



West TN Catholic

FEATURE

The Knights of Columbus install State Officers



The officers of the Tennessee Council of the Knights of Columbus were installed on Friday, July 20, in Memphis.

State Deputy Mike McCusker of Council 9317 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cordova,

The officers installed included: *(from left)*,

State Secretary Fred Laufenberg of Council 16088 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Crossville, and

State Warden David Zwissler of Council 9317 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cordova,

State Advocate Eric Pelton of Council 8576 at St. Jude Church in Chattanooga.

State Treasurer Bill Markiewicz of Council 4572 at St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Cleveland,

Past State Deputy Tracy Staller of Council 12961 at Holy Family Church in Seymour,

The newly installed officers were elected to their positions during the Knights' State Convention held in the spring. The installation was held during the same weekend as the Kickoff Meeting for the year for councils in the Diocese of Memphis.

State Chaplain Msgr. Peter Buchignani of Memphis,



Catholic Schools Department of Education Professional Day Celebration of the Eucharist

Traditional Liturgy Draws
Hundreds of Faculty and Staff

August 5 – 2019

Memphis, TN — Faculty and staff fill the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Concelebrating priests led the processional that began the Catholic Diocese of Memphis' annual Mass for Catholic School Educators.

The pews of Immaculate Conception almost overflowed with faculty and staff at the morning Mass on Monday, August 5.

Held during the first week of classes, the Mass is celebrated each year to mark the beginning of the academic year. This year, the Mass was moved from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church back to the Mother Church of our Diocese.



Father Robert Marshall, vicar general of the Diocese of Memphis and pastor of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, served as the main celebrant of the Mass and delivered the homily.

The Mass on Monday celebrated the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Built at the time of the Council of Ephesus, the basilica became a monument to the council and to their declaration that Mary is the Theotokos, the God-bearer or Mother of God. Santa Maria Maggiore or Saint Mary Major is the largest church in the world (and possibly the first) dedicated to Mary.

In his homily, Father Marshall reminded the faculty and staff, *"You are gathered in a Cathedral also dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, decorated with images of Mary and of salvation history."*

The gospel of the Mass was John 19:25-27. After noting some of the art work in the Cathedral, Father Marshall invited the congregation to look upon the scene depicted in the gospel, the four figures in the apse – our Crucified Lord, St. John on his left with his hands folded in prayer, St. Mary Magdalene kneeling in grief at the foot of the cross, and our Blessed Mother with her arm extended, pointing to her Son.



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So when we wonder how we will explain a difficult concept to our students, we should do what the Council of Ephesus did – we turn to Mary.

Jesus himself encouraged us to look to Mary – “Behold, your mother,” he said to us from the cross.”

Father Marshall continued “Mary is always pointing us to her Son. In her great canticle, she told us that her soul proclaims the greatness of God, her soul magnifies the Lord. At the wedding feast of Cana, Mary directed the waiters to Jesus, telling them, “Do whatever he tells you.” In every way, Mary points us, guides us, introduces us to her Son, Jesus. Mary, therefore, is the model of Catholic education.”

“Like Mary, as Catholic educators we too are called to point our students to Jesus Christ, to introduce them to Jesus, to guide and direct them in the way of discipleship. We are to imitate Mary in our focus upon her Son.

Schools are measured academically by test scores, measured by their up-to-date technology, by the quality of their facilities, by the success of their sports programs – and we want our students to excel academically, to be ready to face the technology of the world, to be formed in body, mind and spirit.



But the most important thing that a Catholic school does is to point our students toward Jesus Christ, toward eternal salvation.

As the Mass came to an end, the teachers and school administrators in attendance received a special blessing that God would guide them in the coming year and again reminded them of the identity and mission of Catholic education.



Bishop Talley Establishes Deanery Structure for the Diocese of Memphis

Memphis, TN, July 28 —

Earlier this week Bishop David P. Talley announced the establishment of a new Deanery structure. This new structure was created to assist in regional planning and decision making, and improve relationships between parishes.

