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

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

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

“The Good News has been a valuable resource to help spread the good work happening in our diocese,” noted Bishop Bradley.

“The decision is bittersweet, especially for those of us who have a long-time love for newspapers, but we’re excited to bring even more innovative resources to the Faithful to help them grow in the faith.”

One of those resources will be a quarterly feature magazine produced in cooperation with Faith Catholic, a division of the Diocese of Lansing. The magazine Southwest Michigan Catholic, will be mailed to all registered parishioner households within the Diocese of Kalamazoo with the first edition scheduled to arrive in mid-November, just prior to the Advent season. The Diocese will be covering all costs associated with the magazine.

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

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

“Interestingly, research shows that across all demographics readership of magazines has increased,” noted Cessna. “We also need to reach people where they are. We know that on average less than 40 percent of Catholics attend weekly Mass. Bringing them a resource into their homes will hopefully bring them back to Church.”

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

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

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

Kalamazoo United opens registration for service day

Four hours. One Saturday. Hundreds of people served.

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

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

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

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

Many of the service projects are family-friendly and accommodate a variety of skill levels. All will be completed within the three-hour time allotted.

The schedule for the day is:
8 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Registration/Check-in and Refreshments
8:15 a.m. – 9 a.m. Welcome by Pastor Jeff Wenke and Bishop Bradley, brief program & prayer
9 a.m. – Noon

Volunteers depart and serve at pre-arranged service projects.

Interested volunteers can choose their service project by registering online. Visit www.kalamazoouisunited.org.
FROM THE EDITOR
By Victoria Cesna
“Have you ever thought that maybe it’s time we looked around for another Church?”

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

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

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

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

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

But I’m still not leaving.

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

One of the television networks runs a long-standing Public Service Announcement featuring celebrities giving practical advice, called “The More You Know.” The general goal is to impart knowledge for better living. I’d suggest that we should do the same when it comes to our faith and in particular this topic. Do you know what the Church has and continues to do to address clergy sex abuse? Do you know that we conducted more than 20,000 background checks on volunteers since 2002 alone? Do you know the hotline to call for reporting sexual misconduct? If not, you should.

The center spread of this edition, pages 6-7, is just a start for helping all of us be “in the know.” Together we can continue to protect our children and each other while we pray for the healing of our Church.

Bishop plans pastoral visits to all Deaneries in October/November

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

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

**Announcements**

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

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

Kristin can be reached at Kcorra@diokzoo.org or at 269-903-0150.

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

**Intentions from Pope Francis**

**Universal** – Young people in Africa

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

**Evangelization** – The Mission of Religious

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

**The Good News for the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo**

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-- Most Rev. J. Bradley Bishop of Kalamazoo

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

**The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley**

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**The Diocese of Kalamazoo Policy on Non-Discrimination**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The month of August is usually focused on dealing with summer’s most extreme temperatures, last-minute vacation trips and back-to-school shopping. However for us as people who love our Church, the month of August was explosive, turbulent and mind-boggling in every way imaginable, as wave after wave of shocking revelations of sinful and criminal sexual abuse by former Cardinal, Archbishop McCarrick rocked the Church in the United States, and throughout the world.

Then on the heels of those heart-wrenching revelations, in mid-August, on the eve of the Solemnity of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report, regarding clergy sexual abuse abuse by diocesan priests (over eight) in that state, sent seismic shock waves throughout the Church. The Grand Jury had painstakingly reviewed the clergy files of those six dioceses dating back 70 years, back to the 1940’s, and then announced the findings that 301 priests in those six dioceses had been identified as having credible allegations of sexual abuse against them, with more than 1,000 children who had been sexually abused by those priests during that 70-year period. Additionally, the Grand Jury Report also detailed accusations against many of the bishops in those six dioceses, alleging that they had at times attempted to cover up some of those incidents, or that they had not properly dealt with the priest-perpetrators.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

My dear Family of Faith, in the midst of the sorrow, embarrassment and even anger we
“Connecting with our Parishes: A Day of Appreciation and Resource Sharing”

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

From $3,868.00 per person including air.

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A Day of Appreciation and Resource Sharing”

“Connecting with our Parishes:

“Waiting in Joyful Hope”

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

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

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

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

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Greetings Friends from Lodwar!

