‘FOR WHAT I HAVE DONE, FOR WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO’

Vatican City, Feb. 24, 2019 (CNA) - At the recent Vatican Summit on Abuse of Minors, Pope Francis outlined eight points that the Church will focus on in an “all-out battle” against the sexual abuse of minors to, he said, “turn this evil into an opportunity for purification.”

“Today we find ourselves before a manifestation of brazen, aggressive and destructive evil,” Pope Francis said following the Vatican summit’s closing Mass in the Sala Regia.

“We need to take up the spiritual means that the Lord himself teaches us: humiliation, self-accusation, prayer and penance. This is the only way to overcome the spirit of evil. It is how Jesus himself overcame it.”

Building upon the World Health Organization’s “seven strategies for Ending Violence against Children,” the pope presented eight guidelines to aid the Church in “developing her legislation” on the issues.

The eight guidelines can be summarized as follows:

1. A “change of mentality” to focus on protecting children rather than “protecting the institution.”
2. A recognition of the “impeccable seriousness” of these “sins and crimes of consecrated persons.”
3. A genuine purification beginning with “self-accusation.”
4. Positive formation of candidates for the priesthood in the virtue of chastity.
5. Strengthening and reviewing of guidelines by episcopal conferences, reaffirming the need for “rules.”
6. The accompaniment of those who have been abused with an emphasis on listening.
7. Ensure that seminarians and clergy are not enslaved to an addiction to pornography.
8. Combat sexual tourism around the world.

“We have seriously clouded the grace of the Christ-mission. Is it possible for us to move from fear of scandal to truth? How do we remove the masks that hide our sinful neglect? [How do we bring ourselves] to a new, revitalized starting point characterized by a transparency that lightens up the world with God’s hope for us in building the Reign of God?”

— Sister Veronica Openibo

Acts of Kindness

A ctions of Kindness. Sounds good in our troubled world. Showing an act of kindness to someone. Receiving an act of kindness from someone. Sharing an act of kindness with each other.

Our Ash Wednesday Gospel last week taught us: “…righteous deeds … when you give alms … when you pray … when you fast …” (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18). We have focused the last three years on what the Lord is calling us to do to promote Priestly Vocations (see graph at bottom for details). This Lent, let us ask Jesus how He is calling each of us to do “righteous deeds,” or Acts of Kindness for Priestly Vocations.

I have written often about our shortage of priests. This summer, we have one retirement, one priest going from three parishes to one parish, and two missionary priests returning to their home dioceses. Recall last summer our priests with appointments were reduced by four. I pray that we receive more priests from our missionary partners, yet that is uncertain at this time. We are blessed with seven fine seminarians, yet our next ordination, God willing, is in 2022. What to do?

Thank you for your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for priestly vocations. Your sacrifice makes a difference. This Lent, let us focus on Acts of Kindness for Priestly Vocations. Jesus often demonstrated acts of kindness in His ministry: humbly teaching the woman at the well; giving hope to Zacchaeus; feeding the thousands, Works of charity simple or profound, all given in great love. Christ received acts of kindness as well: Mary caring for the Christ Child with love beyond all telling; Veronica comforting Him on the way of the Cross; and Martha, Mary, and Lazarus befriending Him. These are many examples of reaching out to each other. How are you, me, and all of us called to imitate Jesus?

Occasionally, I give this penance to a penitent: “Do an act of kindness for someone in the next week or so; someone you know or don't know; an act of kindness that they will know you are responsible, or so they do not know who did it.” Try this.

Let us know your examples. I ask that you send ideas for Acts of Kindness to our editor, Dave Myers, skregister@dcdiocese.org, so we can all share our experiences of giving, receiving, and sharing God's love with one another. Families, schools, PSR groups, youth groups, and individuals are all encouraged to submit ideas, or an entire article for the SKC and/or website.

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History of Priestly Vocation Initiatives:
(Taken from the Ash Wednesday Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.)

Aims for Priestly Vocations
begun Spring 2016 (Vibrant Ministries appeal).

Fasting for Priestly Vocations
begun Lent 2018.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations
begun Corpus Christi 2018.

Acts of Kindness for Priestly Vocations
beginning Lent 2019.
Senate rejection of Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act should ‘horrify and anger’ the American people

By BREG SCHLEPPENBACH and KAT TALALAS

SECRETARIAT for pro-life activities

WASHINGTON—On Feb. 25, the Senate failed to advance the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. The Senate rejected a motion to advance the bill on a vote of 53 to 44 with 3 not voting. In the Senate, 60 votes are needed to overcome a filibuster and pass a bill.

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement in response:

“There should be no bill easier for the Senate to pass than one that makes clear that killing newborn babies is wrong and should not be tolerated. That even one senator, or alone 44 senators voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, is an injustice that should horrify and anger the American people and commit us to decisive … action. A vote against this bill is a vote to extend Roe v. Wade’s license for killing unborn children to killing newborn babies. The American people, the vast majority of whom support this bill, must demand justice for innocent children.”

It is important that we communicate our gratitude to those senators who voted in support of the bill and our disappointment and disagreement to senators who voted against the bill.

NCHLA has issued an alert to make this follow up communication quick and easy. To take action, go to dcdiocese.org/swkscatholic, and click on the “Born Alive” badge.

’Made for More’ pilgrimage to KC

You are invited to make a “Made for More” pilgrimage to the Archdiocese of Kansas City on April 4-5.

A caravan of vehicles will depart from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City April 4. The journey will include a tour of the Holy Cross Shrine in Pfeifer, as well as the Basilica of St. Fidelis (Cathedral of the Plains) in Victoria. At 7 p.m., the group will attend a speaking event in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas featuring Christopher West and Mike Mangione.

Here is a partial description of the presentation from the “Made for More” website, http://corproject.com/madeformore/

“Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they weave together [multi-media] presentations reflecting on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that the whole person has the sheer wonder and joy of being alive.”

On April 5, after a tour and rosary at St. Peter’s Cathedral, the group will journey home. A flyer, as well as more information is available at www.dcdiocese.org/marriage-family-life.

If you would like to attend, RSVP to the Office of Matrimony, Family Life and Natural Family Planning by email: jbernal@dcdioce.org, or call/text: 620-786-5708 with your name and number of people who will be taking part in this pilgrimage.

Grace that Reigns Lenten retreats

Bishop Emeritus Ronald M. Gilmore and Jacqueline Loh will be offering their Grace that Reigns retreat March 13 at St. Dominic Parish, Garden City. The retreat will also be repeated at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Wichita, April 2-4.

“Our whole effort is to promote those moments of Grace through which people realize that … there is more to life than the mundane things that we do,” Loh said.

They do this by:

1. “Renewing a Sense of Wonder for our love and relationship with Jesus by sharing our teachings, stories, and inspiring testimonies”.

2. “Identifying and healing misconceptions, roadblocks, stereotypes, and hidden barriers that affect our ability to see ourselves as unique, loved, and a ‘Pearl of Great Price.’”

3. “Offering retreats, promoting Eucharistic adoration and confession and healing prayers to pastors and parishes.”

4. “Providing opportunities for God’s divine supernatural healing grace to transform lives.”

For more information, visit www.gracethatreigns.com.
Violence has intensified in the Rakhine State since 2014 into what many are calling genocide. Mohammad’s family home was burned in a raid by the military, and his family escaped to a refugee camp in Bangladesh along with thousands of women, children and elderly Rohingya.

In 1975, Catholic Social Service opened a satellite office in Garden City and began resettling refugees from the war-torn countries of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. The diocese continued to help hundreds of refugees through 2013, when all refugee resettlement cases were transitioned to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) for ongoing services. In July 2018, the IRC closed its Garden City office. Catholic Charities took up the slack. The newly-formed Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas Refugee Resettlement Program is now the only agency that resettles refugees in Southwest Kansas.

