratitude to them for their willingness to participate in, and contribute to, this process of moving to a Parish Collaborative model, and most especially, for their willingness to embrace new pastoral assignments. That requires a deep sense of Christ-like self-sacrifice and willingness to do what is good for the Church, which is not always what is personally comfortable or preferable.

I also express my sincere gratitude to all the lay faithful throughout the Diocese, and in particular to those on our parish staffs and those who serve in volunteer leadership roles. It takes flexibility and willingness of spirit on the part of all of us to make these adjustments so that we can provide pastoral ministry and sacramental care, in the best possible ways, to all the faithful in our Diocese.

During this beautiful month of June, there is much to be hopeful about as we look to the future of our Church. On May 21st, I was privileged to ordain four new priests for our Diocese: Fr. Jose Haro, Fr. Bruno Okoli, Fr. Andrew Raczkowski, and Fr. Paul Redmond. This “Ordination Class of 2016” represents the rich diversity of the Church, with Fr. Jose having been born in Mexico, and Fr. Bruno coming from Nigeria. Providentially, on May 21st when we celebrated our Ordinations, the Church observes on that same date the Feast of a group of Mexican martyrs known as the Cistero Martyrs. It was on May 21st in 2000 when Pope St. John Paul II canonized St. Cristobal Magallanes Jara and 21 other priests and three lay people who were all martyred for their faith in Totatiche, Jelisco, Mexico in 1917; the very same village from which Fr. Jose’s family came. Also, as we all know, the Church is thriving and vocations are plentiful in many different parts of Africa, in particular in Nigeria, from where Fr. Bruno comes. However, the Church has also suffered heroically in that same area, Nigeria included, as a result of tribal wars and acts of genocide rooted in religious persecution.

In the United States, we realize that we are living at a time when our culture is growing less tolerant of religion and more willingness to persecute people just for being people of faith. The “persecutions” currently take the form of political, legislative and judicial acts, but could easily escalate to more than that. It is for that very reason that the U.S. Bishops have been sponsoring the “Fortnight for Freedom” observances over the last several years from June 21 to July 4, praying for an end to religious intolerance and for a protection of religious freedom for all.

Despite all the challenges we face, whether through the transition to a new Diocesan Pastoral Plan, or the social issues of the day, we as the Church in southwest Michigan must continue to hold fast to our faith and experience the Easter joy that is our most special gift. As you recall, on that first Easter Sunday evening, Jesus appeared to the Apostles who were huddled together behind locked doors, and took away their fears simply by saying: “Peace be with you!” And then, since no amount of words could explain to them how He could be standing there before them, gloriously resurrected from the dead, He simply showed them His hands and His side; He showed them His wounds from His suffering and death.

Here He was — Alive! It was Easter! And it is always Easter, no matter what other dark moments the Church may have experienced over these past 2,000 years, and no matter
Annual collection for Peter’s Pence set for June 25/26

By Lisa Irwin, Associate Director, Sacancity of the Human Person

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the annual Peter’s Pence Collection, held the weekend of June 25/26, is an opportunity to become a witness of charity to those who suffer most. Pope Francis has encouraged us to “open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!”

(Misericordiae Vultus, [MV] no. 15).

Through the Peter’s Pence Collection, we stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works of our Holy Father. Contributions to this collection support Pope Francis as he reaches out to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution.

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(Misericordiae Vultus, [MV] no. 15). Please prayerfully consider participating in this collection and becoming a witness of charity, a force that helps our brothers and sisters.

“Waiting in Joyful Hope”

Sr. Mary Bellarmine, CSJ passed away last month and Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth. Sr. Mary was born in Detroit on July 8, 1929, the daughter of Edward and Lilian (Swick) Barnes. She pronounced first vows on January 3, 1949 and final vows on January 3, 1952.

Sr. Mary earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Nazareth College with a minor in Social Science. She began her teaching ministry at St. Margaret Mary in Detroit and continued at several other schools including St. Henry’s in Lincoln Park, St. Michael’s in Pontiac, St. Francis Xavier in Eccorce, and St. St. Anthony, Comstock until 1967. During the early 1970’s Sister Mary provided healthcare to the sisters at Fontbonne Manor, Nazareth, while she attended Western Michigan University where she received her Master’s degree in Occupational Therapy. She continued to work at Fontbonne Manor as an Occupational Therapist for the sisters until 1984. She also worked at St. Luke’s Art Studio, Nazareth Center, creating greeting cards with Sr. Pierre, was a substitute teacher and worked in jail ministry through Kalamazoo Plainwell Public Schools. In 1994 she returned to the healthcare field and worked as an occupational therapist at the Veteran’s Medical Center in Battle Creek, Mich., before retiring.