June 27, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

For a long time individuals and families from 00Kalamazoo have been expressing their faith in a concrete way by sponsoring poor children to study in Queen of Peace school for girls and St. Augustine School for boys. We have over 50 children benefitting from the scholarship program. With about $450, a child gets tuition, lives in a boarding school and gets a school uniform. It is worthwhile to give a lifetime to these children who without education will always languish in poverty and be unable to enjoy a better quality of life and other opportunities that come with proper education. Educating a child is the best way to empower him or her and is essential to developing a region like Turkana where the levels of illiteracy are still incredibly high. As of now only 30 percent of the children go to school. The rest are busy herding the livestock of their family, with most of the girls destined for early marriage.

Still in the area of education, I was very much delighted the other day when we had a meeting of all the head teachers of our Catholic Schools. I discovered that we now have 12 Church schools scattered all over the Diocese. Most of these schools have been started by our parishioners who took up the challenge of establishing Catholic Schools was one of the major resolutions of our Diocesan Synod that we celebrated in 2013. It is very clear to us that a school is not only a place to acquire academic knowledge but more importantly a place of holistic formation where the children acquire Christian values and virtues. Furthermore, these children will be guided to deepen their prayer life and helped to live an intense sacramental life. Having our own schools will strengthen the hand in the formation of our children now and in the future. These are the children we hope will bring positive change and provide us with good leaders in the future.

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

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

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

Wishing you God’s Blessings as I remain yours in Christ,

 Rt. Rev. Dominic Kimengich
 Bishop of Lodwar

Those wishing to support Bishop Dominic ministries, contact Sr. Maureen Metty CSJ, 269-375-0424; mmetty@csjoseph.org

Catholic Families Student Contest now accepting submissions

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

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

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

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

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

Office of Schools releases annual report

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

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

Printed copies were shared with Catholic school families and parishes. For an electronic copy visit: https://catholicschools.diokzoo.org/ or www.diokzoo.org

FAITH • KNOWLEDGE • SERVICE
2017-2018
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
ANNUAL REPORT
Dealing with allegations:
The Diocesan Delegate, Deacon Pat Hall who was appointed by Bishop Bradley, upon receipt of an allegation of sexual abuse proceeds as directed by diocesan policy, the Essential Norms of the Charter and State Law.

The following steps are taken:
1. Notify the Bishop
2. Initial investigation
3. Offer victim services
4. Report to local law enforcement
5. Convene the Review Board


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

SPECIAL REPORT

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

“We can never become complacent. It is not enough for us to be able to say that we avoid evil; we must also commit ourselves to do good, to pursue holiness and to foster a safe environment of Christ-like love, that is pure, chaste, and selfless.”
~ Bishop Paul J. Bradley, Letter to the Faithful, August 20, 2018

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

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

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

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

What is the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People?

The Charter is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of further acts of abuse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note: During the June 2018 Plenary Assembly, the full Conference of Bishops voted in favor of proposed revisions to the Charter. The revisions are the result of the dedicated efforts and collaboration of the Committees on the Protection of Children and Young People; Canonical Affairs and Church Governance; Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations; the National Review Board; and the Office of General Counsel.
Proactive prevention:
- Since 2002: Close to 20,000 Catholics including all clergy, volunteers, diocese, parish and school employees have undergone background checks. Those with minors and vulnerable adults participated in proactive training to identify and prevent predatory behavior.
- All new employees and volunteers are background checked prior to beginning their roles
- All employees and volunteers who work with minors must complete three-hour Virtus training within 30 days of their start date
- All church employees and volunteers serving minors and vulnerable adults are required to complete on-going education (read monthly bulletins)
- All clergy, priests, deacons, and also seminarians are required to follow the same standards as employees
- The Diocese instituted changes to background checking in August 2017 (more frequent, added national reporting)
- The Diocese is audited annually to assess its adherence to the Charter and every three years is audited by an independent audit firm with an on-site visit. Results are shared with the USCCB and published each year.