For more information, contact Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas, 603 N. 8th Street, Garden City, KS 67846. (620) 272-0010 www.catholiccharitiesswks.org

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Who is your neighbor?
After man’s nightmarish struggle, Catholic Charities delivers help, hope

By MARCI SMITH and KAYTE FULTON
Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas

Mohammad was one of the first refugees resettled with Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas. He arrived in April 5, 2018 after spending three years in a refugee camp in Malaysia waiting for his approval to resettle in the United States.

A Rohingya Muslim, Mohammad was among thousands fleeing their home country, Burma (also called Myanmar), after decades of government suppression and torture. Until recently, men were most at risk, often hunted down and killed or imprisoned without any due process by the military and some Buddhist members of the community.

The last time he saw his family was 5 years ago, when Mohammad fled Burma leaving behind his wife and four children. Violence had extensively ravaged the Rakhine State since 2014 into what many are calling genocide. Mohammad’s family home was burned in a raid by the military, and his family escaped to a refugee camp in Bangladesh along with thousands of women, children and elderly Rohingya.

Adjusting to life in America has gone relatively smoothly, Mohammad says. He shares an apartment with others from his region in an apartment complex with many other Rohingya refugees. He is working and earning money, which allows him to send money home to his family.

Mohammad is looking forward to applying for his permanent resident, or “green” card and eventually for his U.S. citizenship. Mohammad is a highly motivated individual who comes from a family that has always looked to better its situation. He wants to get ahead and develop his new life here. He attends school and earns money, which allows him to send money home to his family.

Mohammad is interested in the cultural differences. He may be a bit frustrated with different customs. Mohammad is a highly motivated individual and committed to fulfilling all of his responsibilities as a refugee to the U.S. as he develops his new life here. He attends English classes four days a week and works full-time. Mohammad said that arriving in America has made him very happy, though he misses his family deeply. They are in his heart every day as he waits through what is often a long reunification process until he can see his family safe at his side here in the United States.

As his Catholic Charities champions, we too look forward to the day we welcome Mohammad’s family to Garden City!

QUESTION: What circumstance led to you fleeing Burma?
ANSWER: As the violence from the government escalated, I was arrested and detained. I was given prisoner jobs that included cleaning outside. I escaped from the detention facility and, with other men, boarded a boat for Malaysia. We traveled for several days with no food or water, and when we landed in Malaysia, I was detained again. While in detention, I approached organizations such as the Red Cross and United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) for help. Eventually, I was given refugee status and was able to work while my case moved forward through the process to determine which country would offer me asylum.

Q. How is your family doing, and how often are you able to speak with them?
A. Through phone apps, such as WhatsApp and H2O, I am able to speak with my family often. They are safe, and the money I am able to send to them in the camp allows them to buy food – meat, fish and vegetables – to supplement the rice and other meager commodities provided by the UNHCR. I worry very much about my children, as they are not going to school and there are no educational or other activities for them to do. They all just stay inside all the time. I know they are sad and lonely. The children are only 4 and 10 years old. They miss their mother very much and are afraid to come out of the house.

Q. Do you know how long it will take for your family to come to the U.S.?
A. I have no real idea. I have been told it will be years.

Q. What do you look forward to them experiencing when they arrive in the United States?
A. I am most excited about them going to school, learning English and getting an education. In my country, we were not permitted to have any formal education. Here they will be able to learn and have the opportunities all children deserve.

Q. What is a cultural difference that has been a challenge for you in the U.S.?
A. I have been helped by many agencies and by many people. I think our cultures are essentially the same. We all have family, work and have faith.

Q. What do you enjoy about your new life in the United States?
A. I enjoy everything about America. The grocery stores are so big and have everything.

Q. How have you been treated by the American people?
A. Everyone has treated me kindly. I have never felt mistreated or discriminated against. So far, I have only had good experiences.

Q. Do they make assumptions about you because of your Muslim faith?
A. All the people who have helped me respect me and they respect my Muslim faith. Where I work, all Muslims are given time for prayer during our shifts.

Q. What is something that Americans don’t understand about refugees and the challenges they face?
A. I think Americans should be in favor of refugees on humanitarian grounds. We are grateful to America for giving us a better life. We were stateless. I hope Americans understand how terrible that is.

Recently married high school sweethearts killed near Wright

They were barely one month wed when the Lord called the young couple home on a snowy day near Wright, the result of a car accident.

On Feb. 23, Luis Diego Galvan Gomez and Maritza Isabel Zamora Galvan, both 21, went together to their Loving Lord. According to police reports, the Subaru they were driving lost control and was struck by a semi truck. It had been snowing and windy throughout the day, with gusts reaching more than 50 miles per hour. The driver of the semi was uninjured.

Father Wesley Schave celebrated a single Funeral Mass for both Luis and Maritza on March 1 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.

Luis was the son of Jaime and Martha Galvan. He and his family moved to Dodge City from Mexico when he was an infant. He was a graduate of Dodge City High School. He loved spending time with his family. He was a “Supra car guy” (Toyota sports car) and loved the New Orleans Saints and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Maritza was born in Dodge City to Juan and Tonya (Bencomo) Zamora. She graduated from Dodge City High School and attended Dodge City Community College, from which she received her CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) in December 2018. She was a fashionista, enjoying the artistry of make-up and clothing—and she loved soccer.

It was in high school that the couple met and fell in love. They married on Jan. 26, 2019.

Luis leaves behind his parents; brothers, Jesus Galvan, Jaime Galvan, Alexander Galvan and Omar Galvan; his grandfather, Juan Galvan; and Raquel Renteria; his niece, Bellatrise Galvan; and several uncles and cousins.

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At the vigil held the day prior to the funeral, Bishop John Brungardt blessed the bodies of the young couple, both lying in view in the worship area.

Maritza Isabel Zamora Galvan and Luis Diego Galvan Gomez
Duane and Jimmy: the story of the 
The Lion and the Lamb

Every now and then, the world becomes such a troubled place, filled with so much sadness and tragedy, that we must take a moment to do some serious contemplating regarding what we are called to do to bring about positive change. But in the mean time, here’s a column void of any seriousness whatsoever.

And lo, it came to pass that the lion 
down with the lamb, until the lamb heard 
the lion’s tummy rumble and took the 
first bus out of town.

It wasn’t only the idea of being eaten; the two had little in common. Not only was the 
lion a carnivore, he was a libertarian — or a uni-
tarian; the lamb wasn’t sure which. Regardless, the 
lion told the lamb he had to choose — it was 
his way or mutton.

“I’d better get out of here,” thought the lamb, 
unwilling to take chances. “I’d hate to be served 
as a main course. All that bastong. Who wants 
to go to the life-after feeling all sticky? And be-
sides, garnish makes me look fat.”

So off Duane went, in 
search of his friend. Knowing he would stand out 
among the lambs, he wore thick glasses with a 
fake nose and mustache.

“He’s a joke!” the lamb asked. “Librarian? ...
unitarian?...Proletarian?...Bulgarian?...”

“Can I help you, sir?” Jimmy asked, and Duane 
took off his disguise. “Duane! Did you come to 
tell me I was wrong?”

“No,” Duane said, shaking his head. “I told 
you that the ‘it’s my way or mutton’ joke wasn’t 
funny!” Jimmy’s mother said to him 
upon his arrival as she tweaked his nose. “Oh, 
sure, the brochures make it look all, ‘reading to 
little lion cubbs and teaching them life skills.’ 
Didn’t it occur to you that one of their life skills is 
how to prepare lamb kabobs?

“But Mother,” said Jimmy (for that was the 
lamb’s name), rubbing his sore nose, “we all 
must make an effort, for only in endeavoring to 
achieve oneness with our enemies can we 
discover that twoness is naught, unless we carry 
the same thing. We get so busy

What? That’s right, we need to LISTEN.
We need to STOP. Then what? That’s right, we need to 
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A Lenten lesson for children

By ANDY HEMLETT

I n about 40 days we will be 
celebrating Easter. That’s the 
time we celebrate Jesus 
being raised from the dead. In 
our church we call this 40-day 
preparation period Lent. It’s 
a special season of prayer where 
we take a look at our own lives 
and make sure we are doing 
what God wants us to do and 
becoming the people God 
wants us to be.