Sr. Maxine Jeanette McGee, CSJ passed away last month. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth. Sr. Maxine was born in Bad Axe, Mich., on September 30, 1928, the daughter of Charles and Johanna (Grace) McGee. She pronounced first vows on July 2, 1949 and final vows on July 2, 1952.

Sister Maxine earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Nazareth College and a Master’s degree in Theology from St. Mary College, Notre Dame. She attended numerous workshops and classes in Spiritual Direction, Retreat Ministry and Carmelite Spirituality. Sister Maxine ministered as an elementary teacher in several Michigan schools including Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth and St. Joan of Arc, St. Clair Shores and as elementary school principal at Blessed Sacrament School in Allegan and Our Lady of Fatima School in Michigan Center. She also served as Parish Minister and Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center. In 1984 she came to Nazareth as Director of Fontbonne Manor and a member of the Nazareth Ministry Team. In 1986 Bishop Donovin asked her to be the Pastoral Minister and Coordinator of St. Joseph Parish in White Pigeon, Mich., which she served faithfully for more than 21 years until retiring to the Sisters of St. Joseph Center at Nazareth.

Sr. Ann Catherine Stefies, CSJ passed away last month and Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth. Sr. Ann Catherine was born in Maybee, Mich., on January 21, 1919, the daughter of Frederick and Magdalen (Eby) Steffes. She pronounced first vows on August 26, 1938 and final vows on August 26, 1941. Sr. Ann Catherine earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies from Nazareth College. She was a teacher in several schools of the Congregation including St. Benedict, Highland Park; Barbour Hall, Nazareth; St. Mary, Flint, and St. Mary, Charlotte, Mich. From 1961-1967 Sister Ann Catherine was principal of St. Pius X School in Grandville, Mich., and from 1967-1976 she ministered as principal of St. Mary School in Charlotte. In 1976 she returned to St. Mary School in Flint until the time of her retirement in 1989. During her retirement years Sister Ann Catherine volunteered her services at More Academy in Burton, Mich., and tutored in the Mt. Morris area.

IN MEMORIAM

Sr. Mary Bellarmine, CSJ

Sr. Maxine Jeanette McGee, CSJ

Sr. Ann Catherine Stefies, CSJ
My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This month marks a host of new beginnings for our Diocese as we approach our 45 anniversary on July 21st. In just a few short weeks on July 1st we will implement the Diocesan Pastoral Plan: A Future Full of Hope. This plan calls for the creation of 28 Parish Collaboratives shepherded by 28 pastors along with 29 Parochial Vicars.

This plan has been more than a year in the making as I began conversations with our priests last summer. At our annual Fall Convocation last year we addressed the challenge of vocations and ordinations not keeping pace with the number of priests retiring. It was clear we needed a plan to provide the best pastoral care for the people of our Diocese.

We knew our plan had to build on the strength of our Parishes and not diminish them in any way. That is why we are not closing or merging any Parishes but rather building on those strengths and unique identities as we bring Parishes together as Collaboratives.

I am hopeful that as a result of all the consultation, training and most importantly prayer that we will emerge from this time of transition a stronger and more vibrant Church in the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Let us continue to pray for each other, for the renewal of the Church and for more ways we can live out our mission to “Renew Faith, Build Communion and Inspire Hope.”

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley
Bishop of Kalamazoo

Who: The Diocese of Kalamazoo, founded in 1971, with more than 110,000 Catholics in Southwest Michigan is embarking on a historic Diocesan Pastoral Plan – the first of its kind in its almost 45-year-history.

The 57 priests in the Diocese of Kalamazoo received assignments to be effective July 1, 2016.

Twenty-eight will be appointed Pastors and 29 will be appointed as Parochial Vicars and/or Chaplains and other special assignments.

What: The 59 parishes of the Diocese are being organized into 28 Parish Collaboratives. These Collaboratives range from one to three Parishes.

The Parishes retain individual identities, are lead by one Pastor and additional pastoral staff as assigned. The Parish Collaborative decides on the local level the best opportunities for combining resources and strengthening the faith in those communities.

When: The Parish Collaboratives were announced by Bishop Bradley in January 2016 and will be fully operational on July 1st when the 28 Pastors will assume their assignments.

