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Shown above during the "Litany of Supplication" at the Mass of Ordination are from left: Rev. Paul Redmond, Rev. Andrew Raczkowski, Rev. Bruno Okoli and Rev. Jose Haro.

## Ordination Class of 2016 reflects rich diversity of Church

Joyful priests, family, friends and faithful of the Diocese filled St. Augustine Cathedral on Saturday, May 21st as Bishop Paul J. Bradley ordained four men to the Priesthood. During his homily Bishop Bradley encouraged the new priests to go out into their new assignments with the same zeal as Jesus' Apostles did more than 2,000 years ago. He referenced the powerful words of St. Paul, "The love of Christ impels us!" and also spoke the same verse in Spanish and in Igbo (Fr. Bruno's native Nigerian language).

The four new priests, ranging in age from 27 to 51, reflect the rich diversity of the Church. Three of the men grew up in the Kalamazoo area and one priest, Fr. Okoli, spent his childhood and early adulthood in Nigeria, West Africa.

For extended coverage of the Ordination, see pages 12–13.

## Diocese moves forward with collaboratives; announces new priests' assignments

The "Diocesan Pastoral Plan: A Future Full of Hope" moved into its next phase of implementation with the announcements last month of priests' assignments.

Twenty-eight priests were appointed Pastors of the 28 Parish Collaboratives that were created and announced in January 2016. Twenty-nine additional priests (including the newly ordained) were assigned as Parochial Vicars, Chaplains and special hospital ministries.

Nearly 75 percent of the active priests will begin new assignments on July 1, 2016 (see pages 2–4 for a complete listing of priests and

### corresponding assignments).

Included in this edition of *The Good News* is a special pull-out section on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan including maps of the nine counties of the Diocese illustrating the 28 Parish Collaboratives along with detailed information on key milestones for Parish Collaboratives over the next six months [see pages 7–10].

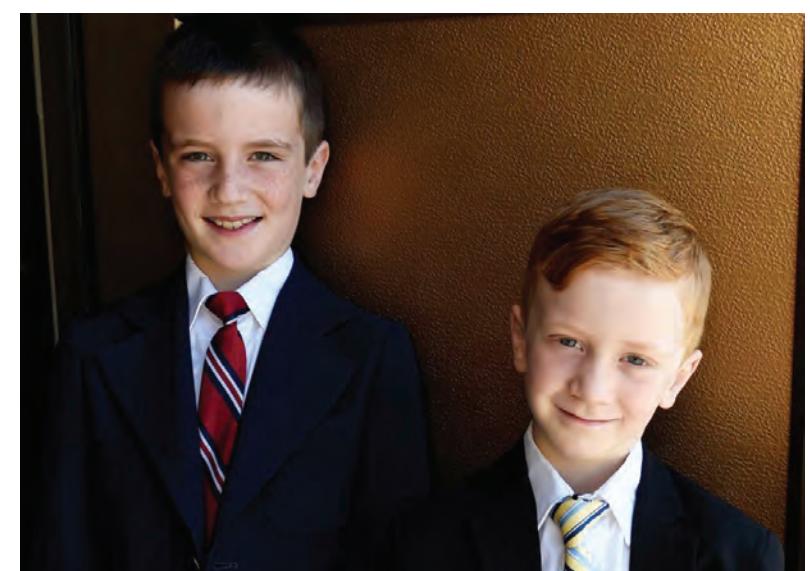
In conjunction with the implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Bishop Bradley has called for all Parish Collaboratives to adopt or continue a spiritual renewal program. Resources on various programs were shared with priests in May.

Additionally volunteers from Parishes convened for a one-day workshop on May 5th lead by the Catholic Leadership Institute with additional presentations on evangelization by Jamin Herold, Associate Director for the Diocese. Participants were lead through various exercises on the relationship of transition and leadership and spent some time brainstorming and sharing ideas.

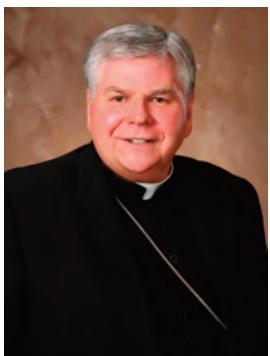
During the coming months members of Parish Transition teams along with Diocesan support staff will work closely with Parishes through the transition.



The Sisters of Jesus the Saviour, based in Canton, Mich., joined in on the celebration of ordaining four new priests. Several other religious orders were in attendance.



