



May 10, 2019

## LATEST NEWS

### AdvancED Engagement Review Team



(Pictured above: Mrs. Sondra Morris, principal of St. Benedict High School, Mrs. Teddi Niedzwiedz, Principal of St. Louis School, Mrs. Sandra Leatherwood, Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Charleston, SC, Dr. Therese Williams, Retired Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Nashville, Mrs. Janet Donato, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Memphis TN, Mrs. Ellen Ayoub, Superintendent of Catholic Schools Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey, Ms. Stephanie Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese off Jackson, MS , Tommy Roque, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Alexandria, LA.)

The Catholic Schools Office hosted an AdvancED Engagement Review Team from March 31st, 2019 to April 3rd. AdvancED, the largest community of educational professionals in the world, is the accrediting agency for the Catholic School System. The responsibility of the six member Review Team was to look for evidence that shows the system adheres to the AdvancED Performance Standards, evidence of a system-wide framework for continuous improvement, and evidence that the system has methods to monitor and maintain quality assurance across the system.

In 2007 the Diocese of Memphis Catholic Schools System was the second Catholic System in the country to receive AdvancED System Accreditation. During the onsite visit the members interviewed department directors from the Catholic Center, school administrators, parents, school advisory board members, teachers, and students. Team members visited classrooms in eight schools using an observation instrument called the “eleot” which is a tool that measures and quantifies active student engagement.

Before leaving the Team met with the superintendent. They commended the schools for the strong Catholic Culture and faith formation that is embedded in the System. The Team commended the schools for high scores on the “eleot” classroom observations. The commitment of parents to the quality and mission of Catholic education, the strong collaboration among school principals, and the support of leadership were also mentioned. In addition to being part of the System AdvancED Engagement Review, St. Louis School went through the process of preparing for STEM Certification. They hosted a team of STEM educators from AdvancED from March 31 to April 2nd. On April 2, 2019, St. Louis became the first Catholic school in the state to become an AdvancED STEM Certified School.

**HEALING AFTER DIVORCE**  
St. Michael Catholic Church Sanctuary  
Monday, June 10 / 6:30-8:30 pm / class is free of charge

## Diocesan Art Show - *Holy Rosary*



The 25th Annual Memphis Diocesan Art Show was held at Holy Rosary on May 5, 2019. Art teachers from each school in the Catholic Diocese of Memphis as well as St. Agnes Academy submitted artwork to be displayed in the show. Each year, the show highlights the importance of fine arts in a child's education and recognizes students with remarkable artistic ability. Attendees enjoy viewing a variety of art, including: drawings, paintings, mixed media, and photography. The featured artists are students in kindergarten through 12th grade and the location of the show varies from year to year.

DeEtta Jones, St. Agnes Academy art teacher, and Robin Durden, St. Louis Catholic School art teacher, began organizing the show in 2016 to carry on the tradition started by Ms. Pam Yatsula. Mrs. Yatsula was the art teacher at Holy Rosary who founded the show so that children in Catholic schools could share their artistic talents with our community.

She gave her time and energy to ensure that the show would take place each year until cancer took her life in 2015. When Ms. Jones and Ms. Durden became the coordinators of the art show, they presented Ms. Yatsula's sons, Matt and Kyle, a piece of art and a plaque honoring their mother. To remember Ms. Yatsula's contribution in the years to come, one person will be recognized in her honor at the annual show.

This year, Tallie Hodges, long-time Administrative Assistant at the Catholic Schools Office, was awarded the Pam Yatsula Award. Mrs. Yatsula made sure that all schools in the diocese were well represented and that each participant was recognized and given a certificate. Now, Mrs. Hodges spends countless hours creating art certificates for our talented students. She also communicates information about local art events to art teachers and principals throughout the school year. Tallie's generosity is greatly appreciated and has a huge impact on fine arts in our Catholic Schools. We are grateful for Mrs. Hodges and proud of all of the students who were honored this year!



## SBA Names 2019 Valedictorian & Salutatorian



*(Wyatt Ellis)*

Wyatt Ellis is the Valedictorian from the Class of 2019 with the highest GPA from the 187-member Class of 2019. Wyatt is the son of Amy and Brian Ellis of Cordova. He is an Honors and AP student, scoring a 35 on the ACT. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction and will earn his Capstone Diploma this inaugural year of implementation. (St. Benedict is the only private school in Memphis and one of only eight in Tennessee offering Capstone diplomas). He is a National Merit Commended Student. Wyatt is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Science Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, Rho Kappa History Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society.