Where: The Diocese of Kalamazoo in Southwest Michigan consists of nine counties. The seat of the Diocese is Kalamazoo and St. Augustine Cathedral is the Mother Church of the Diocese.

Why: Bishop Bradley developed a plan that provides the best pastoral care for the people. The number of priests retiring, or set to retire, was surpassing the number of new priests being ordained. The plan is a proactive approach and vocations-hopeful as the Diocese positions for growth through all 59 parishes to best serve the pastoral and sacramental needs of the people.

How: Beginning in mid-2015 Bishop Bradley began a series of consultations with the priests and lay faithful of the Diocese to create a Diocesan Pastoral Plan to proactively address the priest to parishioner ratio and plan for the best pastoral care of the people.

Priests were convened and consulted for input and feedback during a series of meetings for six months prior to the January 2016 announcement of the 28 Parish Collaboratives.

Priests, parish staffs, diocesan personnel and lay volunteers have participated in a number of leadership workshops to best equip them for dealing with the transition and envisioning the new model within the age of the new evangelization.
DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO PASTORAL PLAN

ALLEGAN COUNTY
4 Collaboratives — 5 Priests — 2 Retired Priests in Residence — 2,598 Families

Pastor: Rev. Fabio Garzon
+ St. Peter Parish, Douglas • 525 Families
+ San Felipe de Jesus Parish, Pearl (Fennville) • 124 Families • Spanish Mass

Administrator: Rev. Christopher Derda
Canonical Pastor/Senior Parochial Vicar: Rev. Stephen Rodrigo
+ St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, New Salem (Byron Center) • 419 Families
St. Mary’s Visitation School
+ St. Stanislaus Parish, Hilliards (Dorr) • 211 Families
St. Stanislaus School
+ Sacred Heart Parish, Watson • 56 Families

Pastor: Rev. Benjamin Huynh
Retired Priests in Residence: Rev. Gordon Greene & Rev. Donald Klingler
Pastor: Rev. Alan Jorgensen (through September 30, 2016)*
+ Blessed Sacrament Parish, Allegan* • 350 Families
+ St. Margaret Parish, Otsego • 366 Families • Spanish Mass
Saint Margaret Catholic Academy

BARRY COUNTY
2 Collaboratives — 3 Priests — 1,263 Families

Pastor: Rev. Stephan Phillip, MSFS
+ St. Rose of Lima Parish, Hastings • 481 Families
St. Rose of Lima School
+ St. Cyril Parish, Nashville • 81 Families

Pastor: Rev. John Fleckenstein
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Robert Johansen
+ St. Ann Parish, Gull Lake (Augusta) – Kalamazoo County • 561 Families
St. Ann School
+ St. Ambrose Parish, Delton • 110 Families
Our Lady of Great Oak Parish, Lacey • 50 Families

BERRIEN COUNTY
5 Collaboratives — 12 Priests — 4,689 Families

Pastor: Rev. Brian Stanley
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Rejent, OSFS
+ SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor • 1,060 Families

Pastor: Very Rev. Robert Creagan
Parochial Vicar & Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator for LMC: Rev. Thomas McNally
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Paul Redmond
Chaplain for Healthcare Ministry: Rev. Harold Potter
+ St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph • 1,721 Families • Spanish Mass
Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School
Lake Michigan Catholic Middle School
Lake Michigan Catholic High School

Pastor: Rev. Arthur Howard
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Leonel Cartagena (with special care of Hispanic/Latino community)
+ St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan • 213 Families
+ St. Gabriel, Berrien Springs • 101 Families • Spanish Mass
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Bridgman • 200 Families

Pastor: Rev. Patrick Craig
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Daniel Doctor
+ St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo • 284 Families
St. Mary of the Lake School
+ St. Mary’s Assumption Parish, Three Oaks • 106 Families
+ St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer • 110 Families

Pastor: Rev. Christian Johnston*
+ St. Mary Parish, Niles • 688 Families • Spanish Mass
St. Mary School

Pastor: Rev. Thomas King, CSC*
+ St. Mark Parish, Niles • 206 Families

* Phased-in Collaborative
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Ankley
Parochial Vicar & Spiritual Moderator/Chaplain for St. Joseph Elementary and Middle Schools: Rev. Jose Haro
Chaplain for Healthcare Ministry/Part-time Parochial Vicar: Rev. Robert Johansen