Harrison (left) and Brennan Wheeler, pictured above, students at St. Augustine Cathedral School volunteered as ushers for the Mass of Ordination.



Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley  
Diocese of Kalamazoo



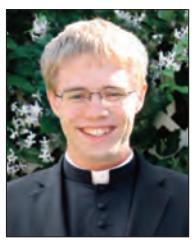
## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

On May 23, 2016, The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley announced the following priest assignments for the Diocese of Kalamazoo which become effective July 1, 2016 (unless otherwise noted). Pastors are appointed for a term of six years and Parochial Vicars/Chaplains are appointed for a term of three years unless pastoral needs of the Diocese necessitate a re-assignment. Priest assignments are generally announced annually in the Spring. This year marks a historic time for the Diocese of Kalamazoo as priests prepare for new assignments as part of the **Diocesan Pastoral Plan: A Future Full of Hope** which created 28 Parish Collaboratives. Currently there are 57 priests in the Diocese with full-time pastoral appointments. This number includes the four newly ordained priests. Three priests will retire this year, Rev. Joseph Gray, Rev. Matthew Illikatil and Rev. Matthew Manalel. Rev. Richard Fritz will retire in 2018.

Additionally Bishop Bradley has created and appointed priests as directors to the following apostolates: Vietnamese Apostolate (Rev. James Vinh Le) and the Hispanic Apostolate (Rev. German Perez-Diaz).

Please see the list below for detailed information.

### Bishop Bradley will ordain two men to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo



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Hanley



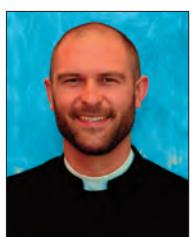
Maximilian  
Nightingale

- Jeffrey Hanley, Pontifical North American College Rome, SS. John and Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor
- Maximilian Nightingale, Pontifical North American College Rome, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph

The diaconate is the first of three ranks in ordained ministry (deacon, priest, bishop). Deacons preparing for the priesthood are transitional deacons. Those not planning to be ordained priests are called permanent deacons. Married men may be ordained permanent deacons, and single men may be ordained with a commitment to celibacy.

## PRIESTLY APPOINTMENTS

The Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley has announced the following priest assignments for the Diocese of Kalamazoo which become effective July 1, 2016 (unless noted otherwise). Pastors will be appointed for a term of six years.



**Rev. James Adams** – currently serving as Pastor, St. Ann Parish, Gull Lake (Augusta), Canonical Pastor, St. Ambrose Parish, Delton and Our Lady of Great Oak Parish, Lacey, and Chaplain, Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo, has been appointed **Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator for Hackett Catholic Prep and part-time Parochial Vicar for St. Monica Parish Collaborative, Kalamazoo.**



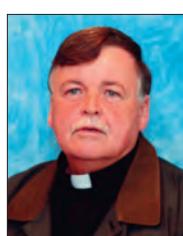
**Rev. Simon Chummar-Manjooran, SDB** – currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek, has been appointed **Administrator of St. Philip Parish and Spiritual Moderator/Chaplain to St. Philip Catholic Central High School.**



**Rev. Daniel Doctor** – currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage, has been appointed **Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks; and St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer Collaborative.**



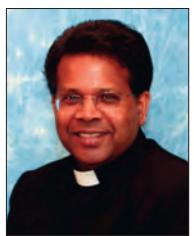
**Rev. Richard Altine** – currently serving as Pastor, St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan, has been appointed **Pastor, Holy Maternity of Mary Parish, (Dowagiac); Holy Family Parish, Decatur; and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Silver Creek Collaborative.**



**Rev. Kevin Covert** – currently serving as Pastor, Holy Maternity of Mary Parish, Dowagiac and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, (Dowagiac), has been appointed **Chaplain to the Kalamazoo-area hospitals and health care institutions and will provide part-time assistance to St. Ambrose Parish, Parchment.**



**Rev. Larry Farrell** – has been **re-appointed Pastor, St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo and Canonical Administrator, Hackett Catholic Prep.**



**Rev. John Peter Ambrose, MSFS** – currently serving as Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Watervliet, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Watervliet and Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford Collaborative.**



**Rev. Patrick Craig** – currently serving as Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Decatur, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo; St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks; and St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer Collaborative.**



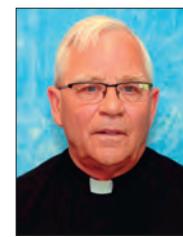
**Rev. John Fleckenstein** – currently serving as Pastor, St. Philip Parish, Battle Creek and Canonical Administrator of Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Ann Parish, Gull Lake (Augusta); St. Ambrose Parish, Delton; and Our Lady of Great Oak Parish, Lacey Collaborative.**



**Rev. Christopher Ankley** – currently serving as Pastor, St. Martin of Tours Parish, Vicksburg, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Philip Parish; St. Joseph Parish; and St. Jerome Parish, Battle Creek Collaborative.**



**Very Rev. Robert Creagan** – currently serving as Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage, and Vicar for Clergy, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Collaborative.** He remains Vicar for Clergy.