Diocese offers road to recovery for trauma survivors

The Trauma Recovery Program is a faith-based response to adult survivors of childhood abuse and/or neglect. It is offered free of charge by the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Trauma is an event or series of events, combined with an individual’s vulnerability, that creates an obstacle in normal human development.

The treatment goal of the trauma Recovery Program is to help individuals improve their functioning by helping them to stabilize, using new tools learned in a group setting. The program encourages effective living in the present, rather than recovery of repressed memories. Healing occurs with the processing and integrating of feelings, thoughts, and behaviors.

The Trauma Recovery Program embraces the core concepts and skills of the “Trauma Model,” a treatment model developed by Colin A. Ross, M.D. With his permission, the program utilizes Dr. Ross’ concepts in conjunction with the expertise and skills of the facilitator-therapists.

The Diocesan Trauma Recovery Program will be holding the next round of classes in the greater Kalamazoo area, beginning October 2018. Registration is open and space is limited. If you believe your past hurts from childhood experiences of abuse — verbal/physical/sexual — or emotional neglect have made life difficult for you, then this program may be for you. It’s not about rehashing the past; it’s about healing for the present and a better future.

The program is free for the people of the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Please call (269) 903-0134 and leave a message.

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

National plan to involve laity

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

“We are faced with a spiritual crisis that requires not only spiritual conversion, but practical changes to avoid repeating the sins and failures of the past that are so evident in the recent reports. The Executive Committee has established three goals: (1) an investigation into the questions surrounding Archbishop McCarrick; (2) an opening of new and confidential channels for reporting complaints against bishops; and (3) advocacy for more effective resolution of future complaints. These goals will be pursued according to three criteria: proper independence, sufficient authority, and substantial leadership by laity.

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

The three goals outlined by Cardinal DiNardo include:

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

Making a Report of Sexual Misconduct

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This toll-free telephone number has been established as a part of the Diocese’s effort to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within Diocesan institutions and ministries only. If you have some other concern about Diocesan schools, parishes, or ministries, please contact the appropriate Diocesan school, parish, or office directly.

Diocesan Review Board

The Diocesan Review Board serves as a confidential consultative body to the Bishop. They advise the Bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of minors in his determination of suitability for ministry.

They regularly review the Diocesan Policy and Procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors and make appropriate recommendations to the Bishop for change or modification... At the request of the Bishop, they offer advice to the Bishop on all aspects of cases, whether retrospectively or prospectively.

Diocesan Review Board Members:
Rev. Msgr. Michael Osborn, Vicar General
Mr. Gerard Alexander
Ms. Christine Bourgeois
The Honorable Paul Bredenstein
Mr. David Chadderdon
Ms. Theresa Cypher
Mr. Michael Emmons
Ms. Lisette Mira-Amaya
The Rev. Kenneth Schmidt
Light of Christ Academy marks inaugural year with blessing ceremony

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

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

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

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

Annual Convocation focuses on the family

By Sarah DeMott

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

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

“This is the first year we will be offering a keynote address in Spanish,” said George Dragan, Associate Director for Catechesis and Youth Ministry. “Given the large percentage of Hispanic/Latino Catholics in our diocese, we knew we couldn’t focus on evangelizing families without increasing our Spanish-language offerings.”

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

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

Breakouts this year will include incorporating Theology of the Body into the parish and school curricula, the Challenge of Keeping Your Children Catholic, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Accompanying Hispanic families in Catholic schools, the work of Catholic Relief Services, Finding Healing and Strength Within the Catholic Faith, Effective Youth Ministry and more.

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

Cursillo’s planned for the fall

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

Visit: www.kalamazoocursillo.com

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

Upcoming weekends:

Cursillo in Spanish:
- Men — Oct. 4-7, 2018
- Women — Oct. 11-14, 2018

Cursillo in English:
- Women’s — Oct 18-21, 2018
- Men’s — March 14-17, 2019

Council plans to increase stewardship understanding

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

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

According to Tom Dowdall, Director of Stewardship and Development, the purpose for the Stewardship Formation Council will be to provide direction and guidance in the creation and implementation of a diocesan-wide stewardship vision and plan.