Wyatt is also a member of the Key Club and the Cross Country, Swimming and Water Polo teams, earning him the school's prestigious Iron Eagle Award for 3-sport athletes. He has been a TSSAA Scholar Athlete for four years and is the SBA Senior Scholar Athlete. Wyatt has been selected by his senior class as Most Likely to Succeed. Wyatt was recently recognized by the Germantown Exchange Club as Youth of the Month for April.

Wyatt has earned his Eagle Scout ranking and has 10 plus years in martial arts with Tennessee Karate Institute. He is a Black belt, 1st Degree. Wyatt plans to attend the University of Arizona and major in Physics.



*(Quincy Card)*

Quincy Card is the Salutatorian from the St. Benedict at Auburndale High School Class of 2019. He has achieved the second highest cumulative GPA of his class of 187 students. Quincy is the son of Jo Ann and Parker Card of Cordova. He is an active member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, often serving as Master of Ceremonies for Masses and services. He is graduate of St. Francis of Assisi School and is an Honors and AP student in high school. Quincy scored a 32 on the ACT and is a member of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, the Latin Classical League, Rho Kappa History Honor Society, the National Science Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and the Key Club service organization. Quincy plans to attend Tennessee Tech University to major in Computer Science.

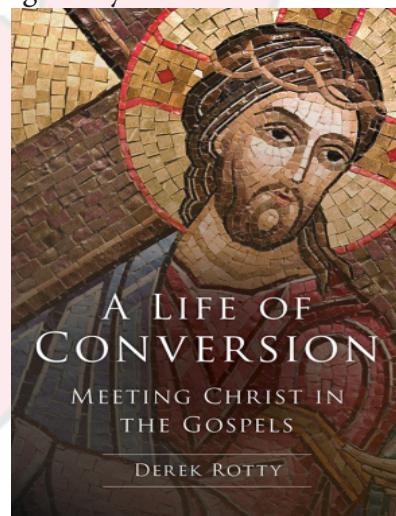


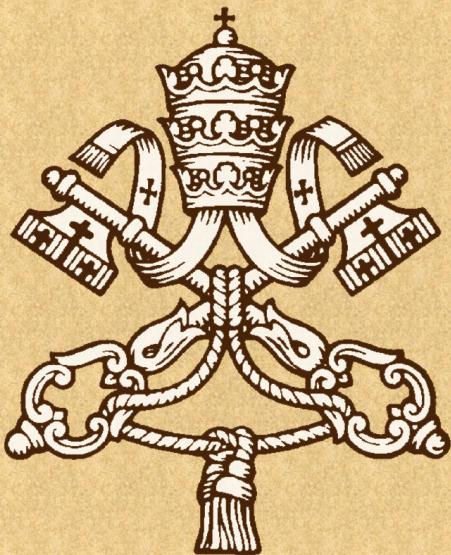
### A Life of Conversion, Meeting People in the Gospels - a book by Derek Rotty

My name is Derek Rotty. I am a Catholic, a husband, a father, a minister, a writer, and a lover of great food, cheap wine, and baseball. I was received home into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 2004, and I have served as a lay minister in parishes ever since. My experience in ministry spans age ranges from children to adults; ranges from training catechists to conducting spiritual retreats; to developing diocesan-level theology and ministry-training curricula. My entire goal is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, to help form people in discipleship, and to equip others to make disciples, too. Based on my own story of transformation and conversion, and my years of ministry, the Lord called me to write a book, which will be published in August 2019. My book is titled *A Life of Conversion: Meeting Christ in the Gospels*. Conversion is the hallmark of the Christian life. If we are on the journey of discipleship, we are constantly called to turn more fully toward Jesus Christ. It is not a one-time call. Instead, the turning, the conversion, must happen every day. Where and how do we find the inspiration for this daily conversion? One of the best places and ways is by praying with Sacred Scripture. This book is an extended invitation into lectio divina, emphasizing encounters with Jesus that led to conversion. Because Scripture is “living and effective” (Heb. 4:12), we can return to these stories day after day or season after season for new inspiration

and deeper understanding of where the Lord is calling each of us.

Chris Stefanick, an internationally-known Catholic evangelist and author, has commented about my book: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said about Lectio Divina, “If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church - I am convinced of it - a new spiritual springtime.” Derek Rotty is effectively promoting Lectio Divina, watering the fields for that springtime - not just for the renewal of the Church, but for the renewal of every person who dives into the epic and lifelong journey waiting for us in every line of sacred scripture. I hope that you will consider purchasing a copy of this book, and putting the principles into practice in your life. This is the process by which our lives and our Church will be transformed for God’s glory! I am very interested to come to your parish or diocese to share the message of ongoing conversion, along with other insights about the mission of the Church, the work of making disciples, and living a virtuous life. I am available for parish missions, catechist formation sessions, weekend retreats, or any other format that will help to bring parishioners to a transformative encounter with Jesus. You can find more information about me and my book, along with other videos and articles, at my website: [www.derekrotty.com](http://www.derekrotty.com). You also are able to contact me through my site if you have further questions. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you!