**Rev. Robert Flickinger** – currently serving as Pastor, St. Basil Parish, South Haven, has been appointed **Senior Parochial Vicar, St. Basil Parish, South Haven; Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor; and St. Jude Parish, Gobles Collaborative.**



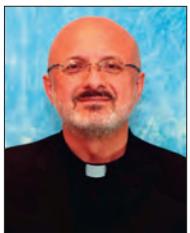
**Rev. Leonel Cartagena** – has been appointed **Parochial Vicar, St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan; Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Bridgeman; and St. Gabriel Parish, Berrien Springs Collaborative, with special care for the Hispanic/Latino community within the collaborative.**



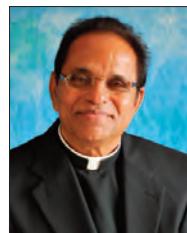
**Rev. Christopher Derda** – currently serving as Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek and Canonical Pastor, St. Jerome Parish, Battle Creek, has been appointed **Administrator, St. Mary's Visitation Parish, New Salem (Byron Center); St. Stanislaus Parish, Hilliards (Dorr); and Sacred Heart Parish, Watson Collaborative.**



**Rev. Richard Fritz** – currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Bronson and St. Barbara Parish, Colon, continues as **Pastor, St. Mary Assumption, Bronson until expected retirement in 2018.** (See Rev. Rajesh for St. Barbara, Colon)



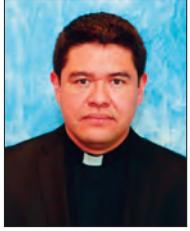
**Rev. Fabio Garzon** — currently serving as Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford and San Felipe de Jesus Parish, Fennville, (Pearl) has been appointed **Pastor, St. Peter Parish, Douglas and San Felipe de Jesus Parish, Fennville (Pearl) Collaborative.**



**Rev. Mathew Illikattil** — currently serving as Pastor, St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus, **will retire** and attain Senior Priest status, on September 30, 2016.



**Rev. Craig Lusk** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Marshall, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Marshall and St. John Parish, Albion Collaborative.**



**Rev. Raul Gomez** — currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek, has been appointed **Parochial Vicar, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Coldwater; Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Union City; and St. Mary's Assumption, Bronson Collaborative, with special care for the Hispanic/Latino community in Bronson.**



**Rev. William Jacobs, Jr.** — currently serving as Senior Parochial Vicar, St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo, has been appointed **Senior Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage Collaborative.**



**Rev. Mathew Manalel** — currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine Cathedral, **will retire** and return to his native Diocese in India.



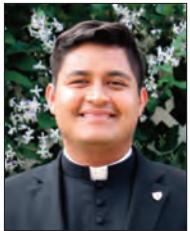
**Rev. Joseph Gray** — currently serving as Pastor, St. John Parish, Albion, **will retire** and attain Senior Priest status, in-residence at St. John Parish, Albion.



**Rev. Robert Johansen** — currently serving as Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor, has been appointed **Chaplain for the Battle Creek-area hospitals and health care institutions and Parochial Vicar, St. Ann Parish, Gull Lake (Augusta); St. Ambrose Parish, Delton; and Our Lady of Great Oak Parish, Lacey Collaborative.**



**Rev. Francis Marotti** — currently studying at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, has been appointed **Vice Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo Collaborative.**



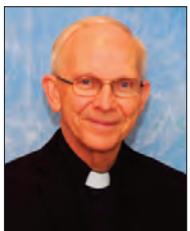
**Rev. Jose Haro** — who was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, has been appointed **Parochial Vicar, St. Philip Parish; St. Joseph Parish; and St. Jerome Parish, Battle Creek Collaborative and Spiritual Moderator/Chaplain of St. Joseph Middle and Elementary Schools.**



**Rev. Christian Johnston** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Therese Parish and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) and Canonical Pastor, St. Margaret Parish, Otsego, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Niles.**



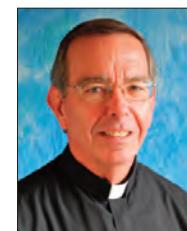
**Msgr. Thomas Martin, J.V., J.S.D.**— currently serving as Pastor, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Martin of Tours Parish, Vicksburg and St. Edward Parish, Mendon Collaborative.**



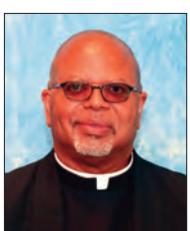
**Msgr. Michael Hazard, Vicar General**— has been re-appointed Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo Collaborative.