By design, each Deanery takes into account the diversity of pastoral situations in a given region, improves the efficiency and collaboration of organized pastoral initiatives and better provides for the needs of a particular area of the diocese. The Deanery structure also fosters collaboration among parishes in order to share talent and resources.

In establishing the Deaneries, an effort was made to group them in relative proximity to allow easy access to the

to the appointed dean and to allow deeper inter-parish partnership.

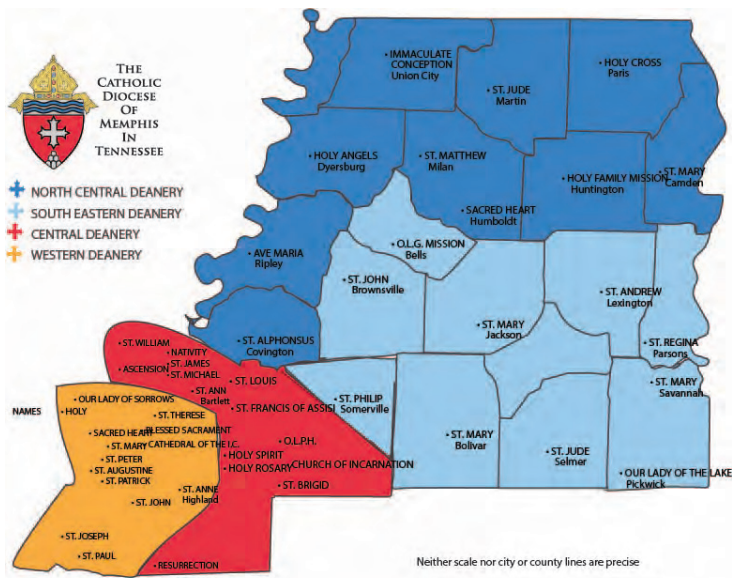
The Deaneries are broken down into four territories:

North Central Deanery which will encompass the following parishes/missions:

- Immaculate Conception/UC
- St. Jude/Martin, Holy Cross/Paris
- Holy Angels/Dyersburg
- St. Matthew/Milan
- Sacred Heart/Humboldt
- Holy Family Mission/Huntington
- St. Mary/Camden
- Ave Maria/Ripley
- St. Alphonsus/Covington

South Eastern Deanery which will encompass the following parishes/missions:

- St. John/Brownsville
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission/Bells
- St. Mary/Jackson
- St. Andrew/Lexington
- St. Regina/Parsons
- St. Mary/Savannah
- St. Philip/Somerville
- St. Mary/Bolivar
- St. Jude/Selmer
- Our Lady of the Lake/Pickwick



Central Deanery which will encompass the following parishes/missions:

- St. William
- Nativity
- St. James
- Ascension
- St. Michael
- St. Louis
- St. Ann/Bartlett
- St. Francis of Assisi
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Holy Spirit
- Holy Rosary
- Church of the Incarnation
- St. Brigid
- Catholic Church of the Resurrection

Western Deanery which will encompass the following parishes/missions:

- Our Lady of Sorrows
- Holy Names
- St. Therese
- Blessed Sacrament
- Sacred Heart
- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- St. Mary's/Downtown
- St. Peters
- St. Augustine
- St. Patrick
- St. Anne
- St. John
- St. Joseph
- St. Paul

Priests throughout our diocese were asked to nominate one to three pastors in the proposed Deaneries who could serve as Dean.

With extraordinary participation from our priests, a large tabulation of votes was sent to Bishop Talley who, after reviewing the nominations, appointed the four new Deans.

The new Deans are *Father Stephen Kenny, V.F.* of the Western Deanery, *Father Keith Stewart, V.F.* of the Central Deanery, *Father Joey Kaump, V.F.* of the North Central Deanery and *Father David Graham V.F.* of the Southeastern Deanery.

As part of this new structure, Bishop Talley will reconstitute the membership of the Presbyteral Council, a “senate” of clergy whose role is to advise the bishop in matters pertaining to the governance and spiritual good of the People of God of the local Church. Each of the Deans listed above will be ex officio members of this council.

The Deanery structure is a great step forward for the Diocese of Memphis and is designed to foster greater fraternal support among clergy, regional planning and accountability.