+ St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek • 1,367 Families • Spanish Mass
+ St. Joseph Elementary & Middle School
+ St. Jerome, Battle Creek • 132 Families
+ St. Philip Parish, Battle Creek • 1,000 Families
+ St. Philip Catholic Central School

Pastor: Rev. Craig Lusk
Retired in Residence at St. John, Albion: Rev. Joseph Gray
+ St. Mary Parish, Marshall • 563 Families
+ St. John the Evangelist Parish, Albion • 209 Families

What is our “Future Full Of Hope”?
How does the Diocese Pastoral Plan benefit the faithful in the Diocese of Kalamazoo

Parish collaboratives will help better distribute pastoral care, so our Pastors are available to see closely to the needs of their Parishes.

These collaboratives allow priests to utilize their talents in many ways, as Pastors, Parochial Vicars, School or Hospital Chaplains and other ministries.

The focus of the Pastoral Plan is to build the Diocese by strengthening our Parishes. Collaboratives will be able to share resources and best practices to the benefit of all.

The Pastoral Plan is vocation hopeful. All changes are temporary. We are positioning the Diocese for growth with the goal of one pastor for every parish.
KALAMAZOO COUNTY
6 Collaboratives — 16 Priests — 1 Retired Priest in Residence — 6,593 Families

Pastor: Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley, Bishop, Diocese of Kalamazoo
Vice Rector: Rev. Francis Marotti
Parochial Vicar/Director, Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. James Vinh Le
+ St. Augustine Cathedral • 744 Families • School
St. Augustine Cathedral School

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Hyman
+ St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo • 764 Families

Pastor: Rev. James Richardson, Superior, St. Philip Neri Oratory in formation
+ St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo • 181 Families • Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Pastor: Rev. James O’Leary (Phased in Collaborative)*
Chaplin for Healthcare Ministry: Rev. Kevin Covert
+ St. Ambrose Parish, Parchment • 525 Families

Pastor: Msgr. Michael Hazard
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Andrew Raczkowski
+ St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo • 1,323 Families • Spanish Mass

Pastor, Canonical Pastor Hackett Catholic Prep: Rev. Lawrence Farrell
Chaplains/Spiritual Moderator, & Parochial Vicar: Rev. James Adams
Retired in residence: Rev. Robert Consani
+ St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo*** • 899 Families
St. Monica School
Hackett Catholic Prep

Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Schmidt
Senior Parochial Vicar: Rev. William Jacobs, Jr.
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Stanley Witek
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Bruno Okoli
+ St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage • 2,157 Families
St. Catherine Catholic Preschool

Van Buren County Collaborative Map * Phased – in Collaborative

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
3 Collaboratives — 3 Priests — 1,433 Families

Pastor: Msgr. Thomas Martin, J.V., J.C.D.
+ St. Martin of Tours Parish, Vicksburg (Kalamazoo County) • 349 Families
+ St. Edward Parish, Mendon • 103 Families

Pastor: Rev. Antony Rajesh, MSFS
+ Immaculate Conception Parish, Three Rivers • 276 Families
Immaculate Conception School
+ St. Clare, Centreville • 62 Families
+ St. Barbara, Colon • 64 Families

Pastor: Rev. Evelio Ramirez
+ Holy Angels Parish, Sturgis • 439 Families • Spanish Mass
+ St. Joseph Parish, White Pigeon • 140 Families

NOTES:
** Two new apostolates include the Vietnamese Apostolate and the Hispanic/Latino Apostolate
*** Rev. Vanathaiyan Savarimuthu, MSFS, will be arriving in the Diocese in June 2016 and appointed as Parochial Vicar to St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo Collaborative [bringing the total number of priests appointed to active ministry in the Diocese to 58.]

Milestones for Success

JUNE
- Parish Staff & Transition teams to develop process for communications and bulletin information sharing.
- Collaboratives to notify Diocesan Business Office which parish will pay for priest costs. All parishes convert to Paycor by June 10.

JULY
- New Assignments begin. Pastors to meet with Parish Transition Teams to learn about parishes.

AUG.
- Finance and Parish Councils identify structure for how Councils will meet and work together.

SEPT.
- Transition Committee events and update should be communicated to the Diocese by Sept. 30.

OCT.
- Establishment or continuation of a Spiritual Renewal Program should be implemented by Oct. 1, 2016.

NOV.
- At least one co-hosted event within the collaborative should take place by November, 2016.

