Two new priests ordained for the Diocese

Last month St. Augustine Cathedral was filled as Bishop Bradley ordained now Rev. Jeffrey Hanley and Rev. Maximilian Nightingale. Both priests grew up in the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph area and occasionally crossed paths before deciding to become seminarians. Immediately following the Mass, Bishop Bradley presented the two new priests with their first pastoral assignments for the summer.

Fr. Hanley has been appointed a Parochial Vicar for St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph and Fr. Nightingale has been appointed Parochial Vicar for St. Augustine Cathedral Parish. This fall however, both priests will return to Rome for two years to earn their degrees in Canon Law.


For full coverage of the Ordination, see page 7.

“Sister Camp” delights children in Battle Creek

It was a week filled with saints, virtues and a powerful Eucharistic Procession during “Sister Camp” at St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek. More than 100 elementary school children attended the summer faith camp assisted by more than 30 middle school, high school and adult volunteers.

Sister Camp is hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, a religious order that is based in Ann Arbor, Mich. The sisters earned national attention for their frequent appearances on the “Oprah” television show.

Sisters Agnes Maria, Agnes Paulina and Teresa Casey lead the children through different lessons and activities centered on the saints and a corresponding virtue including St. Juan Diego — Faith, St. Brigid of Ireland — Hope, St. Martin de Porre — Courage, St. Teresa of Calcutta — Justice and the Sacred Heart — Charity.

“We ended the week with a Eucharistic procession with four altars set-up on the grounds of St. Joseph,” said Barb Kincaid, Director of Religious Education.

Throughout the Diocese many parishes are hosting Vacation Bible Schools and other programs. See our expanded feature on page 6 for a variety of resources to use to keep your summer faith-filled.

Catholic Community Center hosts program

During a misty spring day the parking lots of the Catholic Community Center and adjacent St. John Church were transformed into a garden center. Flats of perennials, annuals and plants were everywhere due to the generosity of local community garden clubs.

The annual event, “Plant It Forward” is made possible by members of the Indian Hills Garden Club in conjunction with Shoreline and Four Flags Garden Clubs who all gather to share plants in a free give away to the Benton Harbor community and beyond.

In addition to the flower and plant give away, there are various educational components including workshops on the differences between annual/perennial, sun/shade, which plants/flowers attract various butterflies/birds, the art of potting, working with seeding and how to create a garden without land access.

“Plant it Forward is a wonderful, generous gift to individuals and communities and the Catholic Community Center loves to welcome both the gardeners and the neighbors,” said Sr. Maureen McGrath, OP, director of the Catholic Community Center.

Bringing God’s creation to residents is only one of the many ways the Center serves the community. In addition to the much needed food pantry, the Center offers assistance with utilities, transportation to the doctor’s, budget class, blood pressure checks and recently added a monthly grief group and computer tutoring for older workers looking to obtain employment.
FROM THE EDITOR
By Victoria Cessna, Director of Communications & Editor of The Good News

One of my earliest, and fondest, childhood memories is of my mom reading the classic “Goodnight Moon” to us and my brothers and sisters fighting over who got to find (and enthusiastically point out) the itty bitty little mouse always hidden in a different part of the room on each page. The melodic bidding of “goodnight” to all things never failed to calm and lull us into dreamland. Thus began my lifelong love of reading.

This month I’ll break from my usual meanderings and ruminations and offer a glimpse into what’s currently on my bookshelf. Nestled between my unread stack of “New Yorker” magazines and my trusty moleskin notebook for jotting down my “to-do” lists are a few books that are my “go-to’s” when I’m in a more contemplative mood.

“Wicked Women of the Bible” by Ann Spangler: The author, who happens to live in Grand Rapids, has an easy journalistic storytelling style. I first became a fan when I read “Praying the Names of God.” Each of the 20 chapters of her latest book explores one of the women of the Bible from Eve to Jezebel to Mary Magdalene. But “wicked” also extends to the slang meaning those who are “wicked good” such as Deborah, Ruth, Hannah and Abigail. Spangler sprinkles in a historical context for each page and also includes reflection questions.

“Slowing Time: Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door” by Barbara Mahany: The author slices her book into sections featuring the different seasons. There’s no rule you have to soak in her writing sequentially. The sections start on page 95 with “Summer: A season of Plentitude.” Mahany offers simple suggestions for how to behold everyday miracles in every season along with corresponding essays or “field notes” on nature’s gifts. She writes, “Where summer settles best is in the soul. In the part of you that remembers not to worry for the moment. To soothe the long-ragged edges. To breathe.”

“The Holy Desperation: Praying as if Your Life Depends on it” by Heather King: I’m a sucker for a great memoir and King offers a glimpse into the dramatic impact prayer had on her life as a recovering alcoholic and convert to the Catholic faith and offers ways to pray through even when you’re facing enormous doubts. “Prayer gives us the increasing ability to discriminate between the true and the false, the authentic and the fake, the excellent and the mediocre, the vital and the inert.”

Of course, the list, and stack of books, could go on and on and include anything by Philip Yancey, Fr. James Martin, Mary Karr and a host of other favorites. Happy reading.

Intentions from Pope Francis

JULY: Lapsed Christians — That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

AUGUST: Artists — That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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IN MEMORIAM
Sr. Danielle Lussier
Sr. Danielle Lussier was scheduled to make her first vows with the Daughters of St. Paul on July 1st in Boston. St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek, will host a Mass of Thanksgiving on July 19th at 6 p.m. with a reception to follow.

The Daughters of St. Paul are a 100-year-old congregation of sisters who are committed to spreading the news about Jesus Christ through all forms of communication, according to the spirit of St. Paul.

“Wishing in Joyful Hope” JULY / AUGUST 2017

Diocesan Announcements

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last month Bishop Bradley announced the appointment of Mr. George Dragan as Associate Director of Catechesis and Youth Ministry. This position, which was vacated when Jamin Herold was appointed Executive Director of Parish Life and Lay Leadership, reports to Margaret Erich, Executive Director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education and New Evangelization. In this role George is primarily responsible for working with the parishes in the areas of religious education and youth ministry as well as New Evangelization programs including the annual Convocation on New Evangelization held each October.

George brings a wealth of leadership, teaching and faith formation experience. He is an officer in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and a veteran having served two tours of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and his Masters of Arts degree from Oblate College, Washington, D.C. Most recently he taught Sacred Studies & Physical Education at St. Michael the Archangel High School in Fredericksburg, Va. George begins his position on July 10, 2017.

“But this is not a job or a career, it is actually our identity: 24 hours per day, seven days per week, we are: ‘media apostles,’ showing forth Jesus Christ in our lives and through the media we produce,” explained Sr. Danielle.

Sr. Danielle explained that the first vows on July 1st are ones that she will renew each year for the next five to six years before making a perpetual profession. “However, the prayer that I’ll pray this July explicitly states, ‘Heavenly Father…With the intention of dedicating myself to you forever…’ and this truly is my intention,” she added. “As far as I’m concerned, I am making a life-long, permanent dedication of myself to the Lord, which will be re-confirmed and solemnized at perpetual profession in a few years.”