This structure will enable parishes to serve the faithful of our diocese more effectively and, due to the presence of a Dean, provide fraternal and spiritual support for the priests, especially the newly-ordained, newly-appointed pastors, the elderly and those who may be ill, or in need of special assistance.

St. Louis Senior High Youth Ministry Attends 26th Mission Trip to Catholic Heart Workcamp



The St. Louis Junior High Youth Ministry recently attended Catholic HEART Workcamp (CHWC) in New Braunfels, Texas where they served at both residences and agencies to help improve the lives of many residents in Texas. This marks the ministry’s 26th mission trip with CHWC since 2006. During their four work days the youth painted the interior and exterior of houses, rebuilt staircases, built wheelchair ramps, cleared debris, pulled weeds, cut yards, trimmed trees and bushes, and did light construction for elderly and struggling families. Youth also helped out at a food bank, thrift store, and several other social agencies.

Through CHWC our youth are continually inspired to help build a world where people love as Christ loved and where service to others and living Catholic always come first. This year 61 amazing junior high youth from St. Louis attended the work camp accompanied by 13 wonderfully dedicated chaperones including seminarians Alberto Melgoza Verduzco and Dennis Sebastian.

Following their work week, the group spent a free day at Schlitterbahn Water Park in New Braunfels.

For more information about Catholic HEART Workcamp visit www.heartworkcamp.com. For more information about St. Louis Youth Ministry visit www.stlouisyouth.org.



ICCS 8th-Grader Participates in Leadership Conference

Immaculate Conception Cathedral School 8th-grader A'ja Joliff

is in Washington DC this week, where she is a participant in the annual Junior National Young Leaders Conference. The JrNYLC is the premier leadership program for Middle School students and is designed to empower, engage, and equip next generation leaders to realize the power of their potential. Participants are selected based on teacher nominations.

Students at JrNYLC learn to work together as they develop action plans that they can put into practice in their homes and communities, and continue beyond their conference experience. Students also explore monuments and memorials in the nation's capital and participate in an exclusive Capitol Hill experience.



ST. PETER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pro Life Speaker Series at St. Peter's Catholic Church

August 11, 18, 25

Sunday Mornings at 9:45

Join us to learn more about ProLife work in the Memphis community. Speakers will include Jessica Wade, Founder and Executive Director of Memphis Coalition for Life (Aug. 11), Elise Verwers, Medical Advancement Director of The Guiding Star Project (Aug. 18) and Paula Peyton, St. Peter parishioner and Pro-Life Speaker with Save the 1 (Aug. 25). All welcome to attend. For more information, contact Christina Klyce at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org.



Diocesan Nights for Discernment

For Men - the 1st Monday of each month

For Women - the 3rd Monday of each month

For more information pls contact Fr. Yoelvis Gonzalez, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Memphis 901-373-1243 or vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org

The Beauty of Rural Life in West TN

A pair of our rural parishes were delighted by a visit this weekend from Bishop Talley. Bishop David was the celebrant for Mass at St. Matthew parish in Milan where Rev. Fr. Mauricio Abeldaño is pastor of both St. Matthew as well as Sacred Heart parish in Humboldt.

Our diocese in West TN is so blessed to have these parishes that embody such a strong sense of connection to their parish family. This is a place where neighbors know each other well and reach out to help no matter the need. The families are close-knit and always here for each other.

There is almost a necessary spirit of cooperation out here that without fail brings everyone together while deepening the relationships of the faithful which are already full of love and respect.

Rural life, whether in town or in the country, can put us in touch with our Lord and offers a quiet space for prayer that we all could use. I hope our rural communities and parishes will continue to flourish, and that our rural brothers and sisters will continue to share the wisdom and richness of their way of life with our entire diocesan family.

We all could learn a lot from spending some time away from the hustle and bustle of our wonderful city of Memphis, and for those that take the opportunity to visit these parishes you will find strong ties that bind the families and neighbors together which often is lacking in our larger community inside the 240 loop.

Across the US the rural population is aging and shrinking, and fewer people are expected to do more to keep things going. The pressures and challenges of our rural parishes are heavy and complex and it would be a fantasy to pretend that all is ideal and cheerful in our communities which seem so far away. But even with the challenges these parishes have such a unique grace and blessedness for those who live here.