**Rev. Alan Jorgensen** — currently serving as Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Allegan, has been appointed **Pastor in solidum, St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan; and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus Collaborative.** He will remain Pastor, Blessed Sacrament until September 30, 2016. The appointment becomes effective October 1, 2016.



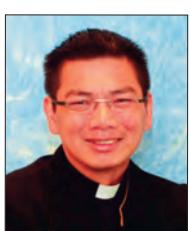
**Rev. Joseph McCormick, OSA** — currently serving as Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edwardsburg, has been appointed **Pastor, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edwardsburg and St. Ann Parish, Cassopolis Collaborative.**



**Rev. Arthur Howard** — currently serving as Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Bridgeman, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan; Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Bridgeman; and St. Gabriel Parish, Berrien Springs Collaborative.**



**Rev. Thomas King, CSC** — continues serving as **Pastor, St. Mark Parish, Niles.**



**Rev. Benjamin Huynh** — currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Margaret Parish, Otsego and Blessed Sacrament Parish, Allegan Collaborative.** \*He will become Pastor, St. Margaret's on July 1st with the addition of Blessed Sacrament, Allegan on October 1, 2016.



**Rev. James Vinh Le** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Edward Parish, Mendon, has been appointed **Senior Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo Collaborative and has been named Director, Vietnamese Apostolate.**



**Rev. Daniel Hyman** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo, has been appointed **St. Thomas More Student Parish, Kalamazoo Collaborative.**



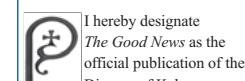
**Rev. Wieslaw Lipka** — currently serving as Parochial Vicar, St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo, has been appointed **Parochial Vicar, Holy Maternity of Mary Parish, Dowagiac; Holy Family Parish, Decatur; and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Silver Creek (Dowagiac) Collaborative, with residence at Holy Family Parish, Decatur.**



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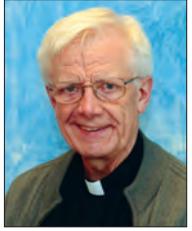
**Rev. Thomas McNally** — has been re-appointed Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph and Chaplain, Lake Michigan Catholic High School, St. Joseph, with the additional appointment as Spiritual Moderator, Lake Michigan Catholic Schools.



**Rev. Harold Potter** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Stanislaus Parish, Dorr and Sacred Heart Mission, Allegan, has been appointed **Chaplain to the Lakeshore health care systems and institutions and will be in-residence at St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph**.



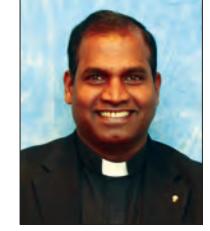
**Rev. Stephen Rodrigo** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Visitation Parish, Byron Center, has been appointed **Senior Parochial Vicar to two Parish Collaboratives: St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Wayland and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) and St. Mary's Visitation, New Salem (Byron Center), St. Stanislaus, Hilliards (Dorr) and Sacred Heart, Watson Parish Collaborative**. He will also serve as Canonical Pastor for the St. Mary's Visitation, New Salem (Byron Center), St. Stanislaus, Dorr and Sacred Heart, Watson Collaborative.



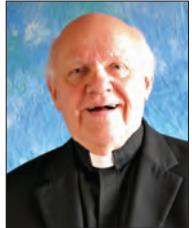
**Rev. James Morris** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Basil Parish, South Haven; Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor; and St. Jude Parish, Gobles Collaborative**.



**Rev. Andrew Raczkowski** — who was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, has been appointed **Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo Collaborative**.



**Rev. Alphonse Savarimuthu, MSFS** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Niles & St. Gabriel Mission, Berrien Springs, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Wayland and SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) Collaborative**.



**Rev. James O'Leary** — continues serving as **Pastor, St. Ambrose Parish, Parchment**.



**Rev. Antony Rajesh** — has been re-appointed **Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Three Rivers and St. Clare Parish, Centreville, with the additional responsibilities of St. Barbara Parish, Colon**.