I want you to pretend 
someone has asked us to come 
and play in the park. Let’s go!
Ok, there is park; it looks like 
they are having fun there. But 
first let’s pretend there is a 
road right in front of us here.

What should we do? Should 
we just go straight across?

We need to STOP. Then what? That’s 
right, we need to LISTEN. 
OK, we took time to STOP, 
LOOK and LISTEN. It looks safe, 
so now we can cross. Great!

What you have just done is 
very important. If we are going to 
keep safe while going to all 
the exciting places we want to 
go to, we need to STOP, LOOK 
and LISTEN before crossing streets.

In life it is important to do 
the same thing. We get so busy 
and we are often in a rush. It’s 
very important that we take 
time to STOP, TO LOOK around 
and think about what we are doing.

Are we doing what God 
wants us to do? Are we 
becoming the sort of person 
that God wants us to be?

And we need to LISTEN, 
by reading the Bible and 
taking time to pray.

This season of Lent that I 
mentioned before is a great 
time to do just that.

If we do take time to STOP, 
LOOK and LISTEN, we can 
make sure our lives are lined 
up with God, that we are safe 
and that we will enjoy all the 
marvelous adventures that 
God has for us.

Pray: Dear God, help us always remember to take time to STOP, LISTEN and 
LISTEN when we are crossing a street.

Help us also to STOP, LOOK 
and LISTEN especially 
this time of year called Lent!

Discussion questions:

1) Why did Jimmy leave Duane’s home without 
speaking to Duane first? How would you have 
handled the situation, knowing that he is the 
handler of the situation?

2) If Jimmy’s father was in a fowl mood when 
he arrived home, why didn’t Jimmy’s mother 
serve him chicken?

3) If two trains are traveling toward one an-
other, with 120 miles in between them, while 
train A is traveling 30 mph and train B is traveling 
60 mph, how long will it be until they collide?

4) Does anyone know where I can get a really 
good cup of coffee?

5) What does this story have to do with 
Lent?

By Cuyler Black

Inherit the Mirth

Of all the things, why did I 
give up spinach for Lent? 

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The healing reward of kindness

By DAVE MERRI
T here is so much joy in doing something kind for others that it occasionally feels self-serving!

Our world is broken people. Not just broken at the bones; not just here at home. All people. All the time. Everywhere. If we weren’t, what need would we have for a Loving God? Besides, if you’re not broken in some way, there’s a good chance you’re the Second Coming, and you should call the bishop immediately.

Throughout our lives we have the choice to expand our brokenness: drugs and alcohol, pornography, gambling, excessive attachment to things of the world, a multitude of forms of abuse....

Or we can promote our own healing. One strong way to do so is through acts of kindness. We get such joy out of serving others because in doing so we heal ourselves — a healing that Bishop John is humbly asking us to use as a prayer for priestly vocations.

“One must do all one can for everybody, expecting no return save from God only.”

— St. John Vianney

So, my wife and I are off to Hastings in Dodge City (long since gone out of business). I used to love going to Hastings. The movies, the action figures, the books! It was southwest Kansas’s version of Disneyland, at least for a nerd like me.

An older couple from Vietnam approached us and conveyed that they were looking for the Social Security office. They spoke little English and were from a distant town. It was difficult to explain where the office was; there were lots of turns and curves. And it didn’t help that all I really wanted was to get in the store and begin looking for “It Came From Beneath the Sea” on DVD.

Then my wife, Charlene, says, “You follow us! We will lead you!”

What? I said through the look on my face. No! I want to go look for my movie! I don’t have time for....

“No love is patient, love is kind....”

1 Corinthians 13:4

We get into the car and they follow us along the highway to the first of two turns, around the curved parking lot to the door of the Social Security Office.

We get out of the car. The diminutive couple walk over, put their hands together as if in prayer, close their eyes and bow to us. It was incredibly moving. Life-affirming. And to think I almost missed out on this wonderful healing moment.

On another occasion, while driving in downtown Denver, I came to a red light. On the corner was a man begging for money. I dug out a couple of dollars, rolled down my window, reached over and gave them to him. Just a couple of dollars, no sacrifice at all.

Then something amazing happened. This man with the beard and wearing a dark hoodie that shadowed his face, held his hand out over my car and prayed over me. I saw St. Francis in this man. A small gift for him, a great healing for me!

When God puts you in a place to perform an act of kindness, be honored! God is using you! God says, “My precious child needs help. Let’s get him (your name) in there. He will help ’em out! We can depend on him!”

“What joy there will be at the judgement for those for whom Jesus Christ did the kindness they showed to the poor was shown to him. Yes, he will say to him, ‘It was I myself that you came to see in that poor person; it was to me that you rendered that service; it was to me that you gave alms at your door.’”

— St. John Vianney, see Matt. 25:31-46

Accompanying immigrants: ‘the Catholic thing to do’

Editor’s Note: The following is reprinted with permission from America, the Jesuit Review magazine.

A t the time, it did not seem like a big deal. Young men shouted up the schoolgirls every morning. Selena Guadalupe Valladares was one of them.

Her rural town in El Salvador sits between the turf of two powerful Salvadoran gangs. She said she would hear gunshots and see dead bodies in the streets as a child. The gang members who watched her and her friends “liked to see the little girls,” Ms. Valladares said in an interview with America.

“I was 14 when they started talking to me, telling me things like they’re in love with me,” she said. She was afraid, but she never imagined how badly things could go. A gang member asked another girl, whom Ms. Valladares knew from church gatherings, to be his girlfriend. But the girl refused.

The gang killed that girl. They kidnapped her, raped her and spread her drugs and the crime, you never know what’s going to happen to you. Here, you’re safe.”

Ms. Hernandez sends money back home to her mother who, at 60, still works in the fields.

“I don’t want her to have to work anymore,” she said. Ms. Hernandez, who has 11 siblings, said the hardest part about coming to the United States is being separated from her loved ones. She said she is not sure if she will ever see her parents again, but she hopes she will.

“I want to learn to speak English, and I know I can do it!” Ms. Hernandez said.

The accompaniment program is helping her do that, Ms. Otero said.

“The idea is that they are a stranger, on the outside; how do you help them feel like they are one of us, one body in Christ? If we change the world for one little kid, it will have an amazing impact on his family and his community,” she said. “We can do a lot. These kids need us.”

J.D. LONG-GARCIA

Immigration program services at Catholic Charities in San Francisco. Ms. Otero came to the United States 19 years ago from Colombia.

“I found myself on my own without any support,” she said. Then she met a family who stepped in and helped her set up a bank account and get a job. They even brought her soup and crackers when she got food poisoning.

“I know how important it is to know someone who can help you integrate into America,” Ms. Otero said. When I think of my clients in the community, I want to make sure they have that. As Catholics, we’re supposed to welcome the stranger.”

In San Mateo, Calif., Catholic Charities serves 75 unaccompanied minors, the youngest of whom arrived in the United States when she was five. Ms. Otero described them as a “very vulnerable population,” with more than 65 percent being unable to reunite with their parents. While Catholic Charities helps with legal services, volunteers step in to support in other ways, like checking in with them weekly and accompanying them to doctor’s visits.

The vast majority of the unaccompanied minors—95 percent, according to Ms. Otero—are from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. These Central American countries have been beset by violence and gangs for years. Like Ms. Valladares, unaccompanied minors come to the United States because they fear for their lives. Some also experience traumatic events on their journey north.

“We had a kid who tried to commit suicide,” Ms. Otero said. Those who arrive unaccompanied often need counseling and help with their studies.

Yet sometimes, they just want help putting together a game of soccer.

“We have free, beautiful parks,” Ms. Otero said, “but to play soccer, you need a team!”

Maria Antonia Hernandez arrived in the United States from Mexico three years ago. She was 17 and presented herself at the San Ysidro port of entry to ask for asylum.

“Things are very difficult there,” she said of her home state of Michoacán, a crime-ridden area known as a home to drug cartels. “They threaten you. The little you have, they take away.”