Olga Bonfiglio named first Associate to serve at Congregation’s International Center

Olga Bonfiglio of the Sisters of St. Joseph Nazareth community will become the first Associate to serve on the staff of the International Center in Le Puy, France, the foundation village of the sisters in 1650.

Asociates are lay men and women who make a non-vowed commitment to the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Nazareth sisters are part of a seven-congregation merger that occurred 10 years ago and is now called the Congregation of St. Joseph.

“I consider this work to be a ministry,” said Olga Bonfiglio. “It makes me feel closer to the global congregations of Sisters of St. Joseph and to the global nature of our world today. That I will be in Le Puy, the foundation of all our congregations, makes it more delightfully essential.”

Bonfiglio served as a Sister of St. Joseph at Nazareth from 1975 to 1984 and worked at Nazareth College and Borgess Medical Center as a public relations director. After earning her doctorate in international education at Michigan State University, she taught graduate and undergraduate education, business writing, and English as a Second Language at the university level. Over the past 15 years she has been a journalist and writer both locally and nationally.

The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley is the Bishop of Kalamazoo. The Bishop of Kalamazoo is the publisher and president.

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST
Olga Bonfiglio

IN MEMORIAM

Sr. Geraldine Arnold — Sister Geraldine Arnold, CSJ, passed away last month and all services were held in Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth, Mich. Geraldine Arnold was born in Bay City, Mich. on December 21, 1931, the daughter of Lawrence and Louise (Conkle) Arnold. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Church in Escorc, Mich. She pronounced her first vows on January 3, 1952 and final vows on January 3, 1955. Sr. Geraldine earned a BS degree in Home Economics from Nazareth College followed by a MA in Theology from St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minn. In 1998 Sister Geraldine was certified as a procurator-advocate for the Archdiocese of Detroit Marriage Tribunal. She taught in many schools of the Congregation including: St. Jerome, Battle Creek and Barbour Hall, Nazareth.

Sr. Martha Ann Oldani, CSJ, passed away last month and all services were held at the Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth. Josephine Oldani was born in Detroit on September 14, 1925, the daughter of Louis and Lilian (Grumbach) Oldani. She was a member of Guardian Angels Parish in Detroit. Josephine received the name Sister Martha Ann at her reception on January 3, 1951 and pronounced first vows on January 3, 1953 and final vows on January 3, 1956. Sr. Martha Ann earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Nazareth College. She taught in schools of the Congregation and later went into home health care and ministered to the needs of her dear mother. After her mother’s death, she transitioned to St. John Hospital in Detroit as a receptionist. In 2000 Sister came to Nazareth where she worked at the switchboard until poor health made it necessary for her to retire.
The Bishop’s Perspective

"Finding Joy in all that we do"

After four months of a very full and festive Liturgical calendar, including the six weeks of Lent, the seven weeks of Easter, and the last three weeks of Solemn Sunday Feasts including Pentecost, Blessed Trinity, and Corpus Christi, we have recently returned to the slower-paced time of our Liturgical calendar known as Ordinary Time. Something similar is also happening in our personal calendars as well as our family and parish schedules now that the school year has been completed: the summer season has begun, and our family vacations are underway.

And speaking of relaxation and reflection, I thoroughly enjoy the many opportunities I have every week, driving throughout the nine counties of our Diocese, especially during the spring and early summer growing season, to watch the fields begin to change from barren and empty, into vital, growing and laden with corn, fruit, and vegetables of all varieties. It’s a powerful time for me to pray my rosary and give thanks to God for the beauty of southwest Michigan where we live. While our schedules may slow down a bit, nature is busier and more active than ever during these growing months from planting to harvest time.

While this is a good time for us to slow down from our hectic schedules, take a break from our schoolwork, and plan a family vacation to some relaxing or scenic destination, there are certainly obligations and responsibilities that we need to make sure we maintain. Just as we don’t stop caring about those in our lives whom we love and with whom we live, and just as we continue to fulfill our basic daily life responsibilities toward ourselves and others, we also must remain faithful to our daily and weekly obligations of our Catholic faith. There is never a time for us to take a vacation from our spiritual relationship with God.

Just as we wouldn’t prepare for going to the lake for a week of rest and relaxation without making sure we have reservations for somewhere to stay, and that we take along all the supplies that we would want and need, so we should also plan ahead to make sure there is a Catholic church nearby and that we build into our schedule a time to get to Mass. And along with those novels we pack to catch up on our summer reading, we should consider taking along some interesting spiritual reading, to strengthen our relationship with God and deepen the understanding of our faith.

As I write this month’s column I am preparing to take a trip to Orlando, Fla., over the 4th of July holidays. While you might automatically think that I will be seeing Mickey Mouse and the wonders of Disney World, I will actually be attending an amazing Convocation of Catholic Lay Leaders to discuss the topic: “The Joy of the Gospel in America,” a first-ever effort, sponsored by the United States Bishops. You may remember that the first major document that Pope Francis wrote shortly after becoming our Holy Father in 2013 was an Apostolic Exhortation titled: “Evangelii Gaudium” / “The Joy of the Gospel.” It was, and remains, a landmark document that challenges all of us — lay people, religious, priests and bishops — to not just read the Gospel, but to understand it in a new way in light of the circumstances of our day and time in the world today, and to live the Good News of Jesus’ teachings in the Gospel with joy! Pope Francis has challenged us as followers of Jesus to not look glum and gloomy, but rather to allow the Good News that Jesus has brought salvation to the world — that Jesus has conquered the lasting power of sin and death through His Resurrection — that Jesus loves us unconditionally and has established His Church to be His abiding Presence with us in the Sacraments, and most especially in the gift of the Eucharist — to allow that Good News to fill us with joy.

But the genius of Pope Francis’ insights is that he reminds us of what all the documents of the Second Vatican Council taught us so well that it is by means of our baptism that each and every one of us is a disciple of Jesus Christ, called to be a witness of Jesus’ love and mercy, and called to be a missionary — an evangelist — one who “preaches” the Good News, not so much by words or in sermons, but in the actions of our lives. Pope Francis reminds us that all of us are “missionary disciples.”

And so this Convocation of Catholic Lay Leaders is bringing a microcosm of the entire Church in the United States together for four days to reflect, pray and discuss together on how we can be missionary disciples in today’s world, and how we can invite others — our friends, our neighbors, our fellow parishioners, and our relatives — to do the same. The Convocation intends to examine the real concerns, challenges, and opportunities of our modern culture in the light of our faith and the Good News of the Gospel, and find ways to be equipped to return home, ready to engage the world with the “Joy of the Gospel.”