**Rev. Kenneth Schmidt** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo, has been appointed **Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage Collaborative**.



**Rev. Bruno Okoli** — who was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, has been appointed **Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage Collaborative**.



**Rev. Evelio Ramirez** — has been re-appointed **Pastor, Holy Angels Parish, Sturgis and St. Joseph Parish, White Pigeon Collaborative**.



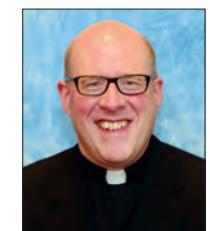
**Rev. Brian Stanley** — currently serving as Administrator, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Three Oaks & St. Agnes Mission, Sawyer, has been appointed **Pastor, SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor Collaborative**.



**Msgr. Michael Osborn** — Vicar General, General Secretary and Director of Vocations for the Diocese, has been named **Rector, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo Collaborative**.



**Rev. Paul Redmond** — who was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, has been appointed **Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Collaborative**.



**Rev. Mark Vyverman** — has been re-appointed **Pastor, St. Charles of Borromeo Parish, Coldwater and Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Union City Collaborative**.



**Rev. German Perez-Diaz** — currently serving as Pastor, SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor, has been appointed **in-residence at Immaculate Conception Parish, Hartford and has been appointed Director of the Hispanic/Latino Apostolate for the Diocese of Kalamazoo**.



**Rev. Michael Rejent, OSFS** — has been re-appointed **Parochial Vicar of SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor Collaborative**.



**Rev. Stanley Witek** — currently serving as Administrator, St. Peter Parish, Douglas, has been appointed **Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage Collaborative**.



**Rev. Stephan Philip, MSFS** — has been re-appointed **Pastor, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Hastings and St. Cyril Parish, Nashville Collaborative**.



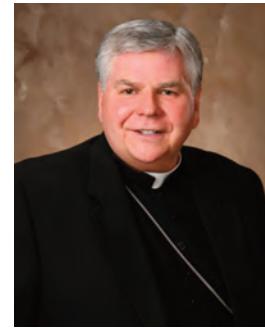
**Rev. James Richardson** — has been re-appointed **Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo and continues as Superior for the St. Philip Neri Oratory in formation**.



**Rev. Joseph Xavior, MSFS** — currently serving as Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw and Canonical Pastor, St. Jude Parish, Gobles, has been appointed **Pastor in solidum of St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw; St. Mary Margaret Parish, Marcellus and St. John Bosco Parish, Mattawan Collaborative**. This assignment will be effective October 1, 2016.

## THE BISHOP'S PERSPECTIVE “A month to remember!”

This month of June brings us to the halfway point in our calendar year, and also brings us the return of Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar. June is the month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and a month filled with special heartfelt events, from the pride of graduations to the slower pace of summer vacations.



For us in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, June is a month of major changes, a time of transitions, a month of farewells and new beginnings. As you know, most of our 57 priests received new priestly assignments last month. We are in the midst of a historic moment in the life of the Diocese. As a still relatively young Diocese, turning only 45 years of age next month on July 21st, we are completing a two-year planning process which has resulted in the redistribution of many of our priests and the re-aligning of our parishes into Collaboratives. This is something completely new, a way of proceeding that we have never done before. The most important result of this plan is that none of our parishes will need to close, as some dioceses have had to do. The challenging result of this plan is that all of us — priests and people — will be experiencing a good bit of change and adjustment which, as we all know, is never easy or comfortable.

During this month of June, we will be working through this transition, with many of our priests moving to new residences, saying goodbye to their current parish family, and taking on new responsibilities and coming to know and love one, or two or in some cases three new parish families. Change of any kind is stressful, and certainly change on this major level will bring many challenges; however, I firmly believe that we will be experiencing wonderful new opportunities as well to strengthen the Church and extend her mission throughout the nine counties of southwest Michigan, and beyond.

Throughout this process, I have been truly inspired by the commitment of our priests, and I express my deepest gratitude to them for their willingness to participate in, and contribute to, this process of moving to a Parish Collaborative model, and most especially, for their willingness to embrace new pastoral assignments. That requires a deep sense of Christ-like self-sacrifice and willingness to do what is good for the Church, which is not always what is personally comfortable or preferable.