Make some time to stop at at St. Matthew or Sacred Heart. Take a look around and appreciate their humble beginnings, their architecture and upkeep. Maybe find a quiet place to sit, reflect and think about the people who gave as much as they could and then some to make these parishes what was, what it is and what it will be.

And even tho it may be empty when you stop and certainly won't be as beautiful without the people who fill the pews each Sunday with praise and music. It certainly won't be hard to remember that it's not the building that makes these parishes — it's the people from all walks of life.

Of course the beauty of these two parishes will be found in its walls and in its music but the true beauty will be found around a table enjoying a potluck, in a quiet weekly Bible study, at choir practice on a weeknight or in a classroom where RCIA is taught bringing others into the Church.

I hope and dream of a rural revival, which includes growth in these parishes which lie far from us who live in the city. Thank you St. Matthew and Sacred Heart for sharing your talents, time and gifts that add such beauty to this diocese and to the whole Church. We are so blessed.



FEATURE

Dr. Alveda King, Civil Rights Activist coming to Memphis



Abortion is the leading cause of death in the United States. Not only that, but in Memphis and the rest of the country, abortion is disproportionately killing African American babies.

According to the Center for Disease Control, in New York City, the abortion rate is 3.7 times higher among black mothers than white mothers.

Throughout the United States, the statistics show that the practice of abortion in the black community meets four of the United Nations' five conditions for genocide.

The poor, the marginalized, and minorities are entering the doors of Planned Parenthood in Memphis to abort their children. It is time to wake Memphis up, and specifically the Church, to the fact that abortion is now the greatest civil rights issue facing the United States today.

Both the Memphis Coalition for Life and a group of Memphis Cursillistas are excited to announce that evangelist **Dr. Alveda King**, *the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.* is coming to Memphis to address the public on this very topic!

As the Executive Director of Civil Rights for the Unborn, Dr. King will inspire Christians from all denominations to get involved in the fight to end the atrocity of abortion in Memphis and to save lives from abortion.

The free talk and luncheon will be held on Sat. Sept. 14 at 10 AM to 1 PM at St. Augustine Church, 1169 Kerr Avenue, Memphis, TN 38106 and is open to the public.

To attend or donate to this event, please visit:

<http://memphiscoalitionforlife.org/king>

Obituaries

MICHAEL JON GREGORY PAHLS

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 4, 2019 for Michael Jon Gregory Pahls, 49, at St. Brigid Catholic Church by Rev. Bruce Cinquegrani with con-celebrants Rev. Keith Stewart and Rev. Charles Thessing. Survivors include spouse, Tracy Pahls; daughters, Abigail Pahls and Lily Refroe.

STEPHEN PATRICK HARPER

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 3, 2019 for Stephen Patrick Harper, 20, at St. Brigid Catholic Church by Rev. J. Keith Stewart. Burial was at All Saints Cemetery. Survivors include parents, Paul and Kristina Harper; siblings, Katherine, Megan, Rebecca, Lauren, Kimberly and Veronica.

ALICE PRETTI FACELLI

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 22, 2019 for Alice Pretti Facelli, 93, at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church by Rev. Stephen Kenny. Burial was at Forest Hill Cemetery. Survivors include daughter, Margaret Kolwyck; brother, Victor Pretti; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MARIE ROSALIE BRINDZA

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on May 18, 2019 for Marie Rosalie Brindza, 79, at Church of the Holy Spirit by Rev. Richard Coy. Burial will be at a later date in Cleveland, OH. Survivors include spouse, Edward Brindza; daughters, Katherine Schrader and Susan Brindza; son, Marc Brindza; 3 grandchildren.

JEANIE SAKRISON VELARDEE

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on May 16, 2019 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church by Rev. Msgr. P. Buchignani with con-celebrants Rev. Johnnie Smith, Rev. Carl Gregorich and Rev. Patrick Gallagher. Jeanie is survived by her spouse, Armando Velarde.