Each Bishop in the United States is asked to lead a delegation of lay and clergy leaders. I am privileged to have eight wonderful leaders accompanying me (see complete list of participants — see page 4) and it is expected that more than 150 Bishops from across the United States will be present with their delegations totaling more than 3,000 lay leaders participating in this Convocation. The hope is that:

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La Perspectiva del Obispo

"Encontrando alegría en todo lo que hacemos"

Después de cuatro meses de un calendario litúrgico muy lleno y festivo, incluyendo las seis semanas de Cuaresma, las siete semanas de Pascua y las últimas tres semanas de Fiestas Solemnes del Domingo, incluyendo Pentecostes, Santísimo Tránsito y Corpus Christi, hemos recientemente regresado al tiempo más lento de nuestro calendario litúrgico conocido como Tiempo Ordinario. Algo similar está ocurriendo también en nuestros calendarios personales, así como en nuestros horarios de familia y parroquia, ahora que el año escolar ha terminado: la temporada de verano ya ha comenzado y nuestras vacaciones familiares están en marcha.

Y hablando de relajación y reflexión, disfruto completamente de las muchas oportunidades que tengo cada semana, conduciendo a través de los nueve condados de nuestra diócesis, especialmente durante la temporada de crecimiento de primavera y principios del verano, para ver cómo los campos comienzan a cambiar de estéril y vacío, a vital, creciendo y cargado de maíz, frutas y verduras de todas las variedades. És un tiempo poderoso para mí para rezar mi rosario y dar gracias a Dios por la belleza del sureste de Michigan donde vivimos. Mientras que nuestros horarios pueden ralentizarse un poco, la naturaleza está más ocupada y más activa que nunca durante estos meses de crecimiento desde la siembra hasta el momento de la cosecha.

Mientras que este es un buen momento para que nos desaceleremos de nuestros horarios agitados, tomemos un descanso de nuestro trabajo escolar y planear unas vacaciones familiares a algún destino relajante o escénico, sin duda hay obligaciones y responsabilidades que necesitamos asegurarnos de mantener. Así como no dejamos de preocuparnos por aquellos en nuestras vidas quienes amamos y con quienes vivimos, y así como continuamos cumpliendo nuestras responsabilidades básicas de la vida diaria hacia nosotros mismos y los demás, también debemos permanecer fieles a nuestras obligaciones diarias y semanales de nuestra fe católica. Nunca hay un tiempo para que nos tomemos vacaciones de nuestra relación espiritual con Dios.

Así como no nos preparamos para ir al lago para una semana de descanso y relajación sin asegurarnos de tener reservas para algún lugar para quedarnos, y que llevamos los suministros que querríamos y necesitariamos, también deberíamos planificar por adelantado asegurándonos de que hay una iglesia católica cerca y que planeamos en nuestro horario un tiempo para ir a misa. Y junto con esas novelas que empacamos para ponernos al día en nuestra lectura de verano, debemos considerar llevar alguna lectura espiritual interesante, para fortalecer nuestra relación con Dios y profundizar el entendimiento de nuestra fe.

Mientras escribo la columna de este mes, me estoy preparando para hacer un viaje a Orlando, Florida, durante el feriado del 4 de julio. Mientras que pueden pensar automáticamente que voy a ver al ratón Mickey y las maravillas de Disneylandia, en realidad estaré asistiendo a una increíble Convocatoria de líderes laicos católicos para discutir el tema: “La Alegría del Evangelio en América”, un primer esfuerzo, patrocinado por los obispos de Estados Unidos. Quizá recuerden que el primer documento importante que el Papa Francisco escribió poco después de convertirse en nuestro Santo Padre en el 2013 fue una Exhortación Apostólica titulada “Evangelii Gaudium” / “La Alegría del Evangelio”. Fue, y sigue siendo, un documento histórico que nos desafía a todos, laicos, religiosos, sacerdotes y obispos, a no sólo leer el Evangelio, sino a entenderlo de una nueva manera a la luz de las circunstancias de nuestros días y tiempo en el mundo de hoy, y vivir la Buena Nueva de las enseñanzas de Jesús en el Evangelio con Alegría! El Papa Francisco nos ha desafiado como seguidores de Jesús a no mostrarnos tristes y sombríos, sino más bien permitir que la Buena Nueva que Jesús ha traído la salvación al mundo — que Jesús ha conquistado el poder duradero del pecado y la muerte a través de su Resurrección — que Jesús nos ama incondicionalmente y ha establecido su Iglesia para ser su presencia permanente con nosotros en los sacramentos, y especialmente en el don de la Eucaristía — permitir que la Buena Noticia nos llene de alegría.

Pero la genialidad de las ideas del Papa Francisco es que nos recuerda que todos los documentos del Concilio Vaticano II nos enseñaron a todos tan bien, que es por medio de nuestro Bautismo que cada uno y todos nosotros somos discípulos de Jesucristo, llamados a ser testigo del amor y misericordia de Jesús, y llamados a ser misioneros — un evangelizador — uno que “predica” la Buena Noticia, no tanto por palabras o sermones, sino por las acciones de nuestras vidas. El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que todos somos “discípulos misioneros”.

Por lo tanto, esta Convocatoria de Líderes Católicos Laicos está reuniendo un microcosmos de toda la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos durante cuatro días para reflexionar, oro y discernir juntos cómo podemos ser discípulos misioneros en el mundo actual y cómo podemos invitar a otros, — nuestros amigos, nuestros vecinos, nuestros compañeros feligreses, y nuestros parientes — para hacer lo mismo. La
Every year, the diocese hosts a Memorial Mass at its Catholic cemetery, Mt. Olivet, in observance of Memorial Day. This year Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. James Richardson, V.F. Located at 2003 Mt Olivet Rd, Kalamazoo, Mt. Olivet is the diocese's only official cemetery. For more information on Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery or to inquire about purchasing a plot, contact: Sean, phone: 269-342-9585.

2017-18 Catholic Families Student Contest Theme Announced

The annual Diocese of Kalamazoo’s Catholic Families Student Contest has announced “Life is a Gift” as its 2017-18 theme. “Through this year’s contest, we invite our youth to focus on life-giving moments. How do you see life as a gift? In the birth of a new sibling, enriching conversation at Grandma’s house or with friends, visiting a sick relative at the hospital. How do we accompany one another on life’s journey while celebrating the worth of each member in the family of God?” Art, writing, music and video submissions from students around the country in grades 4-12 will begin being accepted Sept. 15, 2017.

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

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when we return, we will bring back more than trinkets or t-shirts as souvenirs, but the tools, resources, and people renewed and inspired to help us here in our Diocese to find the ways to share the “Joy of the Gospel” with all of you.