2016
- Our goal is to have more priests than parishes. A focus on increasing vocations will continue as new generations of young men discern the call.

2036
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Bishop Bradley honors first St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship winners at awards banquet

Bishop Bradley, on behalf of the Diocese of Kalamazoo recognized ten High School Senior students with the first-ever St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, awards at a banquet last night at the Beacon Club, Portage, Mich. The inaugural awards are bestowed upon the top ten Senior capstone projects from the three Catholic high schools in the diocese.

Three students from Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo, received the top awards of the St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship from the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Caroline Yapp received the first place $5,000 scholarship for her capstone project titled, “Does the Galileo Affair Reveal the Catholic Church’s Opposition to Science?”

Amanda Lawrence was awarded second place for her presentation entitled, “The Fight for Life: A Pro-Life Response to Justifications and Written and Oral Presentation Skills.”

Genevieve Bogedain whose project was entitled “Morality of Embryonic Stem Cell Research” was awarded the third place prize of $2,000.

“I am honored on behalf of the entire Diocese of Kalamazoo to recognize the outstanding work of these Catholic school students in the first of what I hope are many years of the St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship awards,” said Bishop Paul J. Bradley. “The depth of all the students’ topics shows they can wrestle with the challenging moral and theological questions or our day much in the spirit of St. Thomas Aquinas, a doctor of the Catholic Church.”

The senior capstone project is a new graduation requirement for all diocesan high school students aimed at recognizing outstanding achievement. Students select their theological topic at the end of their junior year. They then conduct research, prepare a report and present it to a panel of judges. Scores are tabulated based on a variety of factors including demonstration and depth of knowledge on the theology topic, research quality and written and oral presentation skills.

“Students’ presentations were outstanding and inspiring,” says Margaret Erich, Superintendent for the Catholic schools in the diocese. “Their work is a testament to the outstanding instruction and mentorship they’ve received.”

“We are thrilled to be able to recognize these students with scholarship monies to assist them in their college careers.”

This was the first class of students at the three Diocese of Kalamazoo High Schools to complete the capstone project and compete for one of ten St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarships.

Seven runners-up were awarded a $500 scholarship: Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo – Rebecca Radomsky; Mitchell Yelton; Lake Michigan Catholic High School, St. Joseph – Sarah McCoy; Ryan Stachowski; St. Philip Central Catholic High School, Battle Creek – Stephen Graham, Patrick Sprague, Emily Wessens.

All ten scholarship recipients were recognized at an award banquet with Bishop Paul J. Bradley on Thursday, May 19 at The Beacon Club, Portage.

“The Merciful Family” student art contest winners announced

The Domestic Church has announced the winners of “The Merciful Family” nationwide student art contest. Categories included art, writing, music and video, and there were two age divisions. St. Charles Borromeo School in Coldwater, Mich., was recognized for having the most student submissions.

Winners received a scholarship from the Michigan Knights of Columbus and a certificate from Bishop Bradley. For a list of Honorable Mention awards, visit diokzoo.org/domestic-church.

Division 1 (grades 4th – 8th) Winners:
• Art 1st Place – “The Works of Mercy” by Bennett Carpenter – 5th grade – St. Augustine Cathedral School
• Art 1st Place – “Merciful Heart” by Molly Brown – 8th grade – St. B重度 School in Xenia, Ohio
• Music 1st Place – “Mercy” composed by Allison Mounes – 5th grade – St. Augustine Cathedral School
• Video 1st Place – “Sharing Our Blessings with Others” by Alex Dugas – St. Augustine Cathedral School

Division 2 (grades 9th – 12th) Winners:
• Art 1st Place – “Love Thy Neighbor” by Gabriella Hong – 11th grade – St. Mary’s School in Lancaster, PA

The Other Six Days By Jane Knuth

M Mercy, Coffee, and the Lay Vocation

Picture a young woman who has recently graduated from college in health services and moves from Kalamazoo to New York City in order to begin her new life as an adult. She relies on the generosity of a friend for a couch to sleep on, and scours the internet every day seeking work in the metropolitan hospitals. No luck. After a few weeks she begins to apply anywhere, hoping to pay her share of the rent. Eventually she finds herself making cappuccinos in Koreatown on the corner of 23rd and 5th Avenue. She still can’t pay the rent, but at least she can pay the electric bill.