Ms. Hernandez said she always wanted to come to the United States, but her mother told her, “Either you get in line and cross legally or you’re not going.”

She did that and has been working since she arrived.

“In the United States, you have to work if you want to make something of yourself,” she said. “People think it’s easy, but it isn’t. You have to work every day to pay your bills. But there, with the drugs and the crime, you never know...”

You can’t argue with that

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Holy Trinity Parish in Westmont, Ill.
Archbishop urges every allegation be thoroughly investigated without delay

Vatican City (CNA) - An expert on abuse prevention offered "practical suggestions" to participants at a Vatican summit on child sexual abuse on Feb. 21. Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna, adjunct secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith told the Vatican's Meeting of the Presidents of the Bishops' Conferences on Safeguarding of Minors that bishops should make known that Catholics have both "the duty and the right" to report any sort of clerical sexual misconduct or abuse to Church officials.

Scicluna advised that the contact information for Church leaders be made publicly available and easy to access. He called for the establishment of protocols governing how the Church handles abuse, and he encouraged Church leaders to cooperate with civil authorities and other experts on abuse.

"It is important that every allegation is investigated with the help of experts and that the investigation is concluded without unnecessary delay," he said. He also noted that the practice of establishing review boards and safeguarding commissions has "proved to be beneficial" in areas where this is commonplace. It can be helpful for bishops to work together and share their experiences in how they have dealt with their priests being accused of abuse, explained Scicluna.

"As shepherds of the Lord’s flock we should not underestimate the need to confront ourselves with the deep wounds inflicted on victims of sexual abuse by members of the clergy."

-- Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna

The following statement was issued by the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. It can be found online at www.dcdiocese.org/news2/official-statements.

The investigation from the KBI is not only for clergy from the Catholic faith, even though the Catholic dioceses are specifically mentioned.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) has convened an internal task force of six special agents who will conduct a thorough investigation into abuse reports received from the public, including accounts from anyone who has been victimized by members of the clergy, including employees, volunteers, or any other persons in positions of authority within the church, and complete a review of church documents.

Kansas dioceses take part in KBI investigation process

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-- Pope Francis

On Feb. 22, the third session of the second day of the meeting on “The Protection of Minors in the Church” in the Vatican’s Synod Hall, Pope Francis bows his head in prayer.

‘It is possible to overcome evil with good’

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We need to “encourage countries and authorities to apply every measure needed to contain those websites that threaten human dignity,” Pope Francis said, adding that the Church should consider raising the age limit of the crime, specified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 of “the acquisition, possession or distribution by a cleric of pornographic images of minors” to above its current limit of 14 years old.

“I would like to stress the important need to turn this evil into an opportunity for purification,” Pope Francis said, thanking priests and faithful Catholics who have silently and faithfully lived out their vows of celibacy.

“The best results and the most effective resolution that we can offer to the victims, to the People of Holy Mother Church and to the peoples of the world, are the commitment to personal and collective conversion, the humility of learning, listening, assisting and protecting the most vulnerable,” he said.

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The pope made “a heartfelt appeal for an all-out battle against the abuse of minors both sexually and in other areas, on the part of all authorities and individuals, for we are dealing with abominable crimes that must be erased from the face of the earth.”

Later in his Angelus address, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel’s emphasis on mercy and loving one’s enemy. He stressed that “if our hearts are open to mercy ... we proclaim before the world that it is possible to overcome evil with good.”

Protecting God’s Children

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City requires all employees and volunteers who work with children to participate in a Protecting God’s Children awareness session.

Through the Diocesan Awareness Sessions and other educational efforts of the diocese, all people of the diocese can learn how to discuss different aspects of abuse — including sexual abuse — with children and how to teach them to protect themselves.

Abuse Hotline

If you suspect abuse or neglect of a child in Kansas, and the child is in immediate danger, call 911 or local law enforcement.

If you have suspicion that a child is being abused or neglected, make a confidential report to the Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center, 800-285-3219. If you suspect abuse by Church personnel, in addition to making a report to those civil authorities, contact Charles Befort, cbefort@cox.net, 620-285-3219.

You may submit a report to the diocese. Report forms are available at www.dcdiocese.org/safe-environment.

Texas priest who served in SW Kansas accused of sexual abuse

On Jan. 31, 2019, all the dioceses in Texas published names of priests who had been accused of sexual abuse. The list of the Amarillo diocese included the name of Mario Islas, who served in the Dodge City diocese for four years. If anyone is aware of someone who was abused by Mario Islas, contact Charles Befort, cbefort@cox.net, (620) 285-3219 (Dodge City diocesan contact). You may also contact the statewide Victim Assistance Hotline 800-828-9745 (8am - 5pm, Monday—Friday) or the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, 800-KS-CRIME, Clergy Abuse@kbi.ks.gov.

‘We owe survivors an unyielding vigilance that we may never fail them again’

ROME Feb. 24, 2019—Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has issued the following statement on the final day of a four day meeting attended by Presidents of Bishops’ Conferences from across the globe.

Cardinal DiNardo’s full statement follows:

“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.” — Psalm 145:18

“These have been challenging, fruitful days. The witness of survivors revealed for us, again, the deep wound in the Body of Christ. Listening to their testimonies transforms your heart. I saw that in the faces of my brother bishops. We owe survivors an unyielding vigilance that we may never fail them again.

“How then to bind the wounds? Intensify the Dallas Charter. Pope Francis, whom I want to thank for this assembly, called us to ‘concrete and effective measures.’ A range of presenters from cardinals to other bishops to religious sisters to lay women spoke about a code of conduct for bishops, the need to establish specific protocols for handling accusations against bishops, user-friendly reporting mechanisms, and the essential role transparency must play in the healing process.

“Achieving these goals will require the active involvement and collaboration of the laity. The Church needs their prayers, expertise, and ideas. As we have learned from diocesan review boards, a comprehensive range of skills is required to assess allegations and to ensure that local policies and procedures are regularly reviewed so that our healing response continues to be effective. All of the models discussed this week rely upon the good help of God’s people.

“I and the bishops of the United States felt affirmed in the work that is underway. Enhanced by what I experienced here, we will prepare to advance proposals, in communion with the Holy See, in each of these areas so that my brother bishops can consider them at our June General Assembly. There is an urgency in the voice of the survivors to which we must always respond. I am also aware that our next steps can be a solid foundation from which to serve also seminarians, religious women, and all those who might live under the threat of sexual abuse or the abuse of power.

“In our faith, we experience the agony of Good Friday. It can cause a sense of isolation and abandonment, but the Resurrection is God’s healing promise. In binding the wounds now before us, we will encounter the Risen Lord. In Him alone is all hope and healing.

“May I also add a sincere word of thanks to the many who prayed for me and for all that this meeting be a success.”
What are your gifts of the Holy Spirit?

**Called & Gifted schedule**

The Called and Gifted Workshop will guide you to recognize gifts given to you by the Holy Spirit through baptism and confirmation. These gifts enable you to accomplish things for God above and beyond your natural abilities.

To register, contact Coleen Stein 620-227-1538 or cstein@dcdiocese.org.

The fee for this workshop is $25.

**English**
- Date: Saturday, May 4
- Location: Sacred Heart Parish Education Center
  1119 State Street, Larned
- Schedule: 8 – 8:45 a.m. Registration
  9 a.m. Workshop begins promptly.
  12 noon Lunch
  5 p.m. Day concludes.

**Spanish**
- Date: Saturday, April 6
- Location: Holy Family Social Center
  Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe
  3231 N 14th Avenue, Dodge City
- Schedule: 8 – 8:45 a.m. Registration
  9 a.m. Workshop begins promptly.
  12 noon Lunch
  5 p.m. Day concludes.

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**Sung Heroes — A Day for Music Ministers**

You are invited to be RENEWED in your spirit, REFRESHED in your ministry, and RECOGNIZED for your gift.

Saturday, March 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Parish Center in Wright

RSVP by March 18 to Gayla Kirmer at gkirmer@dcdiocese.org or (620) 227-1525.