One of the sad realities of our day and time is that there are people who have taken a more or less permanent “vacation” or “timeout” from the practice of their faith, or even from being actively engaged in any spiritual activity or prayerful time with God in their lives. That may be due to any number of possible reasons: from allowing the busyness of life to distract them and lead them astray, to a sense of alienation or a feeling of not being wanted because of a misunderstanding of a teaching of the Church. Some people have become a part of that category known as “fallen away Catholics” or “non practicing Catholics”; some other people may find themselves in that growing category known as “none” — no religious affiliation at all. ’There are sadly many who identify themselves as atheists. These are people with whom we live and work; perhaps members of our own families. Our role is not to judge; but our role is to reach out to them — to invite them to consider returning to the faith, or to at least have a conversation about faith with someone who might be helpful to them. That is the beginning of what it means for us to be “missionary disciples”.

Before we can reach out to others and before we can be effective witnesses to someone else, we must first of all be strong in the conviction of Jesus’ love for us and for all the world, and willing to keep growing in our faith, even during these laid-back and relaxing summer months. Let us look for those opportuni- ties while we relax and enjoy our vacation time to give praise to God for the beauty of creation and for the wonder of His love and mercy for us, and all the world. If we tell one other person about the joy those spiritual realities bring to you, you will be well on your way to being a “missionary disciple”, sharing the “Joy of the Gospel” of Jesus Christ. God bless you and our Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Convocatoria tiene la intención de examinar las verdaderas preocupaciones, desafíos y oportunidades de nuestra cultura moderna a la luz de nuestra fe y de la Buena Nueva del Evangelio y encontrar maneras de estar preparados para regresar a casa, dispuestos a comprometer al mundo con la “Alegria” Del Evangelio, “a cada Obispo de los Estados Unidos se le pide que dirija a una delegación de líderes laicos y clérigos. Tengo el privilegio de contar con ocho líderes maravillosos que me acompañan (ver lista completa de participantes abajo) y se espera que más de 150 Obispos de todo Estados Unidos estén presentes con sus delegaciones sumando a más de 3.000 líderes laicos que participan en esta Convocatoria. La esperanza es que cuando volvamos traigamos más que souvenirs o camisetas como recuerdos, sino las herramientas, recursos y personas renovadas e inspiradas para ayudarnos aquí en nuestra Diócesis a encontrar la manera de compartir la “Alegria del Evangelio” con todos ustedes.

Una de las tristezas reales de nuestro tiempo es que hay personas que se han tomado una “vacaciones” o “descanso” más o menos permanente de la práctica de su fe, o incluso de estar activamente comprometidos en cualquier actividad espiritual o tiempo de oración con Dios en sus vidas. Esto puede deberse a una serie de razones posibles: permitir que la ocupación de la vida los distraiga y los desvíe, a un sentimiento de alienación o a un sentimiento de no ser deseado a causa de un malentendido de una enseñanza de la Iglesia. Algunas personas se han convertido en una parte de esa categoría conocida como “católicos alejados” o “católicos no practicantes”; Algunas otras personas pueden encontrarse en esa categoría creciente conocida como “ninguna” — ninguna afiliación religiosa en absoluto. Hay, lamentablemente, muchos que se identifican a sí mismos como ateos. Son personas con quienes vivimos y trabajamos; Tal vez miembros de nuestras propias familias. Nuestro papel no es juzgar; Pero nuestro papel es llegar a ellos — invitarlos a considerar volver a la fe, o al menos tener una conversación sobre la fe con alguien que podría ser útil para ellos. Es ese el comienzo de lo que significa para nosotros ser “discípulos misio- neros”.

Antes de que podamos llegar a otros y antes de que podamos ser testigos efectivos para otra persona, primero debemos ser fuertes en la convicción del amor de Jesús por nosotros y por todo el mundo, y dispuestos a seguir creciendo en nuestra fe, incluso durante estos relajantes meses de verano. Busquemos esas oportunidades mientras nos relajamos y disfrutamos nuestro tiempo de vacaciones para alabar a Dios por la belleza de la creación y por la maravilla de Su amor y misericordia para nosotros y para todo el mundo. Si le decimos a otra persona sobre el gozo que a usted le brindan esas realidades espirituales, estaríamos en camino de ser un “discípulo misionero”, compartiendo la “Alegria del Evangelio” de Jesucristo. Dios los bendiga y a nuestra Diócesis de Kalamazoo.

Diocese sends delegation to USCCB’s Convocation of Catholic Leaders

July 1-4, delegations of Catholic leaders from around the country gathered in Orlando for the USCCB’s Convocation of Catholic Leaders. The theme of the convocation was “The Joy of the Gospel in America” and focused on the call to be missionary disciples for all people. The convoca- tion had been in the making for more than five years and programming featured discussions on the unique challenges and opportunities facing today’s Church and ways to foster a culture of missionary discipleship within ministries. The nine-person delegation from the diocese included: Bishop Bradley; Jamin Herold, Socorro Truchan, Lisa Irwin from the Diocesan Pastoral Center; Rev. Tom McNally and Rev. German Perez Diaz; Joy Livingston, youth minister at St. Margaret Parish, Otsego; Tim Lieser, Catholic Charities; and Dr. Don Bouchard, Holy Family Healthcare.
Diocese hosts new V Encuentro Region VI cross

By Sarah DeMott

The Diocese of Kalamazoo was blessed to be the first in Region VI to host the new V Encuentro regional cross, which Bishop Bradley blessed in May. The crosses, which are 4ft high and weigh around 20 pounds, are designed to be easily dismantled and shipped from one diocese to another within each of the fourteen Episcopal regions in the United States and are replicas of the national cross. The crosses are meant to be reminders of Christ’s infinite love and the rich history of Encuentros in the United States.

The design and production process of the V Encuentro crosses was assisted by CRS Ethical Trade, who helped ensure any partners used ethical trade and work practices. Thirty full-time employees from Mexico, Palestine and Haiti produced the crosses; these employees are paid a living wage and receive benefits. The wood for the crosses is sustainably and responsibly farmed. Revenue generated by the crosses will support other Ethical Trade workers around the world.

Bishop Bradley is shown blessing the V Encuentro cross at the Diocesan Pastoral Center office along with Veronica Rodriguez, Associate Director, Multicultural & Hispanic Ministry and Region VI chairperson. The four-foot cross is a smaller replica of the national cross and is available for use for the Diocesan Encuentros. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ethical Trade assisted the V Encuentro national team in identifying a partner to ethically produce the V Encuentro crosses for all participants. The wood for the crosses is sustainably and responsibly farmed and was produced by 30 full-time employees. Revenue generated by the crosses will support other Ethical Trade workers around the world.

Veronica Rodriguez, Associate Director of Hispanic Ministry for the diocese and Region VI Chairperson, “The V Encuentro provides an opportunity to our Diocese to see what the needs are of the fastest growing population, how we will respond to those needs or what will be the priorities. But especially, the V Encuentro is an opportunity for us as Hispanic/Latino Catholics to respond more to God’s call, as missionary disciples, in service of the whole Church. How can we best serve our Church with our gifts and talents that God has given to us. This especially includes service to those who are in the peripheries as Pope Francis has called us to do.”

Faith in Others is Tricky

How do you respond to strangers?