It’s the morning rush in the coffee shop and two lines of customers snake out to the sidewalk. A man in his early 30’s orders a regular coffee. She takes the money, gives him the hot cup, and points to the cream and sugar on the counter. “Can I help you?” she calls to the next person in line. But then the first man spills both his coffee and a string of profanity.

“She wasn’t angry at me — more at himself — but he was way more upset than he should have been,” she says. “I grabbed a cloth and wiped up the mess saying, ‘Did you burn yourself?’ Is it on your shirt? Tell you what: let me quick make you a new one.” She apologized to the next customer and took care of the guy, and then he left. No big deal.”

“Later that afternoon, the man came back in the shop when things were much less busy. He waited to talk with me and said, ‘I just want to let you know that cup of coffee meant a lot to me this morning. When I came in here I had just lost my job.’ He handed me a $20 tip and left, and I never saw him again.”

“I’m so glad I didn’t dismiss him as an angry, rude person. I often think of that day whenever someone gets upset or unreasonable. Maybe they lost their job? Maybe something worse?”

Picture yourself on a regular day with its ordinary tedium, pressures, sucessoes, and failures. The lay person’s vocation is simple: spread the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is simple, too: love everybody. It takes patience, compassion, and mercy. And sometimes it takes a kind word and a cup of coffee.

Bishop to mark annual Fortnight for Freedom with Holy Hour at Cathedral June 26

Bishop Bradley is joining with all the Bishops of the United States and inviting all Catholics and people of goodwill to join in a special 14-day period of prayer, education and action: the annual Fortnight for Freedom, June 21– July 4, 2016. This time of prayer highlights the importance of defending religious freedom. This year’s theme, Witnesses to Freedom, reminds us of people, both from the past and present day, from the United States and around the world, who have stood up in defense of religious liberty. Our liturgical calendar during this period also brings us the feasts of several great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power.

On Sunday, June 26th, Bishop Paul Bradley will lead a Holy Hour at 3 pm at St Augustine Cathedral. There is also a dedicated page on the diocesan website, diokzoo.org/Fortnight-For-Freedom. Please watch the Diocesan Insider and check with your parish for other local observances.

The USCCB has prepared a wealth of great resources, which can be found on its website: www.usccb.org. New this year is the video, The Right to Religious Freedom, and the stories of fourteen Witnesses to Freedom. You can also download the Litany for Liberty, and a list of suggested “conversation starters” to help you engage others in the importance of preserving the right of religious freedom. To stay up-to-date on current religious freedom issues, sign up for text messages from the USCCB by texting the word “FREEDOM” to 377377.
Rev. Jose Haro
Parochial Vicar, St. Philip Parish, St. Joseph Parish and St. Jerome Parish
Collaborative, Battle Creek

First Blessing – Newly ordained Rev. Jose Haro bestows his “first blessing” as a priest on a family after the Mass of Ordination (pictured far right). For those who also attended one of the new priests’ first Masses, a plenary indulgence was received.

Anointing of the Hands – During the Anointing of the Hands (pictured below), the Bishop anoints the palms of the hands of the new priests with the aromatic holy oil of chrism, which was blessed at the Chrism Mass. He anoints the palms saying “The Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, guard and preserve you, that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God. Amen.” The anointing signifies they are being prepared for the sacred duties and vessels that are part of being a priest, conferring sacraments and ministering their people.
THE PRIESTHOOD

Rev. Andrew Raczkowski
Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish Collaborative, Kalamazoo

Calling of the Candidates –
The Rite of Ordination begins with
the Calling, Presentation and
Election of the Candidates,
beginning with the call, (pictured
bottom right) “Let those who are to
be ordained to the order of priest-
hood come forward.” Each candi-
date’s name is called and they
respond “Present”. After being as-
sured the candidates have been
found worthy the Bishop chooses
them for ordination. The assembly
gives their assent with applause.

Rev. Paul Redmond
Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish Collaborative, St. Joseph

Laying on of Hands – It is during the laying on of hands (pictured below) that the
ordination to the priesthood actually takes place. The candidates kneel and first the
Bishop, followed by the Bishop Emeritus and priests, invoke the Holy Spirit to come
down upon each of the newly ordained priests, preparing them for their new roles.
Memoria Histórica del Ministerio Hispano/Latino Parte 2