I also express my sincere gratitude to all the lay faithful throughout the Diocese, and in particular to those on our parish staffs and those who serve in volunteer leadership roles. It takes flexibility and willingness of spirit on the part of all of us to make these adjustments so that we can provide pastoral ministry and sacramental care, in the best possible ways, to all the faithful in our Diocese.

During this beautiful month of June, there is much to be hopeful about as we look to the future of our Church. On May 21st, I was privileged to ordain four new priests for our Diocese: Fr. Jose Haro, Fr. Bruno Okoli, Fr. Andrew Raczkowski, and Fr. Paul Redmond. This “Ordination Class of 2016” represents the rich diversity of the Church, with Fr. Jose having been born in Mexico, and Fr. Bruno coming from Nigeria. Providentially, on May 21st when we celebrated our Ordinations, the Church observes on that same date the Feast of a group of Mexican martyrs known as the Cistero Martyrs. It was on May 21st in 2000 when Pope St. John Paul II canonized St. Cristobal Magallanes Jara and 21 other priests and three lay people who were all martyred for their faith in Totatiche, Jalisco, Mexico in 1917, the very same village from which Fr. Jose’s family came. Also, as we all know, the Church is thriving and vocations are plentiful in many different parts of Africa, in particular in Nigeria, from where Fr. Bruno comes. However, the Church has also suffered heroically in that same area, Nigeria included, as a result of tribal warfares and acts of genocide rooted in religious persecution.

In the United States, we realize that we are living at a time when our culture is growing less tolerant of religion and more willing to persecute people just for being people of faith. The “persecutions” currently take the form of political, legislative and judicial acts, but could easily escalate to more than that. It is for that very reason that the U.S. Bishops have been sponsoring the “Fortnight for Freedom” observances over the last several years from June 21 to July 4, praying for an end to religious intolerance and for a protection of religious freedom for all.

Despite all the challenges we face, whether through the transition to a new Diocesan Pastoral Plan, or the social issues of the day, we as the Church in southwest Michigan must continue to hold fast to our faith and experience the Easter joy that is our most special gift. As you recall, on that first Easter Sunday evening, Jesus appeared to the Apostles who were huddled together behind locked doors, and took away their fears simply by saying: “Peace be with you!” And then, since no amount of words could explain to them how He could be standing there before them, gloriously resurrected from the dead, He simply showed them His hands and His side; He showed them His wounds from His suffering and death. Here He was — Alive! It was Easter! And it is always Easter, no matter what other dark moments the Church may have experienced over these past 2,000 years, and no matter

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## LA PERSPECTIVA DEL OBISPO “! Un mes para recordar!”

Este mes de junio nos trae a la mitad del año calendario y también nos trae de vuelta al tiempo ordinario en nuestro calendario litúrgico. Junio es el mes dedicado al sagrado corazón de Jesús, y un mes lleno de eventos especiales, desde el orgullo de graduaciones al ritmo más lento de las vacaciones de verano.

Para nosotros en la diócesis de Kalamazoo, junio es un mes de grandes cambios, un tiempo de transiciones, un mes de despedidas y nuevos comienzos. Como ustedes saben, la mayoría de nuestros 58 sacerdotes recibieron nuevas asignaciones sacerdotales el mes pasado. Estamos en medio de un momento histórico en la vida de la diócesis. Como una diócesis todavía relativamente joven, cumpliendo sólo 45 años de edad el mes que viene el 21 de julio, estamos completando un proceso de planificación de dos años que ha dado lugar a la redistribución de muchos de nuestros sacerdotes y a realinear nuestras parroquias en colaboraciones. Esto es algo completamente nuevo, una forma de proceder que nunca hemos hecho antes. El resultado más importante de este plan es que ninguna de nuestras parroquias tendrá que cerrar, como algunas diócesis han tenido que hacer. Lo difícil de este plan es que todos nosotros — sacerdotes y fieles laicos — estaremos experimentando un poco de cambio y ajuste que, como todos sabemos, nunca es fácil ni cómodo.

Durante este mes de junio, estaremos trabajando a través de esta transición, con muchos de nuestros sacerdotes mudándose a nuevas residencias, diciendo adiós a su actual familia parroquial y asumiendo nuevas responsabilidades y llegando a conocer y amar a una, o dos o en algunos casos a tres nuevas familias parroquiales. Un cambio de cualquier tipo es estresante, y sin duda el cambio a este importante nivel traerá muchos desafíos; sin embargo, creo firmemente que estaremos experimentando nuevas oportunidades maravillosas como también para fortalecer a la iglesia y extender su misión a lo largo de los nueve condados del suroeste de Michigan y más allá.