Ellen: At work my team was asked to take personality tests; long lists of carefully structured questions that aimed to divine our inner thought processes and character quirks. At the end of the test we were presented with our personality profile: a breakdown of our strengths and weaknesses.

I wasn’t too surprised with my results. I’ve taken a number of these types of tests and I’m aware that I’m an extroverted, intuitive thinker. What made me pause was a part of the evaluation that I found both true and puzzling. I am classified as a “true believer” in the sense that I genuinely, enthusiastically like to believe in people. There is an element of optimism to it closely paired with a love of connecting with others which I’ve had since I was a small child but, as the write-up went on to explain, this is also considered a vulnerability in work and personal relationships as it leaves me wide open to deception and manipulation if I’m not careful.

My parents identified this early, sitting me down with “The Berenstein Bears and the Trouble with Strangers,” but I have retained my belief in others, along with a huge problem understanding sarcasm. As the profile noted, belief is my strength and my weakness.

Belief, it turns out, is tricky.

Jane: When she was still a baby, Ellen taught me to trust people. I am generally shy around strangers, but this naturally friendly daughter opened me up. As soon as she learned to smile she smiled at everyone. When waving bye-bye was added to her skill-set, Ellen waved to shoppers in the grocery store, the tellers at the bank, the people behind us in church, and at everyone we met when out in the stroller. She received reinforcement for these smiles and waves—who doesn’t smile and wave back to babies? When she started taking the hand of random people at the county fairgrounds, I had to tone it down a bit and that’s when her doctor recommended “The Trouble with Strangers” book. But this tiny child had already taught me to wave at people.

This last year, with the tensions surrounding the election, I began to notice that I had lost the “Ellen effect.” I no longer felt safe around strangers, let alone friendly. I had forgotten the Gospel’s message to love our enemies. I had stopped waving to strangers. The over-all suspicion and gloom had attacked my belief in others. I no longer felt safe around strangers, let alone friendly. I had forgotten the Gospel’s message to love our enemies. I had stopped waving to strangers. The over-all suspicion and gloom had attacked my belief that God created the world “good” and He created people “very good.” Belief is tricky and can be hard to hold onto.

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Keeping your summer Christ-centered

By Sarah DeMott

With the school year finished and family vacations dominating the schedule it can be easy to let your faith commitments take a back seat to summer fun. However, with a little planning you can keep your summer both faith-focused and fun-filled.

Following are some ideas and resources.

**AT YOUR PARISH:**

**Daily Mass** — If you’re a stay-at-home parent and yearning for the advantages of structure, you may want to consider attending Daily Mass. Maybe start by choosing just one regular weekday. What a great way to remind your children that growing in faith happens year-round.

**Regular Adoration or Family Prayer** — Make it a goal to spend some extra family time in prayer while the children are home for the summer. Maybe learn a new prayer together or spend some time in Adoration.

Vacation Bible School or other summer camp program — Several parishes around the diocese host summer camp-type programs for school-aged children. St. Edward Parish in Mendon is hosting VBS July 10-13. St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Portage and St. Joseph and SS John & Bernard Parishes in St. Joseph are both holding Vacation Bible School July 17-21. For more information, see Here & There calendar, pg. 11.

Travel to new parishes — Each of the 59 parishes in the diocese have unique artwork and character. Visit a new church and explore. Headed to Full Blast in Battle Creek? Why not stop by St. Philip Parish and say a prayer at the beautiful Grotto featuring the Blessed Mother. Headed to the beach? Stop by one of our Lakeshore parishes to light a candle to the Sacred Heart of Mary. If you’re headed to Full Blast in Battle Creek? Why not stop by St. Philip Parish and say a prayer at the beautiful Grotto featuring the Blessed Mother. Headed to the beach? Stop by one of our Lakeshore parishes to light a candle and appreciate the different artwork.

**IN YOUR HOME:**

Backyard VBS — Not a VBS or summer camp near you? Get together with other families and plan a DIY backyard summer program. Check out Peanut Butter & Grace’s guide, including links to their complete program (for free), visit pbgrace.com/diy-backyard-vbs.

Scripture Study or Family Prayer — Make it a goal to spend some extra family time in prayer while the children are home for the summer. Maybe learn a new prayer together, find an age-appropriate Bible study, or maybe pick one saint to spend the summer studying. Pinterest is full of coloring pages, scripture crafts and more. Check out our Pinterest for more ideas at Pinterest.com/diokzoo.

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**Summer Feast Days and Solemnities**

These are just a sample of all the feast days. For a complete list, check out catholic.org/saints/f_day

**July**
- 1 – St. Junipero Serra
- 3 – St. Thomas the Apostle
- 4 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- 6 – St. Maria Goretti
- 11 – St. Benedict
- 12 – Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin
- 14 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- 15 – St. Bonaventure
- 21 – Feast Day of the Founding of the Diocese of Kalamazoo in 1971
- 22 – St. Mary Magdalene
- 23 – St. Bridget
- 25 – St. James
- 26 – Sts. Joachim & Anne
- 29 – St. Martha
- 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola

**August**
- 4 – St. John Vianney
- 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord
- 8 – St. Dominic
- 9 – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- 11 – St. Clare
- 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe
- 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 21 – St. Pius X
- 22 – Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 – St. Rose of Lima
- 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle
- 27 – St. Monica
- 28 – St. Augustine
- 29 – Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Plant a Mary Garden** — If you already have a statue of Mary, consider making a garden around it as your summer family project. You can make it as elaborate or simple as your budget, time and skill allow (it could even be as simple as adding a small statue or prayer card to a potted plant) and encourage your children to spend time in prayer near it.

**Make a giant outdoor rosary** — Whether you do an entire rosary or simply a decade, use colored paper or sidewalk chalk to design a giant rosary on your sidewalk/driveway. It’s a great tool to teach young children how to pray the rosary while also getting them outside and active.

**RESOURCES:**

**Camp Catholic** — A virtual summer camp for all ages by Catholic Extension — catholicextension.org/camp-catholic-2016.


**CatholicMom.com** — A site full of resources to moms raising Catholic families.

**Loyola Press** — Loyola Press has a collection of resources focused on creating a faith-focused family.

**Ascension Presents** — Fr. Mike Schmitz’s videos are great resources for teens and young adults with faith questions.

**FOR YOUNG ADULTS:**

While there are lots of resources for school-aged children who are home during the summer, there aren’t as many for college-aged students. Often they’ve found and built a faith community with their peers at school and feel a bit lost once they return home. The diocese has several activities throughout the summer to help your college students feel the faith even when they are away from their college community.

**Good News and Brews** — Formerly Theology on Tap through Renew International, Good News and Brews is a night of dynamic speakers, engaging topics on popular issues and fellowship for young adults college-aged through their 30s. It meets the second Thursday of each month at Arcadia Brewing Company in Kalamazoo. More information is available at: diokzoo.org/good-news-and-brews

**Kzoo Catholic Sports League** — The diocese has a year-round opportunity for a variety of sports through KCSL. Anyone ages 18+ is welcome. Summer sports include softball and Frisbee golf. Information on dates, times and signups is available on the Kzoo Catholic Sports Leagues Facebook group.