Tornada del Plan Pastoral Diocesano del Ministerio Hispano/Latino 2007

En Abril de 1979 el Obispo Paul Donovan formó un equipo que tuviera como especial dedicación, la atención a los hispanos de la Diócesis; lo conformaban sacerdotes, obispos y religiosas de la con- gregación de San José, que se apoyaba mucho en los diáconos y los laicos comprometidos en cada una de las parroquias, para realizar su tarea pastoral. Junto a los sacerdotes y las religiosas, los diáconos y sus esposas, durante los meses de verano se unían al Equipo, otros sacerdotes, reli- giosos y voluntarios laicos que venían de otros lugares a servir la comunidad, especialmente en los Campos de trabajo. Comenzó a for- marse así, lo que hoy conocemos como Ministerio con los migrantes. Se organizaron Programas de entre- namiento para darles una mejor preparación tanto a los líderes de las parroquias, ya residentes, y los que dentro de los migrantes se ofrecían para coordinar o liderar ac- tividades en este especial Ministerio de atención a la co- munidad migrante.

En 1980 había unos 240 campos de migrantes en la Diócesis, con cerca de 15,000 trabajadores temporales. En este tiempo la expectativa de vida de un migrante era de 45 años comparada con la media na- cional que era de 73 años. Esto se debía al uso de pesti- cidas a los cuales estaban expuestos en sus jornadas de trabajo, a la carencia de viviendas adecuadas, los tipos de trabajo y la inseguridad del salario.

En el momento actual (2007) el Ministerio Hispano tiene una estructura mínima que permite lograr una mayor eficacia en la acción evangelizadora. Lo confor- man una directora, un sacerdote como director asociado y una secretaria. Durante el verano, sacerdotes vicen- tios y diocesanos, seminaristas y religiosas de diferentes lugares del país, de México y de otros países se unen para llevar a cabo la atención pas- toral a los Migrantes. En el año 2000, junto al Obispo Murray, un grupo de 26 laicos de las diversas parroquias de la Diócesis, partici- paron en el Encuentro 2000. Fue esta una experiencia maravillosa y responsable, sobre todo a nivel pastoral, por- que se realizan seminarios de formación dirigidos a los trabajadores del campo, residentes, grupos comunitarios, abogados y personas que proporcionan servicios a la co- munidad en general.

Continuará en la próxima edición de este periódico.
Here & There publishes parish, Catholic school and diocesan sponsored events. Submissions should be sent to Vicki Cessna, Email: vcecsna@diokzoo.org

Bishop Bradley’s Confirmation Schedule
June 5: St. Mary’s Assumption Parish, Bronson, 11 a.m.
June 11: St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo, 9 a.m.
June 19: St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw, 11 a.m.
June 26: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Allegan, 11 a.m.

Activities around the diocese
June 12: 150th Anniversary Celebration in Song, St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, Byrnon Center, 3 p.m. Join the parish in celebration as they approach their 150th anniversary. The concert will be performed by St. Mary’s Visitation students and parishioners. Concert is free; refreshments to follow.
June 13: Catechist Certification, St. Basil Parish, South Haven. Six classes on Mondays and Wednesdays (June 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Contact: Jay Freet Landry, 269-339-3859.

Widowed Men monthly gathering — All widowed men are invited to join together for a time of fellowship and discussion on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next gathering is June 8 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo). For any questions or more information, please call Fr. Don Klinger at 269-254-8138 or Socorro Truchan at 269-903-0199.

Widowed Friends monthly gathering — All widowed men and women are invited to attend a monthly night of fellowship and discussion for men and women on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next gathering is June 22 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo). For any questions or more information, please call Fr. Don Klinger at 269-254-8138 or Socorro Truchan at 269-903-0199.

Trauma Recovery Program in Spanish
The Diocese of Kalamazoo continues with the Trauma Recovery Program in Spanish. If you know someone who has suffered any type of trauma (physical, sexual, neglect, etc.) or is considering suicide, please contact Marcella Clancy, CSJ Sunday, July 17; 2-5pm
Wisdom. Gain insight, relief and positive life changes.

Diocese of Kalamazoo
Amidst the elephant ears, Four-H Club and carnival rides — the Diocese of Kalamazoo will bring a faith presence to the fun-filled County Fairs.

This unique evangelization program is in response to Pope Francis’ invitation during the Year of Mercy to go out and be where the people are. The Diocese is seeking volunteers to staff the booth and to interact with fair-goers, answer any questions they may have about the Diocese or the Catholic faith, and connect them with any resources that may be helpful.