“Come by yourselves to an out of the way place and rest a while.” Mark 6:31a

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**ENRICH YOUR LENT TODAY!**

“The Rosary is the ‘weapon’ for these times.” — Saint Padre Pio

Connect with people of all ages around the Dodge City Diocese from the comfort of your home. It’s easy:

- Email to jbernal@dcdiocese.org to sign-up.
- Look for a reply email with instructions to download “Zoom” and how to connect (it’s free!).
- You will receive an email link on your device at 8 p.m. on Sunday evenings.
- Click on the link.
- You will be connected with others from around the diocese as we pray the rosary to promote a culture of life.
- This prayer will conclude no later than 8:30 p.m.
- All individuals, groups, and ages are invited to be a part of this group.

“In truth I tell you once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven.”

— Matthew 18:19

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**Father Brantley to co-lead pilgrimage to the Catholic Shrines of Italy**

Father Mark Brantley, pastor of St. John the Apostle, Kiowa, Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge, and St. Boniface, Sharon, and the Very Reverend Russ Mower, V.F. from Dallas, will lead a pilgrimage to the Catholic Shrines of Italy from Oct. 7-17, 2019.

Pilgrims will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, the Catacombs, and more. Render homage to St. Anthony in Padua, St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi, St. Mark in Venice, and visit the city of Florence.

The price of $3,890 from Wichita includes transatlantic flights, accommodations in first-class hotels, all breakfasts and seven dinners with wine, guided sightseeing, and medical travel insurance. Price per person based on double occupancy.

Prior to becoming a priest, Father Brantley served 26 years as a U.S. Air Force pilot and nearly 10 years as a commercial airline pilot. Father Mower, also an Air Force veteran, is pastor at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church and School, and chaplain at Bishop Dunne Catholic School in Dallas. He attended Wichita State University, and his undergraduate degree is in Fire Protection Engineering Technology. Prior to being called to the priesthood, he had a 33-year career in the fire service and served seven years in the U.S. Air Force. Father Mower is a widower and has three adult daughters and four grandchildren.

For more information, contact Father Brantley at (620)-886-3596 or fathermark1@outlook.com. For an in-depth look at all the sites they will visit, and for cost information, go to www.catholicharitatetours.com/FRMIT.

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**2020 Pilgrimage to Holy Land**

Father Aneesha Parappanattu, MSFS, parochial vicar at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Norma Alvarez, Director of Religious Education, will lead an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from May 25-June 4, 2020.

Pilgrims will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nativity Church, Capernaum, Tel Aviv and much more.

The pilgrimage includes airfare from the city of your choice, guide, driver, 4-5-star hotels, breakfast, dinner with wine, tips, transfers, taxes, surcharges, excursions, etc. To learn more or to register, call (855) 482-8001, or register online at www.proximotravel.com.

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**Now Available!**

In this intriguing volume, Tim Wenzl, archivist emeritus for the Diocese of Dodge City, documents his discovery of more than 300 Kansas communities and geographical sites with Catholic names. Included in this 146-page gazetteer, are communities named for saints, popes, cardinals, bishops, priests and friars, nuns and religious sisters, Spanish explorers, frontiersmen, and ordinary Catholics.

- Communities originally established as Catholic colonies and named for the emigrés homeland
- The stories of how and why the communities were named, together with biographical features
- Color photographs of nearly 40 Catholic churches and institutions listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Ask for it at Catholic and Christian bookstores. Also on Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. Mail order by contacting the author at twenzl@dcdiocese.org.
Holy Family School’s Inga Atkinson named Divine Mercy Radio’s Favorite Catholic School Teacher

Divine Mercy Radio’s contest has named Inga Atkinson of Holy Family Catholic School in Great Bend “Favorite Catholic School Teacher.” Votes were cast by staff and friends from Catholic schools along the radio station’s ich stretches from Hays to Great Bend and all the

mmunities.

&. Assistant Director and Underwriting Representative crcy Radio, released some snippets from a few of the

hat were received during the voting process. The

e voters were not included:

A Atkinson! She is fabulous with all her students and

it in education at a young age.”

franddaughters have [Mrs. Atkinson] for Pre-K and

vely love her.”

Mrs. Inga Atkinson at Holy Family School in Great id. Actually, she is one of all time favorites at this a tion.”

• “[Mrs. Inga Atkinson] She is BEYOND amazing! She

as taught all three of my boys, and I have never met

yone like her. She genuinely loves each and every

child who comes into her room, and treats them just

like her own kids. She is gentle, soft-spoken, and

as a heart of gold. Her love of God shines through

’heart and into her teaching. I wish every child had

portunity to be in her classroom—every student

to be loved like she loves her kiddos! She, without

deserves to win this contest. She has taught for

any years and has affected so many lives in the

Great Bend area.”

Atkinson received a Certificate of Excellence and a $50 gift card for “The Page An American Bistro in Great Bend.”

Bepre students confirmed

Mercy Radio’s Favorite Catholic School Teacher of the year, Inga Atkinson, is seated at center with her class at Holy Family School in Great Bend. Also pictured is Father Ted Stoecklein, pastoral vicar at Prince of Peace Parish.

Cub Scouts earn badges

DODGE CITY – Cub Scouts from Pack 162, who earned the religious emblems of their faith tradition, received the Lights of Christ, God and Family, or Parvuli Dei awards at the Blue and Gold banquet held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe social hall on Feb. 10. Pictured are (LtoR): R.J. Adams, Blain Coffey, A.J, Koehn, Tate Presley, Adrian Alvarez, Easton Steiner, Jacoby Sutton, Ty Presley, and Onesimo Aragon. Recipients not able to attend were: Bode Martinez, Isaac Rivera, Finn Martinez, and Isak Mariche.

Day of Recollection

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will host a Lenten Day of Recollection from 9 a.m.- 3:15 p.m. March 20 at the IHM Novitiate House of Formation, 3550 N. 167th Street W. in Colwich.

Lunch will be provided. RSVP by March 15 by calling (620) 722-9316.

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Encontrando luz en los días más oscuros

T omanemos por ejemplo los carismas. Los “carismas” son dones dados por el Espíritu Santo para equipar al pueblo de Dios para hacer la obra de Dios. Dios nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a un propósito único en la vida, una obra de amor que solo no-sotros podemos hacer.

¿Cuáles son tus dones del Espíritu Santo?

Por COLEEN STEIN
Subdirector de Formación de Adultos

D ejo las preguntas en el aire como manera de reflexión, para que las reflexiones de los demás nos ayuden a cada uno de nosotros a conocer mejor nuestras capacidades y dones.

‘Testimonios de las víctimas me hicieron llorar’, expresa Cardenal

El Cardenal Ricardo Blázquez intervino en el programa El Espejo de la cadena COPE, en donde habló sobre la cumbre contra los abusos sexuales que ha tenido lugar en el Vaticano y en la que participó como Presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal Española (CEE).

El Cardenal Blázquez animó a leer de nuevo el discurso de clausura de la Cumbre que pronunció el Papa Francisco en donde “tiene muchas llamadas de atención”, pero “también de reconocimiento porque no queremos defenderlo de lo que no podemos defendernos”.

En ese sentido, el Presidente de la CEE subrayó que el discurso “fue dirigido a la Iglesia pero no podemos defendernos, queremos defendernos de lo que pronunció el Papa Francisco en clausura de la Cumbre que celebró en el Vaticano y en la que participó como Presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal Española (CEE).”

Usted ha recibido regalos, a través del Bautismo y la Confirmación, para que el amor de Dios llegue a los demás. ¡Ven, descubre estos regalos! “Llamados y dotados” es una oportunidad de un día para explorar cuáles podrían ser sus carismas y recibir herramientas para ejercerlos en el futuro. Incluye la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre los laicos, la naturaleza de los dones espirituales, la vocación y cómo embarcarse en el proceso de discernimiento.