**What’s Brewing** — A twice monthly email newsletter, What’s Brewing features information on all the different parish and diocesan events and young adult groups meeting around the diocese, as well as online resources specifically tailored to young adults. For more information, visit diokzoo.org/young-adult or contact Tim McNamara, tmcnamara@diokzoo.org, 269-903-0139.

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Bishop Bradley threw out the first pitch at the first game of the annual softball league now hosted by the Kzoo Catholic Sports league. The game pitted the Diocesan Martyr’s against the St. Augustine Slammers. Games are held throughout the summer on Wednesdays and include parishes in Kalamazoo County as well as Immaculate Conception Parish, Three Rivers.
Diocese ordains two local young men as Priests

Rev. Jeffrey Hanley
Parochial Vicar pro tem, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph, will return to Rome to continue Canon Law studies in September.

Rev. Maximilian Nightingale
Parochial Vicar pro tem, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, will return to Rome to continue Canon Law studies in September.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION:
The Ordinands lay prostrate as the choir and congregation call on the saints of the Old and New Covenants to pray for them.

CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES:
The Rite of Ordination officially begins with the Calling, Presentation and Election of the Candidates. The Call: “Let those who are to be ordained to the order of priesthood come forward”, is followed by each candidate’s name being called and their response, “Present”. After being assured the candidates have been found worthy the Bishop chooses them for ordination. The assembly gives their assent with applause.

INVESTITURE WITH STOLE AND CHASUBLE:
Rev. Bill Jacobs (left) and Msgr. Michael Osborn (right) assist in the vesting of newly ordained priest, Fr. Jeff Hanley.

ANOINTING OF THE HANDS:
During the Anointing of the Hands the Bishop anoints the palms of the hands with holy oil of chrism, which was blessed at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week. 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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS:
It is during the laying on of hands that the ordination to the priesthood actually takes place. The candidates kneel and first the Bishop, followed by the Bishop Emeritus and brother priests, invoke the Holy Spirit to come down upon each of the newly ordained priests, preparing them for their new roles.

FIRST BLESSING:
Newly ordained Rev. Jeff Hanley (left) and Rev. Max Nightingale (left) bestow their “first blessing” as a priest on their mothers after the Mass of Ordination. A plenary indulgence was also available for anyone who attended one of the newly ordained’s first Masses. Fr. Hanley celebrated his first Mass at SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor and Fr. Nightingale celebrated at St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph.

BLESSING OF THE CHALICES:
On the eve of Ordination the Ordinands gather with Bishop Bradley in the Bishop’s Residence Chapel for the Blessing of the Chalices.
Silence and the Meaning of the Mass
By Bishop Robert Barron

Robert Cardinal Sarah’s recent book The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise explores a number of themes both theological and spiritual, all centering around the unhappy role that noise has come to play in our culture and more specifically in the Church. His observations are most trenchant in regard to the liturgy, which should come as no great surprise, given his role as head of the Vatican Congregation devoted to liturgy and sacraments. As I read the sections of his book dealing with the importance of silence during Mass, I often found myself nodding vigorously.

I came of age in the period immediately following the Second Vatican Council, when an enormous stress was placed, quite legitimately, on the conciliar call for “full, conscious, and active participation” in the Mass. That famous phrase, derived from the ground-breaking work of the theologians of the liturgical movement of the early and mid twentieth century, was a clarion call to the laity to assume their rightful role as real actors in the liturgy and not mere spectators. But in its practical application this came too often to imply that the laity must be continually stimulated into action during the Mass: processing, standing, singing, responding, clapping, etc. It was as though the directors and leaders of the liturgy felt they must be constantly grabbing the congregation by the shoulders and shaking them into conscious participation. Silence, accordingly, tended to be construed as the enemy, for it would lull the people into inattention and boredom. Hardly anyone in the post-conciliar liturgical establishment appreciated that silence could be a sign of heightened, even enraptured, attention on the part of the congregation, a deeply contemplative entry into the mystery of the Mass. And what several decades of this in turn has produced, especially among the young today, is the impression that the Mass is a sort of religiously-themed jamboree, during which our fellowship is celebrated and at which lots and lots of sound is indispensable. I will confess that during many years as a priest, and now as a bishop, I have often wondered whether our hyper-stimulated congregations know exactly what they are participating in. They know that they are active, but active precisely in what?

The Mass is the act by which the Son of God, in union with his mystical body, turns toward the Father in worship. Through our full, conscious, and active participation in this right praise, we become more rightly ordered, more completely configured to Christ and more thoroughly directed toward the Father. We do indeed experience heightened fellowship with one another during the Mass, but this is because we are realizing, not so much our mutual affection, but our common love of a transcendent third, to use Aristotle’s language.

In this regard, one of the most illuminating rubrics under which to read the Mass is that of call and response: Christ the head, through the priest who is acting in Christ’s person, calls out to the members of his mystical body, and they respond, somewhat in the manner of the lovers in the Song of Songs. At the very commencement of the liturgy, the priest (again, not in his own name but in persona Christi) says, “The Lord be with you,” and the people respond, “and with your spirit.” The spirit in question here is the power of Christ dwelling in the priest through the sacrament of Holy Orders. This exchange continues throughout the Mass, Head and members conversing with one another and solidifying their communion. Jesus speaks his Word in the Old Testament readings and in the Pauline epistles, and the members of his body sing back to him in the responsorial psalm; Jesus announces himself in the Gospel, and the people chant back, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ;” Jesus breaks open the Word through the preaching of the priest, and the people respond with the Creed, a signal of their faith.

Having prepared the gifts (presented by the people), the priest says, “Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.” This line is of great significance, for it signals the moment when Christ and his Body, in union with the Father, call out to each other: “Christ, we are here;” “Ah, your sacrifice is acceptable.” The silence of offering, recollecting, listening, praying, offering, etc. There is plenty of sound in the Mass, but unless silence is cultivated therein as well, we can easily lose sight of what we are doing in this most sublime of prayers.

Diocese seeks from young people in preparation of 2018 synod
By Sarah DeMott

Through his recent document, “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment,” Pope Francis is asking dioceses around the world to gather information from young adults about how the Church does, and doesn’t, serve them. This information will be used to form the working document for the assembly of the 2018 Synod of Bishops on youth.

“A better world can be built also as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity. Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit who proposes bold choices; do not delay when your conscience asks you to take risks in following the Master.” Pope Francis said in his recent letter to young people announcing the focus of the 2018 synod. “The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard.” The Diocese of Kalamazoo is looking to gather a broader sample of responses from this age group. Topics covered in the diocese’s short survey include how you feel the Church listens to you and understands your life experiences; what do you need most from the Church as a young person; how do you participate in the Church; and more. Results of the survey will be presented to Bishop Bradley, who will submit them to the USCCB for the final United States report, which will be submitted to the Vatican and used during the 2018 synod.