A lo largo de este proceso, he sido verdaderamente inspirado por el compromiso de nuestros sacerdotes, y quiero expresar mi más profundo agradecimiento a ellos por su voluntad de participar en y contribuir a este proceso de pasar a un modelo de colaboraciones y muy especialmente, por su disposición para aceptar nuevas asignaciones pastorales. Eso requiere de un profundo sentido, como el de Cristo, de sacrificio y voluntad de hacer lo que es bueno para la iglesia, que no siempre es lo que personalmente es cómodo o preferible.

También deseo expresar mi sincera gratitud a todos los fieles laicos a través de la diócesis y en particular a aquellos que son parte de nuestro personal parroquial y a aquellos quienes sirven en puestos de liderazgo voluntario. Se necesita flexibilidad y disposición de espíritu por parte de todos nosotros para hacer estos ajustes, para que así podamos proporcionar el ministerio pastoral y la atención sacramental, en las mejores maneras posibles, a todos los fieles de nuestra diócesis.

Durante este hermoso mes de junio, hay mucho para tener esperanzas al mirar hacia el futuro de nuestra iglesia. El 21 de mayo, tuve el privilegio de ordenar a cuatro nuevos sacerdotes para nuestra diócesis: Rvdo. José Haro, Rvdo. Bruno Okoli, Rvdo. Andrew Raczkowski y Rvdo. Paul Redmond. Esta “clase de ordenación del 2016” representa la rica diversidad de la iglesia, con José habiendo nacido en México y Bruno procedente de Nigeria. Providencialmente, el 21 de mayo cuando celebramos nuestras ordenaciones, la iglesia observa en esa misma fecha la fiesta de un grupo de mártires mexicanos conocidos como los mártires Cristeros. Fue el 21 de mayo en el año 2000 cuando el Papa S. Juan Pablo II canonizó a San Cristóbal Magallanes Jara y a 21 otros sacerdotes y tres laicos quienes fueron todos martirizados por su fe en Totatiche, Jalisco, México en 1917, el mismo pueblo del cual vino la familia del padre José. Además, como todos sabemos, la iglesia es próspera y las vocaciones son abundantes en muchas partes de África, en particular en Nigeria, de donde viene el padre Bruno. Sin embargo, la iglesia también ha sufrido heroicamente en esa misma zona, Nigeria incluida, como resultado de guerras tribales y actos de genocidio arraigados en la persecución religiosa.

En los Estados Unidos, nos damos cuenta que estamos viviendo en un tiempo en el que nuestra cultura crece menos tolerante de la religión y más dispuesta a perseguir a personas solo por ser personas de fe. Las “persecuciones” actualmente toman la forma de actos políticos, legislativos y judiciales, pero fácilmente podrían llegar a escalar a más que eso. Es por ello que los obispos de Estados Unidos han estado patrocinando en los últimos años la celebración de “Quincena por la libertad” del 21 de junio al 4 de julio, orando por el fin a la intolerancia religiosa y por una protección de libertad religiosa para todos. A pesar de todos los desafíos que enfrentamos, ya sea a través de la transición a un nuevo Plan Pastoral Diocesano, o los problemas sociales del día, nosotros como la iglesia en el suroeste de Michigan debemos continuar reteniendo nuestra fe y experimentando la alegría de la Pascua que es el regalo más especial. Como recordaran, en esa primera Pascua el domingo por la noche, Jesús se le apareció a los apóstoles que estaban todos juntos detrás de puertas cerradas y le sacó su miedos simplemente diciéndoles: “! La paz sea con ustedes!” Y entonces, puesto que ninguna cantidad de palabras podría explicarles cómo él podía estar de pie allí delante de ellos, gloriosamente resucitado de entre los muertos, él

## Annual collection for Peter’s Pence set for June 25/26

By Lisa Irwin, Associate Director, Sanctity of the Human Person

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the annual Peter’s Pence Collection, held the weekend of June 25/26, is an opportunity to become a witness of charity to those who suffer most. Pope Francis has encouraged us to “open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!” (Misericordiae Vultus, [MV] no. 15).

Through the Peter’s Pence Collection, we stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works of our Holy Father. Contributions to this collection support Pope Francis as he reaches out to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution.

Pope Francis has told us that “mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope” (MV, no. 10). Please prayerfully consider participating in this collection and becoming a witness of charity, a force of mercy that reaches out to those around the world.