The plan will be designed to create a greater awareness of the spiritual and practical aspects of stewardship among clergy and parishioners. Members will represent their respective deaneries. Some of the highlights of the discussion included:

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

Shown in the photo above are: Greg Sete (St. Joseph Parish, White Pigeon), Barb Sete (St Joseph Parish, White Pigeon), Tom Dowdall, Director of Stewardship and Development, Geralyn Andes (St. Mary’s Visititation Parish, Byron Center) Back Row: Bishop Bradley, Carl DiBiaggio (St. Mary Parish, Marshall), Tom Gazella (St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph), Gretchen Klyczek (St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph), Marci McCarthy (St. Basil Parish, South Haven), Jay Landry (St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage)

Not Shown: Steve Hageman (St. Mary Parish, Marshall), Roxanne Spinassanta (Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Bridgman)

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SEPTEMBER 2018
**Vacation Bible Schools**

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

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

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

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**Institute of Missionary Discipleship off to a strong start**

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

The Institute is currently accepting registration for its November day-long seminar entitled, “Discernment of Spirits” conducted by Elizabeth Gengle, Diocese of Gaylord. Gengle will guide participants through Ignatius of Loyola’s discernment of spirits. This process created by St. Ignatius assists the faithful in seeing God’s work in their own lives, understanding the depth of prayer, and establishing a way of life that brings us closer to God and further away from the evil one. This session assists those attending to see God’s work in others and assist them in discerning God’s work and direction in their lives. Participants learn through large group discussions, take time in prayer experiences, share in small groups, and participate in the active work of seeking God’s will in their lives.

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

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

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**Catholic Charities Fun run sets fundraising and attendance record**

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

From November 13-15 Catholic Charities will host once again its annual CharitiesDine an opportunity for people to give back while eating out at their favorite restaurants. Check www.ccdok.org for a listing of participating businesses.
Miremos al frente de la mano de Jesús por el Padre

Por el Padre Oscar Londoño Palacio

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

Ahora desde la Diócesis de Kalamaazo debemos estar LISTOS para dar respuesta a los diferentes planteamientos que se nos hacen en el camino de una PASTORAL HISPANA UNIFICADA desde JESÚS en los ESTADOS UNIDOS.

Usted hermano hispano debe entender lo anterior en clave del libro del EXODO, los Égipcios per- mitían que los Israelitas a pesar de ser esclavos tuviesen todo, vivienda, alimentación, trabajo, etc mas ellos sentían que les faltaba la libertad de vivir plenamente la alianza con Dios Padre. Así como ellos podemos estar nosotros, más si aterrizamos nuestro actuar, vemos que la vida no es fácil, que las cosas no siempre son como de- seamos y en cualquier institución nuestros planes se pueden torcer en cualquier momento y entonces so- brevienen la frustración. Frustración que también vivió el pueblo Is- raelita cuando prefirió morir al ad- herirse al pecado y a la monotonía de su vida adorando dioses hechos por manos humanas. Y nosotros como hispanos podemos caer en lo mismo si no caminamos con los planes de unidad pautados desde la cabeza, desde nuestro obispo, y lógicamente podemos caer en la monotonía de los cultos idolátricos más no evangelizadores. Aún así, nuestra presencia depura momentos maravillosos, alegrías y sorpre- sas que merecen la pena.

Para continuar en lo mismo y no caer, debemos llenar nuestra mochila de herramientas para la vida de una nueva y renovada evangelización que llegue con la Religiosidad popular hecha oración, con una evangelización hecha adhesión y así podamos sac- erdotes, religiosas, catequistas y laicos comprometidos, afrontar mejor los tiempos difíciles y desar- rollar acciones adecuadas para dis- frutar de los buenos momentos.

Para terminar cita a Pablo Neruda quien nos recuerda: “Muere lentamente quien se trans- forma en esclavo del habito, repi- tiendo todos los días los mismos trayectos, quien no cambia de marca, quien no arriesga vestir un color nuevo, quien no arriesga lo cierto por lo incierto para ir detrás de un sueño. Ese muere lentamente a vivir”. Nuestra Diócesis morirá, o seguirá ahí, si no cambiamos. Pero si somos un Éxodo vivimos los retos de Jesús en un constante cambi- miento, para la confianza en ella en- que desde la Oración del SER se nos lleva a realizar nuestra diócesis en un HACER de vida desde El.