El Cardenal Ricardo Blázquez se quejó de que “algunos de los testimonios de las víctimas me hicieron llorar. ¡Aquí abusó tan grande, durante años, tragándose el mal que hacía como si (la víctima) fuera la culpable! Y un silencio cómplice han sido llevados al exilio. En las ruinas de Jerusalén (587 a.C.), un poeta talentoso da voz a su propio dolor por lo que ve a su alrededor. Era el mismo Jeremías, o uno que estaba cerca de él... en el tiempo, en la mente y en el corazón, y a su manera con palabras. Nuestros antepasados en la fe meditaron este libro durante siglos, especialmente durante la Semana Santa, y particularmente el Sábado Santo, aquellas horas amargas y silenciosas después de la muerte de Jesús en la Cruz. Amban estos cuatro documentos (capítulos 1 y 2, capítulos 4 y 5), y amban la pieza central de la obra (capítulo 3), un elenco personal más largo muy parecido a lo que le sucedió al propio Jeremías.

Ahora que nuestra misma Iglesia es arrastrada por tanta oscuridad, traiición y dolor, puedo ver el momento de que nos sentemos entre nuestras propias ruinas y profundicemos, con oración, en lo que ha caído sobre nosotros. El poeta de las Lamentaciones estaba apesadumbrado, era brutalmente honesto acerca de lo que veía a su alrededor, enojado con las autoridades, consigo mismo, e incluso con Dios por hacer esto a sus propios santos. Pero nunca perdió, ni siquiera en todo eso, nunca perdió su inquebrantable esperanza en Dios en la Providencia. Ateos anécdotas que se han convertido. Quédate mucho tiempo con ellas. Saboréalas. Son Luz y Verdad para todos los días oscuros.

Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios

La Diócesis requiere a todos los empleados y voluntarios que trabajen con menores a asistir a las sesiones de conscientización de Proteger a los Niños de Dios. Estas sesiones de conscientización están disponibles en ambos inglés y español. Son conducidos por gente de nuestra Diócesis especialmente entrenadas como facilitadores. Las sesiones se publicarán en las parroquias, es- cuelas, el periódico Southwestern Kansas Catholic, el semanario Kon- sos Catholic y la página electrónica de la Diócesis. www.dcdiocese.org/protectingchildren.

Por Rev. RONALD M. GILMORE, Obispo Emerito de la Diócesis Católica de Dodge City

¿Cuáles son tus dones del Espíritu Santo?

El discurso de clausura del Cardenal Blázquez animó a los presentes a realizar el proceso de discernimiento. “El discurso de clausura del Papa, según el Cardenal Blázquez, ‘remite a una profundidad especial, también al misterio del mal, porque el abuso de los menores no es simplemente una cuestión de injusticia, sino que tiene que ver con el pecado y el misterio del mal’. Sobrella importancia de escuchar a las víctimas el Purrupurado afirmó que “algunos de los testimonios de las víctimas me hicieron llorar. ¡Aquí abusó tan grande, durante años, tragándose el mal que hacía como si (la víctima) fuera la culpable! Y un silencio cómplice han sido llevados al exilio. En las ruinas de Jerusalén (587 a.C.), un poeta talentoso da voz a su propio dolor por lo que ve a su alrededor. Era el mismo Jeremías, o uno que estaba cerca de él... en el tiempo, en la mente y en el corazón, y a su manera con palabras. Nuestros antepasados en la fe meditaron este libro durante siglos, especialmente durante la Semana Santa, y particularmente el Sábado Santo, aquellas horas amargas y silenciosas después de la muerte de Jesús en la Cruz. Amban estos cuatro documentos (capítulos 1 y 2, capítulos 4 y 5), y amban la pieza central de la obra (capítulo 3), un elenco personal más largo muy parecido a lo que le sucedió al propio Jeremías.

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La Abnegación Egoísta de los Actos de Bondad

**ACTOS DE BONDAD**

**HISTORIA DE LAS INICIATIVAS POR LAS VOCACIONES SACERDOTALES:**

**LIMOSNA POR LAS VOCACIONES SACERDOTALES**

Comenzó en la primavera de 2016 (llamamiento a los Ministerios Vibrantes).

**AYUNO POR LAS VOCACIONES SACERDOTALES**

Comenzó en la Cuaresma de 2018.

**ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES SACERDOTALES**

Comenzó en el día de Corpus Christi de 2018.

**ACTOS DE BONDAD POR LAS VOCACIONES SACERDOTALES**

Por favor tomen un momento para escribir una carta de apoyo a nuestros seminaristas. Han expresado lo grande que es para ellos saber que hay alguien pensando en ellos y orando por ellos.

**POR DAVE MYERS**

Hay tanta alegría en hacer algo amable por los demás que ocasionalmente se siente como un autoservicio.

Somos un pueblo quebrantado. No solo por los tiempos; No solo nuestro país. Todos, Todo el tiempo. En todos lados. Si no lo fuéramos, ¿qué necesidad tendríamos para un Dios amoroso? Además, si no estás roto de alguna manera, es muy probable que seas la Segunda Venida, y debes llamar a Dios. ¡Las películas, las figuras que cerraran el negocio). Me encantaba "Vino de Debajo del Mar" en DVD. El amor es paciente, es servicial…

Hoy es el miércoles de Ceniza, y Dios está invocando nuestra misericordia. En el verso 6 de Mateo 6:1-6 16-18, Jesús enseñaba: "buenas obras... cuando ayunen..." (Mateo 6.1-6 16-18).

¿Qué? Dije a través de la expresión mi cara. ¡No! ¡Quiero ir a buscar mi película! Entonces mi esposa, Charlene, dice: "¡Síganos! ¡Los llevaremos! ¡No? Dije a través de la expresión mi cara. ¡No! ¡Quiero ir a buscar mi película! No tengo tiempo para un pequeño regalo para él..."

La pareja mayor de Vietnam se acercó a nosotros y nos comunicó que estaban buscando la oficina del Seguro Social. Hablaban poco inglés y eran de un pueblo lejano. Era difícil explicar dónde estaba la oficina de la Seguro Social. Subimos al auto y nos siguieron por la carretera hasta el primero de dos giros, alrededor del estacionamiento, hasta la puerta de la Oficina del Seguro Social.

"El amor es paciente, es servicial..."

El día, mi esposa yo estábamos frente a Hastings en Dodge City (tiempo antes que cerraran el negocio). Me encantaba ir a Hastings. ¡Las películas, las figuras de acción, los libros! Era la versión de Disneyland en el sureste de Kansas, al menos para un estudiante como yo. Una pareja mayor de Vietnam se acercó a nosotros y nos comentó que estaban buscando la oficina del Seguro Social. Hablaban poco inglés y eran de un pueblo lejano. Era difícil explicar dónde estaba la oficina; habían muchos giros y curvas. Y no ayudó que todo lo que yo realmente quería era entrar en la tienda y comenzar a buscar "Vino de Debajo del Mar" en DVD.

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"Se anima a las familias, escuelas, grupos de PSR, grupos de jóvenes e individuos a que envíen ideas o un artículo completo para el SKC y/o el sitio web. Gracias."

Gracias por tu oración, ayuno y limosna por las vocaciones sacerdotales. Tu sacrificio hace la diferencia. Esta Cuaresma, enfocémonos en los Actos de Bondad por las vocaciones sacerdotales. Jesús a menudo demostró actos de bondad en su ministerio: enseñando humildemente a la mujer en el pozo; dando esperanza a Zaqueo; alimentando a miles. Obras de caridad simples o profundas, todas entregadas con gran amor. Cristo también recibió actos de bondad: María cuidando al Niño Jesús con un amor más allá de todo lo que se puede contar; Verónica consolándolo en el camino de la Cruz; y María, María y Lázaro se hicieron amigos suyos. Estos y muchos ejemplos de cómo llegar a los demás. ¿Cómo estamos llamados tú, yo y todos nosotros a imitar a Jesús? De vez en cuando, le doy esta penitencia a un penitente: "Haz un acto de bondad a alguien en la próxima semana o en los próximos días; alguien que conocas o no; un acto de bondad del que sabrán que tú eres responsable, o no lo sabrán". Pruébalo. Haznos saber tus ejemplos. Les pido que envíen ideas para los Actos de Bondad a nuestro editor, Dave Meyers, skrегист@dcdioocese.org para que todos podamos compartir nuestras experiencias de dar, recibir y compartir el amor de Dios unos con otros. Se

**¿TIENEN UN MINUTO?**

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**HISTÓRICA DE LAS INICIATIVAS POR LAS VOCACIONES SACERDOTALES:**

(Del Evangelio del miércoles de Ceniza: Mateo 6,1-6 16-18).