APOSTOLIC LETTER ISSUED MOTU PROPRIO  
BY THE SUPREME PONTIFF  
FRANCIS

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden" (Mt 5:14). Our Lord Jesus Christ calls every believer to be a shining example of virtue, integrity and holiness. All of us, in fact, are called to give concrete witness of faith in Christ in our lives and, in particular, in our relationship with others.

The crimes of sexual abuse offend Our Lord, cause physical, psychological and spiritual damage to the victims and harm the community of the faithful. In order that these phenomena, in all their forms, never happen again, a continuous and profound conversion of hearts is needed, attested by concrete and effective actions that involve everyone in the Church, so that personal sanctity and moral commitment can contribute to promoting the full credibility of the Gospel message and the effectiveness of the Church's mission.

This becomes possible only with the grace of the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts, as we must always keep in mind the words of Jesus: "Apart from me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). Even if so much has already been accomplished, we must continue to learn from the bitter lessons of the past, looking with hope towards the future. This responsibility falls, above all, on the successors of the Apostles, chosen by God to be pastoral leaders of his People, and demands from them a commitment to follow closely the path of the Divine Master. Because of their ministry, in fact, Bishops, "as vicars and legates of Christ, govern the particular churches entrusted to them by their counsel, exhortations, example, and even by their authority and sacred power, which indeed they use only for the edification of their flock in truth and holiness, remembering that he who is greater should become as the lesser and he who is the chief become as the servant" (Second Vatican Council, Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium, 27). What more closely concerns the successors of the Apostles concerns all those who, in various ways, assume ministries in the Church, or profess the evangelical counsels, or are called to serve the Christian People. Therefore, it is good that procedures be universally adopted to prevent and combat these crimes that betray the trust of the faithful.

I desire that this commitment be implemented in a fully ecclesial manner, so that it may express the communion that keeps us united, in mutual listening and open to the contributions of those who care deeply about this process of conversion.

Therefore, I decree:

(to read the document, pls go to the cdom website; <https://cdom.org/new-universal-norms-governing-sexual-abuse-of-minors-and-vulnerable-adults/> )

## 8th-Grade Class of 1954 Visits ICCS

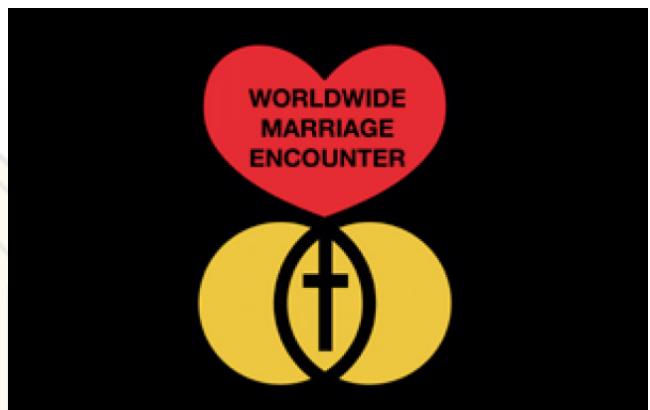


Kicking off their 65th reunion weekend, a dozen members of the 8th-grade Class of 1954 visited Immaculate Conception Cathedral School on Friday, May 3. Walking the halls and visiting classrooms in the original school building, the alumni reminisced about attending daily Mass, the nuns who taught them, and lifelong friendships formed. Their tour concluded in the library/media center, where the 8th-grade Class of 2019 joined them for a photo.

## Mass for Nurses Week

The Mid-South Area Association of Catholic Nurses celebrated “Nurses Week” last night with a Mass and reception. We had about 50 people who came and a lot of new faces with Father Ben Bradshaw celebrating.

For more information on The Mid-South Area Association of Catholic Nurses contact Alma Abuelouf @ 901-373-1234.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is coming June 7-June 9 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. For more information please visit our website <https://cdom.org/events/world-wide-marriage-encounter-weekend/>

## St. Francis of Assisi School Presents “A Wrinkle in Time”



May 9, 2019- The first ever, student-produced play, “A Wrinkle in Time”, featured 30 SFA middle school students. With the help of school administration, a cast was selected and the students immediately began rehearsals. SFA alum and current SBA senior, Abby Simpson helped the cast and crew at rehearsals and during the production. The students’ hard work and dedication resulted in an amazing production.

**EVENTS**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Memphis Presents:  
Pentecost Jubilation 2019 Finale

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(pro-life OB/GYN physician) &  
Khira Rotty (wife,  
mother, & Theology of  
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