Con Jesús vivamos un ANO MÁS

por el Padre Oscar Londoño Palacio

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

La presencia de Dios en nues- tra Diócesis manifestada en nues-

tras vidas, en nuestro trabajo y hogar se traduce en una serie de actitudes que podemos considerar como valores, los cuales fortalezcan nuestro trabajo parroquial, además nos ayudan a vivir en comunidad y dignificar la vida del hombre, nos invitan a ser de personas. Vistas desde la óptica Orante, serían:

• Generosidad y solidaridad como acto de compartir lo mejor de sí en cosas, tiempo y dedicación, a quienes lo necesiten, en forma amorosa.

• Humildad como camino con- stante de aprendizaje y de felicidad.

• Gratitud. Visto como donación, entrega, vida y expresión de amor.

• Responsabilidad. Entendida como el hacer las cosas bien, con calma, oportunidad y gusto como sello de una vida que se toma en serio.

• Justicia. Como promoción, re- specto y valoración de los derechos de las personas sin discriminación alguna.

• Tolerancia. Donde el respeto, la escucha, acogida, perdón, ayuda mutua y solidaridad, fundamentan la verdadera democracia y her- mandad.

• Libertad. Como búsqueda de lo que promueve mi dignidad y cali- dad de persona y de los demás, sin miedos, y pasiones desbor- dadas.

• Paz y Reconciliación. Como ac- ción de vida que impulsa la con- vivencia y la unión de esfuerzos para lograr bienestar en un ambi- ente de reconciliación, perdón y amistad.

• Amor y Esperanza. Vistos como afinidad de personas entre sí, que se traduce en entrega, afecto, re-

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

por Veronica Rodriguez

El V Encuentro Nazional de Pastoral Hispana tendrá lugar en Grapevine, Texas del 20 al 23 de sep- tiembre del 2018. Este Encuen- tro Nacional es la culminación de un proceso iniciado por la Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Todas las diócesis de los Estados Unidos estarán participando con una delegación que fue elegida a nivel diocesano.

El proceso del Encuentro ha sido el gran catalizador para el de- sarrollo del ministerio hispano/latino en los último cinco años. Cada uno de los Encuen- tos anteriores han sido una experiencia renovadora que ha cambiado significativamente la man- nera en que la Iglesia responde a la presencia hispana, y la forma en cómo los hispanos/latinos respon- den como Iglesia. El V Encuentro promete ser otra experiencia reno- vadora que ofrece a la Iglesia la claridad, el entusiasmo y los medios que necesita para repon- derse adecuadamente a la pre- sencia hispana en el espíritu de la Nueva Evangelización. Estamos atentos a los resultados del V Encuentro.


Calendario/Cuarto

SEPTEMBER 2018

September
Temprorada del Ministerio Migrante Diocesano
14 – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Reunión de Migrant Resource Council (agencias que ofre- cen servicio a la Comunidad Migrante). Lugar: Van Buren D/H/S, Hartford.
15 – 7 p.m. Misa en SS Cyril & Methodius con el Obispo Paul J. Bradley.
20 – 23 – V Encuentro Re- conociendo Jóvenes y Vocaciones, Familias, Religiosas, catequistas y las áreas ministeriales para dar prioridad en los modos en que los hispanos/latinos respondan como discípulos misioneros al llamado de Dios a vivir un HACER de vida desde El. Lanzarte desde cada rincón de nuestra diócesis. Los invitamos a una cena agradecimiento el miércoles 17 de octubre del 2018 a las 6:30 p.m. en el Crowley Center de la Catedral de San Agustín, 542 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamaaz, MI 49007. Por favor llame al 269-903-0197 para confirmar su asistencia.
29 – 8:30 a.m. Instituto San Agustín – Programa de Formación Pastoral y de Lid- erazgo, Segundo año de Formación.