**VINO DE DEBAJO DEL MAR**: En DVD.

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Obituaries

LUZ MARIA MONTES, 62, of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Ulysses, died Feb. 18, 2019. She was born in Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua, Mexico, the daughter of Victoriano and Ramona (Gutierrez) Chacon. She married Joaquin Montes on Feb. 5, 1977. They moved to Ulysses in 1995. Luz was survived by her husband, sons, Gerardo and Jamie; daughter, Cindy Montes; brothers, Victor Chacon, Arturo Chacon, Rodolfo Chacon, Armando Chacon, Robert Chacon and Juan Chacon; sisters, Cecilia Saenz and Silvia Miramontez; and four grandchildren, Lisa Montes, Jimmy Montes, Valeria Montes, and Jovanny Montes.

MICHAEL GUADIAN, Sr., 99, of St. Dominic Parish, Garden City, died Feb. 19, 2019. He was born Sept. 18, 1919 in Cheyenne, Wyoming the son of Manuel and Avenilna (Boonille) Guardian. Michael grew up as a child in Wyoming. As a teenager he moved to Garden City where he has lived since. He served in the United States Army during WWII from December 1941 to December 1945. After the service, Michael worked for 36 years as a machine operator for Santa Fe Railroad. He retired in 1984. He was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, VFW, a past Scoutmaster of Troop #21, past member of the GI Forum, a past president and member of the Fiesta Committee, and member of the Latin America Club. Michael enjoyed helping people to become citizens of the United States and helping migrants in getting their drivers license. On Dec. 14, 1942, he married Felisa Rodriguez. She survives. Other survivors include seven children, Michael Guardian, Jr., Rose Mary Hall, Anthony Guardian, Monica Cordova, Patty Guardian, Christopher Guardian, and Melissa Chamberlain; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Father Warren Stecklein presided.

BOONIE LEA CALHAN, 67, of Garden City, died Feb. 17, 2019. She was born in Russell, the daughter of Cecil Jason and Joan (Flavin) Pruitt. Bonnie moved with her family to Oklahoma when she was a child. In 1959, they moved to Garden City, died Feb. 17, 2019. Bonnie leaves her husband, John Calvin Calahan; two sons, Gregory Calvin Calahan and Michael Jason Calahan; three daughters, Lea Elizabeth DeMore (Greg) and her husband Greg, Lynn Elizabeth White (Bobby) and her husband Bobby, and Leigh Elizabeth Rodgers (Kerry) and her husband Kerry; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and sister, Ann J. (Sonny) Martinez. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with burial in St. John Cemetery. Father Warren Stecklein will celebrate Mass. There will be a time of visitation prior to the Mass from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the church. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with Father Robert Wenzl presiding. You may also contact the family directly at 620-277-1190.

Obituary policy

Obituaries are listed free of charge, but must be edited for space. If you see that a listing has not been included, call Dave at (620) 227-1519, or email skregister@dcdiocese.org. Please pray for the repose of the soul of all those listed, and for their friends and loved ones.

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Each Soduko puzzle consists of a 9x9 Soduko grid containing areas surrounded by gray or dotted lines. The object is to fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear exactly once in each row, column and 3x3 box, and the sum of the numbers in each area is equal to the clue in the area’s top-left corner.

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Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 10

Monday, March 11
Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18/Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 12
Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 13
Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 14
Esther 1:16, 1-1, 18-26; Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 15; Day of Abstinence
Ezekiel 18:21-22/ Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 16
Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, March 17

Monday, March 18
Daniel 9:4-10/Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 19; Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary
Second Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16, Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24, or Luke 2:41-51

Wednesday, March 20
Jeremiah 18:18-20/Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 21
Jeremiah 17:5-10/Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 22; Day of Abstinence
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-18, Matthew 21:33-46, 45-46

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24
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to Garden City where Bonnie has lived since. On May 3, 1972, she married Mike Charles Bennett, and as “Bonnie” she has lived the last 40 years as an administrative assistant for Brooker’s and Gary Viterise. Survivors include a sister, Patricia “Patti” Hoffman. Father Warren Stecklein presided.

RICHARD OLIVAREZ, Jr., 61, of St. Mary Parish, Garden City, died Feb. 17, 2019. He was born at Chihuahua, Mexico the son of Santos and Aurora (Ponce) Chavez. Chavez-Ponce attended schools in Mexico before coming to Garden City in 1982. In 1983 he met and married Margarita Rivas. He had worked at Tyson Fresh Meats for 20 years. Among the things for which he was most proud, was that of becoming a U.S. Citizen in 2017. Survivors include: his wife; children Daniel Rivas, Roy Chavez, and Margot Rojas; siblings Amelia Chavez-Ponce, Francisco Chavez-Ponce, Hector Chavez-Ponce, and Rosa Chavez-Ponce; and six grandchildren. Father Charles Seiwert presided.

RICHARD “RICH” SCHREIBVOGEL, 88, of St. Dominic Parish, Garden City, died Feb. 14, 2019. He was born at home northwest of Holcomb, the 11th of 12 children born to Anthony and Margaret (Urban) Schreibvogel. In 1951, he was inducted into the United States Army at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He became part of the 71st Engineers during the Korean War and was sent to Camp Cindi, Japan. In 1954, he married Betty Ray in Garden City. Early in their marriage, they moved to Dayton, Ohio where he was an engineer on the BNO Railway. Two years later they returned to Kansas, where they farmed and raise their family. Richard retired from farming in 1984. He then went to work for the City of Garden City for 10 years, and then began driving the bus for the Senior Center. Survivors include his wife Betty; four children, Rebecca Jones, Rick Schreibvogel, Steve Schreibvogel, and Christine Diel; a brother Francis Schreibvogel; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Father Warren Stecklein presided.

JUAN M. ORTIZ, 90, of St. Mary Parish, Garden City, died Feb. 12, 2019. He was born in Panna Maria, Texas the son of Julio Ortiz and Zenifera Molina. He married Dolores “Lola” Sanders in 1950 in Karnes City, Texas. They moved to Garden City in 1963. He started out in the family cotton gin operation, later working at Producers, Buffalo Mills Foundries (previously Sooby’s Meat Market), and Buffalo Meat. In 1974, he started working at Buffalo Meat and Curtis Machine Shop for several years. Richard was also a sous chef at the Dodge House, Bad Habit, and most recently Guymon Petro. Ortiz is survived by two daughters, Kyle Jane Ortiz and Margarita A. Olivarez; his mother, Martha; a brother, Frank Olivarez; sister, Rachel Ann Olivarez; a grandson, Aydan Joseph Young; and nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and friends.

EDITH M. (HELFRICH) HALL, 83, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died Feb. 20, 2019. She was born in Spearville, the daughter of John T. and Anna F. (Droste) Helfrich. Edith was a graduate of Ford High School in 1945. On May 6, 1957 she married Donald D. Hall at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City. Edith is survived by a son, Tim Hall; three daughters, Peggy Hacket, Kathy Hall, and Tina Fingerather; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Helfrich; and three sisters, Doris Garner, Mary Hagar, and Charlene Ward. Father Wesley Schawe presided.