To find the online survey link, visit www.diokzoo.org/young-people-the-faith-and-vocational-discernment or contact Tim McNamara, tmcnamara@diokzoo.org.

Immaculée Ilibagiza to tell her story in Kalamazoo this Fall

She offers an inspiring story of forgiveness, hope and survival and this fall, world acclaimed author and inspirational speaker Immaculée Ilibagiza is coming to Kalamazoo on October 19th.

Immaculée Ilibagiza, the author of the New York Times best-selling book, "Left to Tell," the compelling story of her survival of the Rwandan genocide and subsequent journey of forgiveness. In 1994 the Rwandan genocide took the lives of nearly one million Tutsi men, women and children, including the author’s entire family except for one of her brothers. She found shelter at a pastor’s home, where she and seven other women hid from deadly rebels in a 3 x 4-foot bathroom for 91 days. During those days of unimaginable suffering, she found her faith and taught herself English using only a bible and dictionary. Remarkably she committed herself to a life of peace, hope and forgiveness, even for those who had murdered her family.

Immaculée has gone on to work at the United Nations, has received five honorary doctoral degrees, and written seven books about her faith and life journey: “Left to Tell” was released in March of 2006 and quickly became a New York Times Best Seller. To date, Left to Tell has been translated into seventeen languages and has sold over two million copies.

Hosted by Deacon Louis Zemlick, St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan and host of the weekly “Epiphany” radio show on WKZO, the evening event will be held at Miller Auditorium on Western Michigan University’s campus. Tickets are $10 for students; $15 for non-students. Purchase tickets at the box office, over the phone (269) 387-2300 or online: www.millerauditorium.com.
SECTION ONE: General Communication Preferences

How important are each of the following to you as a source of information about the Catholic Church?

Please use the following scale: 4-Very important / 3-Somewhat Important / 2-Not Very Important / 1-Not at all important

My pastor
Parish staff and/or parish website
Diocese of Kalamazoo website
Email communications from diocesan leaders
The Good News diocesan newspaper
The Diocesan Insider weekly newsletter
The Domestic Church monthly newsletter
What's Brewing monthly newsletter
My pastor bulletin
Staff working for the diocese
Parishioners
Social media, such as the Diocese's Facebook pages, Twitter and YouTube
Word-of-mouth blogs
Other Catholic media (newspapers, magazines, websites, radio, television)
Secular media such as local newspaper, radio and TV stations
Other:

How important is news and information about each of the following to you?

Please use the following scale: 4-Very important / 3-Somewhat Important / 2-Not Very Important / 1-Not at all important

Direct communications from the bishop
Diocesan newspaper
News about my parish
News about other parishes
News about diocesan events
National news about Catholic issues and events
International/Vatican news
Entertainment/media news
Profiles of Catholics in the Diocese of Kalamazoo
Articles on faith formation that deepen my faith and help me grow closer to God
News about Pope Francis
News about the Catholic Church’s view on current societal issues

How effective are each of the following tools as a means to communicate news and information to you?

Please use the following scale: 4-Very effective / 3-Somewhat Effective / 2-Not Very Effective / 1-Not at all Effective

Diocese of Kalamazoo Facebook page
Diocese of Kalamazoo YouTube channel
My parish bulletin
The Good News, diocesan newspaper
Twitter account of Diocese of Kalamazoo
Bishop Bradley Twitter Account of Bishop Bradley

How long do you spend each week reading about Catholic Church news, information, Catholic life or teachings?

Please check mark by your choice.

I do not spend any time
Less than 15 minutes
15 – 29 minutes
30 – 59 minutes
60 minutes or more

SECTION TWO: Current Parish & Diocesan Communication Vehicles

How often do you use the following:

Weekly
Monthly
Seldom

My parish bulletin or website
Diocese of Kalamazoo website (www.diokzoo.org)
Diocese of Kalamazoo YouTube channel
The Good News monthly (10x/year) diocesan newspaper
The Diocesan Insider weekly newsletter
What's Brewing monthly newsletter for Young Adults
The Domestic Church monthly newsletter
E-mail from diocesan staff or bishop
Other

SECTION THREE: The Good News, official diocesan publication

Please choose from the following options which best describes your readership of The Good News (published 10 times/year; distributed by insertion in parish bulletins)

Read every edition cover to cover
Skim every edition
Read every other issue
Don't read
Other

Please choose from the following topics/features and mark “A” for always read; “S” for sometimes read and “N” for never read. (Choose as many as apply)

Local diocesan news
Parish news
New clergy appointments
National news
International or Vatican news
Profiles of Catholics in the Diocese of Kalamazoo
Column by Bishop Paul J. Bradley/The Bishop’s Perspective
Column by Victoria Cessna
Column by George Weigel
Column by Jane Knuth
Articles that explain the Catholic faith or help me teach it to my loved ones.

How many other people (besides you) usually read or look through your copy of The Good News?

Always
Less than once a month
Once a month
Once a week
Other: __________________________________________

Which of the following best describes you?

Clergy and religious
Lay diocesan staff
Volunteer at parish or school
Parishioner
Other:

How often do you attend Mass?

More than once a week
Once a week
Once a month
Less than once a month
Prefer not to answer

Optional:

Parish:

Name:

Please use the space below to make any additional comments or suggestions:

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Thank You for Completing Our Survey!
V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana: Discípulos Misioneros Testigos del Amor de Dios (Lucas 24, 13-35)

Seguimos en nuestro camino del proceso del V Encuentro de Pastoral Hispana en la Diócesis de Kalamazoo al igual que en el resto de la nación. Este proceso de pastoral hispana es una prioridad de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos en su Plan Estratégico del 2017-2020.

Un Encuentro Nacional del Ministerio Hispano es un evento nacional que implica un proceso desde la base y ha sido el gran catalizador para el desarrollo del ministerio hispano/latino en los últimos cincuenta años en la Iglesia Católica de Estados Unidos. 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.

La meta general 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 fortalecer la manera en que los Hispanos/Latinos responden como discípulos misioneros al llamado a la Nueva Evangelización sirviendo a toda la iglesia.

En la foto de este artículo vemos a la comunidad de St. Mary los Hispanos/Latinos responden como discípulos misioneros al llamado de los Hispanos/Latinos, y fortalecer 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 a 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.

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Todavía hay tiempo para participar en las sesiones del V Encuentro. ¡Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos desean escuchar tu voz, atrevete y participa en el V Encuentro de Pastoral Hispana!


Bienvenida a los Campesinos Migrantes de nuestra Diócesis

La Diócesis de Kalamazoo con gran alegría y entusiasmo acoge cada año a los campesinos que vienen desde distintos lugar de Estados Unidos y de otros países. Les damos la Bienvenida y deseamos que esta temporada también esté plena de bienestar espiritual para todos los campesinos y sus familias.