October
Temprorada del Ministerio Migrante Diocesano
12 – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Reunión de Migrant Resource Council (agencias que ofre- cen servicio a la Comunidad Migrante). Lugar: Diócesis de Kalamaaz 215 N. Westwedge Ave., Kalamaaz, MI 49007.
17 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Cena de Agradecimiento para todos los voluntarios del Ministerio Migrante. Lugar: Crowley Center de la Catedral de San Agustín, 542 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. (Apreciação Dinner For All Volunteers who helped in our ministry to the migrant farmworkers.)
20 – 8:30 a.m. Instituto San Agustín – Programa de Formación Pastoral y de Lid- erazgo, Segundo año de Formación.
26 – 6:30 p.m. al Crowley Center de la Catedral de San Agustín, 542 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamaaz, MI 49007. Please call 269-903-0197 to confirm your attendance.

November/November
1 – 12 de Todos los Santos. Octofina Cerradas.
17 – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Reú- nión de Migrant Resource Council (agencias que ofre- cen servicio a la Comunidad Migrante). MBIG Marketing, Grand Junction.
19 – 8:30 a.m. Instituto San Agustín – Programa de Formación Pastoral y de Lid- erazgo, Segundo año de Formación.
22 – 2 enero, 1 Centro Pastoral Diocesano estará cerrado por el día de Acción de Gra- cias.

December/December
1 – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Comité Diocesano de Pastoral Hispana, Centro Pastoral Diocesano, Kalamazoo.
12 – 6 p.m. Misa Bilingüe, Celebración de Nuestra Sra. De Guadalupe, Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, Hartford, MI, Preside el Señor Obispo Paul J. Bradley.
14 – Comenzarán las Posadas y Novenas Navideñas en las Parroquias.
24 – 1 Enero, 1 Centro Pastoral Diocesano estará cerrado debido a Navidad y Año Nuevo
BISHOP BRADLEY’S CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

Oct. 27 – KUDOS, 8:30 a.m.

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

Bishop Bradley to honor Goldyows with special 50th Anniversary Mass
Bishop Bradley will be celebrating a special Mass for couples on Sunday, October 14, at 3 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI. A small reception will follow in the Fr. Crowley Center along with an opportunity to have your picture taken with the bishop. To receive an invitation to this wonderful celebration, please inform your parish so they can submit your information to: 50th Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration, 215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Ave., Kalamazoo. For more information contact Lisa Irwin, 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org.

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

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

Institute of Missionary Discipleship Day Training – Discernment of Spirits All are welcome to attend the Institute of Missionary Discipleship’s next day training, Discernment of Spirits, on Saturday, November 3, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Lawrence Education Center. Elizabeth Gengle will guide participants through Ignatian of Loyola’s discernment of spirits. This process created by St. Ignatius assist the faithful in seeing God’s work in their own lives, under-standing the depth of prayer, establishing a way of life that brings us closer to God and further away from the evil one. This session assists those attending to see God’s work in others and assist them in discerning God’s work and direction in their lives. Participants learn through large group discussion, time in prayer experiences, share in small groups, and participate in the active work of seeking God’s will in their lives.

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

Center for Catholic Social Concerns, parishes,men’s and women’s groups, jail ministry volunteers and food pantry volunteers are just some examples. Please RSVP by Sept. 20th to JoAnn Jacomette at 269-903-0147 or jjacomette@diokzoo.org.

Contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org or Tim Liezer at 269-381-9803/TimLiezer@cdcok.org for more information.

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Parting is such sweet sorrow
By Victoria Cessna, Editor and Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Diocese of Kalamazoo

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

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Open 6 p.m. – Midnight
St. Lawrence Grill Team – Food Tent: 6-10 p.m.
Casino – 7- Midnight
THE ROCK SHOW
8:30 p.m. – Midnight

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Open Noon – Midnight
St. Lawrence Grill Team – Food Tent: 1-10 p.m.
Casino – 7- Midnight
T.Y.P.O & STACKED
8:30 p.m. – Midnight

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Open Noon – 4 p.m.
Noon – 2 p.m. – Children’s Talent Show
Noon – 3 p.m. – St. Lawrence Grill Team – Food Tent
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Silent Auction Closing
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Live Auction
4 p.m. – Raffle Drawing, Grand Prize $5,000

To reserve tickets for THE ROCK SHOW on Friday night or T.Y.P.O. & STACKED on Saturday night. email: info@allsaintssuperfest.org or visit www.allsaintssuperfest.org for additional information.