JEAN Cavanaugh, of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima Church, Great Bend, died Feb. 21, 2019. She was born in Lake City, Iowa to Orrin Ellsworth Van Horn and Golda Mae fold. During her school days in Lohrville, she played clarinet for six years in the band, orchestra and German Band. She was an avid speller and won the Calhoun County spelling contest in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Following her high school graduation, she worked for the FBI for two years in Washington, D.C., and was in the first fingerprinting reading class for women, and then became a shorthand transcriptionist for Clyde Jolson in the agent’s division. She also played in the Government Girl’s Band, and won a beauty pageant. After her marriage, her husband, Clair J. Cavanaugh, graduated from medical school, they were married at Iowa City, Iowa, in March 1947, and moved to Honolulu, Hawaii. The couple moved to Great Bend in 1952. Clair passed away on Dec. 26, 1994. Jean served on numerous boards and commissions. She was the initial recipient of the Kansas State and Martin Luther King award for civil rights. Jean was an 11-year Girl Scout leader and also a Cub Scout den mother. She received honorary awards from the Chamber of Commerce and Barton College Foundation, and in December 2013, was the grand marshal for the Christmas parade. She was also crowned the Cinco de Mayo Queen in May 2014. She is survived by four sons; Thomas; Dr. Michael, Dr. Terrance, and James; one daughter, Kathleen (Bitsy) Cavanaugh; a sister, Joan Linsley; a brother, Bob Van Horn; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Father Don Bedore presided.

MARIA L. (MARCOTTE) BAILEY, 81, of St. Stanislaus Parish, Ingalls, died Feb. 20, 2019. Maria was born in Garden City to Leo and Marcella (Gosselin) Marcotte. Maria married Gary Bailey on Sept. 18, 1960. They moved to Garden City where Bonnie has lived since. On May 3, 1972, she married Mike Charles Bennett, and as “Bonnie” she has lived the last 40 years as an administrative assistant for Brooker’s and Gary Viterise. Survivors include: children, Samuel Ortiz, John Ortiz Allegen, Armando Ortiz, Raul Ortiz, Susan Ortiz, Robert Ortiz, Harman Ortiz, Dennis Ortiz, and Richard Ortiz; siblings Ruben Ortiz, Martin Ortiz, Concepcion Cantu, and Raymond Ortiz; 41 grandchildren; 72 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Father Charles Seiwert presided.

RICHARD OLIVAREZ, JR., aka “Charlie Brown,” 50, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died Feb. 13, 2019. He was born in Dodge City...
KSAILS names St. Dominic School teacher Judy Strasser

‘Distinguished Teacher of the Year’

Judy Strasser delivers her acceptance speech as Distinguished Teacher of the Year for the Diocese of Dodge City at the KSAILS banquet, Feb. 11 in Topeka.

St. Dominic School teacher Judy Strasser was named “Distinguished Teacher of the Year” at the annual KSAILS banquet Feb. 11 in Topeka.

KSAILS (Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools) represents more than 35,000 Kansas school children, nearly 2,400 teachers and approximately 22,000 families.

“I have taught at St. Dominic Catholic School for 25 wonderful years,” Strasser said. “The most rewarding thing to me about teaching in a Catholic school is that I can share my faith through Catholic teachings to help my students learn to love one another and to develop a moral and work ethic while receiving an excellent academic education.”

Strasser is married to Mark; the couple have two grown children, Kristin, 35, and David, 31. Apart from teaching the three Rs (reading, writing and arithmetic), Strasser said she is privileged to “help prepare my students for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist for these many years. It is so special to see their bright, shining, holy faces when they receive these sacraments.”

“As Catholic school educators, we strive to form our students morally as well as academically. When years later I speak to, or hear about, former students, what a great joy it is to celebrate them for the caring, successful, productive, and upstanding members of society they have become, exhibiting all the Christian values that our school is so dedicated to instilling in them. Even though I have had only a small part of their formation, I feel like a proud parent.”

Like the children, who will remember special moments from their elementary school years throughout their life, teachers also hold special those times throughout the year when children are not just taught, but celebrated.

“Other fond memories I have are of Catholic Schools Week activities, Advent and Lenten activities, Spaghetti Dinners, Fun Days, Talent Shows, and class field trips, but what I treasure most are the relationships I have developed with my students, their families, and the many hardworking, deserving teachers in our diocese, and I share this award with them.”

Approaching its 50th year, KSAILS works to ensure that children attending religious and independent schools are treated equitably in educational law, policy and programs. KSAILS is committed to excellence in education and to maintaining unity within its membership and productive relationships with public school leadership.

Obituaries

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MARIA “MARGY” WHATELEY, 71, of St. Mary Parish, Garden City, died on Feb. 24, 2019. She was born in LaJuanita, Colo., the daughter of Ignacio and Blanche (Palacio) Jimenez. She married Floyd F. Whately on July 3, 1965. She was survived by her husband; children Rose Ann Kopp, David Whately, Floyd Whately, Jr., Jessica Fonseca and Yolanda Scisney; brother Raymond Jimenez; sisters Carrolina Vigil and Jessie Munoz; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Father Charles Seiwert presided.

LUCILA IBARRA, 80, of St. Mary Parish, Garden City, died Feb. 14, 2019. She was born in Poblado de Lenaex, Holy Trinity Circle #421, Topeka, Little Flower Circle #503; Lawrence, St. Jude Circle #1127; and Gardner, St. Faustina Circle #1439.

Pre-registration for the convention is recommended. Members can contact their local Regents for more information. The conference will open on Friday evening, March 29, with Mary’s Way of the Cross by Richard Furey.

Saturday, March 30, events will include a memorial service for deceased members and the business meeting conducted by State Regent Brenda Kasper. International Regent Susanne Suchy will install newly elected State officers following the business meeting.

The convention will conclude on Sunday, March 31 with Mass followed by brunch. The Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas, State D of I by his wife of 58 years, Diane Zink; and children, Brian Zink, Joe Zink, Laura Calvert, Bart Zink, and Carla Lieb; sisters, Dolores Kaiser, Bernice Barnes, and Colette Bailey; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren, including a baby due in June. Father Rick Kotba presided.

CRUZ DELEON, 81, of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Ulysses, died March 2, 2019. She was born in San Antonio, Texas, the daughter of Menchow and Maria (Aguilar) Cervantzez. Cruz married Oliver DeLeon in 1957. He preceded her in death. While raising her family, Cruz and her family were migrant workers for several years. She was a smart and educated woman, and at one point was in charge of a crew of 150-200 people. Cruz worked as a CNA at Western Prairie Care Home in Ulysses, and was also a foster mother to 47 children. She is survived by her children, Janie Rodriguez, Carol Carrillo DeLeon, Oliver DeLeon, Alex DeLeon, Robert DeLeon, Joe Hernandez, Connie Hernandez DeLeon, Irene Hernandez, Cruz Lauber, Roger Hernandez, Jim DeLeon, Mario Hernandez, Susie Baker, Alejandro Martinez, and Kevin Bush; daughter-in-law, Jovita DeLeon; sisters, Carolina Martinez, Rosa Maria De Luna, Guadalupe Castillo, and Lilia Theressa Guerrero; 68 grandchildren; 70 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren. Father Peter Fernandez presided.

FRED RUTH FERRELL, Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Ulysses, died Feb. 28, 2019. Freda was born in Hereford, Texas, one of 12 children to Robert and Edna (Morrison) Burns. She enjoyed teaching Catechism for many years at Mary, Queen of Peace Church. Freda was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Lawrence A. Ferrell. She is survived by her grandchildren, Tiffany Randle, Travis Ferrrell, Robyn Combs, Katie Woods; great-grandkids, Treton, Tristan, Tatyana, Thalia, Tamaron, Tavian, Tayyen, Tayren, Little Bruce, Zoe, and Toby; daughter-in-law, Linda Ferrell; brothers, George Burns, Tom Burns, and Marvin Burns; and sisters, Nancy Peters and Louise Burns; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Father Peter Fernandez presided.

ROSEMARY EMMANUEL HERRMANN, 91, of St. Nicholas Parish, Kinsley, died Feb. 28, 2019. Rosemary was born in Kinsley to Hugh and Ruth Peters Miller. Rosemary was a realtor and farmwife. She was a member of the altar society and was a volunteer for CASA in Great Bend. On Jan. 29, 1948, she married Joseph Emmanuel Herrmann; he preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, Stephen Herrmann and Joseph Herrmann; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Father John Forkouh presided.

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