Las Parroquias abrirán sus puertas para acoger a los campesinos que llegan de Texas, Florida, México y otros lugares incluyendo países de Centro América. Tenemos un gran número de valiosos voluntarios y voluntarias que alegremente y con gran entrega colaboran en este ministerio para poder llegar como iglesia y como comunidad de fe a todos los campesinos.

Algunos servicios que se ofrecen a los migrantes Primera Comunión:

Requisitos para la Primera Comunión: Ser Migrante, tener el certificado del Bautismo, más de 10 años de edad, participar en la preparación, y haber participado en las clases de catequesis en la Iglesia de donde viene.

Confirmación: Requisitos para la Confirmación: Ser Migrante, tener el certificado del Bautismo, haber hecho la Primera Comunión, participar en la preparación, tener más de 16 años de edad, y haber participado en las clases de catequesis en la Iglesia de donde viene.

Retiro de Confirmación: sábado 19 de agosto

Kermés en San Felipe de Jesús

La parroquia de San Felipe de Jesús invita a todos el domingo 16 de julio del 2017 a una kermés. El evento comienza con la Eucaristía a las 12:30 p.m. después con las actividades hasta las 6:00 pm. Habrá comida, juegos, danzas, música y mucho más. Dirección de la Parroquia: 5586 117th Avenue, Fennville, MI 49048. ¡Los Esperamos!

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Centro Alemán (Centro de Apoyo de la Diócesis) ubicado en Hartford junto a la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción. El centro alemán como en años anteriores, ofrece ropa y comida sin ningún costo e información durante el verano para las personas que lo necesiten. Se atiende solememente en el siguiente horario: lunes y martes de 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. y domingos de 12:30 p.m. a 2:30 p.m.

Ministerio Migrante, Diócesis de Kalamazoo

Como todos los veranos, misioneros y misioneras vienen a la Diócesis de Kalamazoo para ayudar con el Ministerio Migrante. Este verano tendremos al Padre Drigelio Benavides quien se hospedará en la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Hartford; la Hermana Patricía Yamile García y la Hermana Esperanza Morales en la Parroquia de SS Cyrl & Methodious en Wayland; la Hermana María Mirian Garcia y la Hermana María Teresa Orozco Giraldo en la Parroquia de San Felipe de Jesús en Fennville; el Padre Raul Torres en la Parroquia de Holy Angels en Sturgis; el Padre Ermes De los Santos Romero en la Parroquia de St. Mary en Niles; el Padre Oscar Londoño Palacio en la Parroquia de St. Peter en Douglas; y el Padre Luis Alberto Leyva. Los sacerdotes y religiosas se desplazarán durante la semana a visitar todos los campos de los nueve condados de la Diócesis y los fines de semana estarán en las parroquias en donde esperamos que los trabajadores del campo acudan a la Santa Misa y se sientan parte de las diferentes parroquias de la Diócesis. Démonos una cordial bienvenida a los sacerdotes y religiosas que con mucha alegría y entusiasmo acoge cada año a los campesinos que vienen desde distintos lugar de Estados Unidos y de otros países. Les damos la bienvenida y deseamos que esta temporada también esté plena de bienestar espiritual para todos los campesinos y sus familias.
Diocesan Trauma Recovery Fall Program

Trauma Recovery Program fall sessions accepting participants
The Diocesan Trauma Recovery Program will be holding the next round of classes in the greater-Kalamazoo area, beginning in September. 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 your current life unmanageable, this program may be for you. Please call Dr. Phyllis Florian for more information about registration. There is NO COST for this program to the people of the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo. (269) 903-0134 (leave message).

VIRTUS trainers needed

The Office of Safe Environment is looking for individuals interested in becoming facilitators for Virtus Protecting God’s Children sessions.

Virtus facilitators are a vital part of our safe environment programs at our schools and parishes. This is not a large time commitment, so it’s a great role for people who are only able to volunteer on an as-needed basis. If you would like more information on the upcoming July 25-26 training (held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center) please reach out to Marina Hentz, Associate Director of Safe Environment by phone 269-903-0171 or email mhentz@diokzoo.org. Persons with Disabilities and their families are invited to a Diocesan Family Day Mass with Bishop Bradley and Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Three Rivers. Food will be provided and there is no cost, though RSVP is requested by Aug. 11. For more information, contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177, lilirwin@diokzoo.org

The Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate will be Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 at 10 a.m.
All are welcome, though seated is limited and on a first come basis. The Mass will be live streamed for those unable to attend. Contact Jane Bodway with any questions, jbdoway@diokzoo.org, 269-903-0147.

Golden Anniversary Mass set for October 1

Are you or someone you know celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2017?
Bishop Bradley will celebrate the annual Golden Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 1st, 2 p.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral. A small reception will follow in the Crowley Center along with an opportunity to have your picture taken with Bishop Bradley. For more information or to participate as a couple celebrating 50 years of marriage please contact Jane Bodway, jbdoway@diokzoo.org, 269-903-0147 or fill out the form at diokzoo.org/50th-anniversary by Aug. 18.

Persons with Disabilities, their families and caregivers are invited to the 4th annual Diocesan Family Day Mass and Picnic Saturday, August 19th from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish, 645 S. Douglas, Three Rivers. Individuals of all ages and all abilities are invited. Gather at 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Bradley at 11:30. Food and fellowship follow Mass from 12:30 – 2 p.m. There is no cost and the meal is provided. RSVP requested by August 11th.
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Making a Report of Sexual Misconduct

A report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo’s Sexual Misconduct Quotient and Reporting Line: 877-802-0115. A caller will be required 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.

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.) either in the past or present, please refer them for help to Lisette Mira-Amaya 269-929-7084. It is necessary to make an appointment as soon as possible, before the program begins, with the counselor Lisette.

BISHOP BRADLEY’S CALENDAR

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July 22 – 100th Anniversary of Apparitions in Fatima Mass, St. Peter Parish, Douglas, 5 p.m.
Aug. 13 – 50th Anniversary of St. Mary’s Assumption, Bronson, 9:30 a.m.
Aug. 19 – Persons with Disabilities Mass, Immaculate Conception Parish, Three Rivers, 11:30 a.m.
Aug. 20 – Diocesan Fiesta, Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartfort, 11 a.m.
Aug. 30 – 20th Anniversary and Back-to-School Mass, St. Charles of Borromeo Parish, Coldwater, 9 a.m.
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Catholic Charities 5K fun run honors long-time volunteer Jill Jilek

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The run is held on the campus of Hackett Catholic Prep in Kalamazoo at dusk. The well-lighted route is suited for walkers, riders and strollers. Post race activities will include refreshments and entertainment.

Participants and spectators are encouraged to wear glow-in-the-dark gear. Special rates are available for teams and for families and the registration fee includes a race t-shirt. For more information and to register visit: www.ccdok.org.

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