Recruitment is currently underway for volunteers to cover booth shifts during the Van Buren (July 18-23), Kalamazoo (Aug. 8-13), Allegan (Sept. 9-17) and St. Joseph (Sept. 18-24) County Fairs. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Fran Denny, franceshdenny@gmail.com, 269-720-3735.

Catholic Biblical School now enrolling Catholic Scripture study
An incredible opportunity to study the Word of God is coming this fall to the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

For more information, please see the website at http://cbsmich.org or contact Deacon Kurt Lucas at klucas@diokzoo.org or 269-903-0183.

“Waiting in Joyful Hope”
Bishop Paul J. Bradley will celebrate Bishop Bradley’s 30th anniversary on July 12: 150th Anniversary Celebration starting at 2 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. with a picnic dinner to follow.

August 11: Catholic Bible School Information Session, St. Monica Community Building, Kalamazoo, 7-8 p.m. Come learn more about the new Catholic Scripture study. See sidebar.

Body Wise: Focusing for Healing & Wisdom
July 12 & 19, 7-8:30pm
Bernadette Dean, CSJ
Focusing is a powerful tool to tune into the ‘felt sense,’ feelings and sensations in your body that speak to you. Learn to listen and honor this wisdom. Gain insight, relief and positive life changes.

John’s Gospel: Interacting with 21st Century Disciples Saturday, July 17; 2-5pm
Marcella Clancy, CSJ
The Gospel of John calls us to a new consciousness, and to a newly revelatory way of life that underscores the significance of every creature, plant, and person to and the interconnectedness of all that is or has been.

God is creating with us and through us. Each of us is invited to participate in the ongoing creative energy of God. As life becomes more complex, so does our understanding of this truth.

John’s background includes a variety of experiences from youth and adult formation to a bodybuilder to a bodybuilder in Alaska. Another Michigan native Bill Richard and friends will provide the leadership for Interactions for Peace, Transformations Spirituality Center. See sidebar.

Courage: A Roman Catholic Apostolate for Spiritual support for Catholic men and women who translate same-sex attractions who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with the teachings of the Church.
Contact: courage@diokzoo.org.

All Michigan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service comes to Kalamazoo this summer. July 8-10. Speakers will include Michigan native ‘Butch’ Murphy, the director of the Leadership for Interactions for Peace, Transformations Spirituality Center. See sidebar.

Catholic Scripture Study
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Polka band will begin at 7 p.m. with a fireworks display at dark.

July 30: 150th Anniversary Celebration Mass and Picnic, St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, Byron Center. Join the parish for a day of fellowship and celebration starting at 2 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. with a picnic dinner to follow. Polka band will begin at 7 p.m. with a fireworks display at dark.

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Pillar of Catholic Faith: John’s Gospel Sunday, July 17; 2-5pm
Marcella Clancy, CSJ
The Gospel of John calls us to a new consciousness, and to a newly revelatory way of life that underscores the significance of every creature, plant, and person to and the interconnectedness of all that is or has been.

God is creating with us and through us. Each of us is invited to participate in the ongoing creative energy of God. As life becomes more complex, so does our understanding of this truth.

John’s background includes a variety of experiences from youth and adult formation to a bodybuilder to a bodybuilder in Alaska. Another Michigan native Bill Richard and friends will provide the leadership for Interactions for Peace, Transformations Spirituality Center. See sidebar.

Courage: A Roman Catholic Apostolate for Spiritual support for Catholic men and women who translate same-sex attractions who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with the teachings of the Church.
Contact: courage@diokzoo.org.

All Michigan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service comes to Kalamazoo this summer. July 8-10. Speakers will include Michigan native ‘Butch’ Murphy, the director of the Leadership for Interactions for Peace, Transformations Spirituality Center. See sidebar.

Catholic Scripture Study
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Catholic High School – TOP TEN STUDENTS

Lake Michigan Catholic High School — St. Joseph

Lake Michigan Catholic High School Top 10: Front row L to R – Benjamin Agay, Dana Ives, Alyssa Spafford, Sarah McCoy, Morgan Salvano, Madison McLoughlin
Back row L to R – Ryan Stachowski, Carrington Tubman, Jessica Russell, Jaclyn Barta

St. Philip Catholic Central — Battle Creek

St. Philip High School Top 10: Bottom row L to R — Lauren Janas, Emily Forche, Diana Mejia-Lugo; Middle row L to R — Megan Gordon, Stephen Graham, Patrick Sprague, Kellyn McKnight; Top row L to R — Anna Lehoullier, Abby Mills, Abby McKinzie.

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