NOE ZARATE GRANADOS

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 12, 2019 for Noe Zarate Granados, 27, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church by Rev. Edward Fisher. Burial was at Forest Hill East Cemetery. Survivors include spouse, Lucia Cazares Zarate; daughter, Kimberly Zarate; son, Miguel Zarate.

RICHARD "DICKIE" BEARE

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 2, 2019 for Richard "Dickie" Beare at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Jackson, TN by Rev. David Graham assisted by Rev. Mr. Dale Brown. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Humboldt, TN. Survivors include spouse, Peggy Joyce Peebles Beare; children Amanda Beare Martin (Jimmy), John Beare (Debbie), Alison Beare Weinman (Mike), Jeff Beare (Kim), and Anissa Beare Antwine (Bill); 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.





LUMEN CIVITATIS

Lumen Civitatis Welcomes Peter Kreeft

We encourage you to register for the next speaker in the 2019 Lumen Civitatis Speaker Series, the renowned and beloved Peter Kreeft, Ph.D. who will give two talks in Memphis:

Monday, August 26 at 7PM
"The Many Catholic Themes in
The Lord of the Rings"

Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30AM.
"The Meaning of Freedom in
Aquinas"

Both talks will be held in the Clunan Center of St. Louis Catholic Church, and we anticipate capacity crowds for both.

The Monday evening talk is free; the Tuesday mid-day talk includes lunch for \$10/person (+ transaction fee). At the time of this email, fewer than 100 seats remain for the lunch talk so please make your reservation quickly.

Dr. Kreeft is the author of 75 books, including Handbook of Christian Apologetics, Christianity for Modern Pagans, and Fundamentals of the Faith.

In a recent appearance on the Eric Metaxas Radio Show, which you can view by clicking [here](#), Dr. Kreeft speaks about his newest book *Symbol or Substance?*, where he gives credible voices to C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and Billy Graham in a fictional conversation regarding Jesus' symbolic or physical presence in the Eucharist.

Lumen Civitatis is grateful and excited to continue its mission to promote Catholic education, culture, and leadership in the Diocese of Memphis through our 2019 Speaker Series.

We thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

To Register for this Event, pls go to www.lumencivitatis.com/2019-speaker-series-registration

WINE FOR Sight

This Year Our Theme is *The Bold and The Blind*.

We will be pouring from the two most famous and prestigious wine zones in Italy. Wines from the Piemonti and Tuscano wine zones.

What better way to raise money for eye surgery than BLIND tasting wine?

Join us at the top of Clark Tower where there will be blind tastings of wine valued at \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100.

There will also be prizes awarded for best guess!

Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres provided.

Social starts at 6 pm and the Wine Tasting starts at 7 pm.

Make checks payable to the 20/20 Memphis and mail with tracking and signature required please to:

20/20 Memphis
Attn Bryan Watson
Eye Specialty Group 825 Ridge Lake Blvd 3rd
Floor, Memphis, TN 38120

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LET'S GET ALL SHOOK UP to promote the education of our young people on the value of life while encouraging nonviolence.

Join us on Thurs., August 22nd at 6:30pm for this fun filled evening with our Elvis Impersonator and live music from Kevin and Bethany Paige.

It will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church located at 8151 Poplar Ave., Germantown.

Bishop David Talley and other Priests will be honored.

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For more information, contact Charlotte Bergmann at 901-679-8990 or


make your reservation at: Facebook@AllShookUpEvent

CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL con José "Pepe" Prado

Fundador de la Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés

Sábado, 9 de Noviembre de 2019

Founder of the St. Andrew School of Evangelization
November 9, 2019




LoveEd

LoveEd is a Catholic program that helps parents teach the theology and science of human sexuality within the context of God's plan for love and life. It offers parents tools to talk with their children about how their bodies are changing and how babies are made, so that families can be the moral authority for their children,

rather than society. A parent session will be offered on Friday, August 23, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter Church. This session is designed for parents of children ages 2 – 14, but grandparents, godparents, family members, teachers, and catechists are welcome also. No cost to attend, but the recommended parent guide is \$25. St. Paul Books will be ordering copies for us. For more information, please email Christina Klyce at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org