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what other challenges we may still be called to encounter: Jesus always stands before us, showing us His wounds, and reminding us that His suffering and death is the result of our sin. But God’s love prevails, and He is Alive. It is always Easter. That is the message each priest is ordained to preach, and that is the constant Good News of the Church: “Jesus is Alive!”

As St. Paul so boldly reminded the Corinthians: “The love of Christ impels us!” (2 Corinth. 5:14). The love of Christ has brought salvation to the world. The love of Christ has made all things new. And the love of Christ drives us — encourages us — impels us to share this Good News of our faith.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, may you keep the hope and love of Christ in your hearts during these coming summer months and be as diligent as the first Apostles, and as joy-filled as our newly ordained priests. Let us all be confident that God will strengthen and unite our Diocese, beginning in this historic month, and continuing on in new and exciting ways for years to come.

God bless you!

simplemente les mostró sus manos y su costado; Él les mostró las heridas de su sufrimiento y muerte. ¡Aquí estaba — vivo! ¡Era la Pascua! Y Siempre es Pascua, no importa qué otros momentos oscuros, la iglesia pueda haber experimentado en estos últimos 2.000 años, y no importa qué otros desafíos todavía podamos ser llamados a encontrar: Jesús siempre está delante de nosotros, mostrándonos sus heridas y recordándonos que su sufrimiento y muerte es el resultado de nuestro pecado. Pero prevalece el amor de Dios, y él está vivo. Siempre es Pascua. Es el mensaje por el que cada sacerdote es ordenado para predicar, y esa es la buena noticia constante de la iglesia: “¡Jesús está vivo!”

Como San Pablo tan audazmente recordó a los Corintios: “el amor de Cristo nos impulsa.” (2 Corintos. 5:14). El amor de Cristo ha traído salvación para el mundo. El amor de Cristo ha hecho todo nuevo. Y el amor de Cristo nos conduce — nos alienta, nos impulsa a compartir esta buena noticia de nuestra fe.

Mis queridas hermanas y hermanos en Cristo, que puedan mantener la esperanza y el amor de Cristo en sus corazones durante estos próximos meses de verano y sean tan diligentes como los primeros apóstoles y tan llenos de gozo como nuestros nuevos sacerdotes recién ordenados. Tengamos todos la confianza de que Dios fortalecerá y unirá a nuestra diócesis, comenzando en este mes histórico y continuando en maneras nuevas y emocionantes en los años por venir.

¡Que dios los bendiga!

## IN MEMORIAM



**Sr. Mary Bellarmine, CSJ** passed away last month and Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth. Sr. Mary was born in Detroit on July 8, 1929, the daughter of Edward and Lillian (Siwicki) Barnes. She pronounced first vows on January 3, 1949 and final vows on January 3, 1952.

Sr. Mary earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Nazareth College with a minor in Social Science. She began her teaching ministry at St. Margaret Mary in Detroit and continued at several other schools including St. Henry's in Lincoln Park, St. Michael's in Pontiac, St. Francis Xavier in Ecorte, and Villa St. Anthony, Comstock until 1967. During the early 1970's Sister Mary provided healthcare to the sisters at Fontbonne Manor, Nazareth, while she attended Western Michigan University where she received her Master's degree in Occupational Therapy. She continued to work at Fontbonne Manor as an Occupational Therapist for the sisters until 1984. She also worked at St. Luke's Art Studio, Nazareth Center, creating greeting cards with Sr. Pierre, was a substitute teacher and worked in jail ministry through Kalamazoo/Plainwell Public Schools. In 1994 she returned to the healthcare field and worked as an occupational therapist at the Veteran's Medical Center in Battle Creek, Mich., before retiring.



**Sr. Maxine Jeanette McGee, CSJ** passed away last month. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth. Sr. Maxine was born in Bad Axe, Mich., on September 30, 1928 the daughter of Charles and Johanna (Grace) McGee. She pronounced first vows on July 2, 1949 and final vows on July 2, 1952.

Sister Maxine earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Nazareth College and a Master's degree in Theology from St. Mary College, Notre Dame. She attended numerous workshops and classes in Spiritual Direction, Retreat Ministry and Carmelite Spirituality. Sister Maxine ministered as an elementary teacher in several Michigan schools including Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth and St. Joan of Arc, St. Clair Shores and as elementary school principal at Blessed Sacrament School in Allegan and Our Lady of Fatima School in Michigan Center. She also served as Parish Minister and Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center. In 1984 she came to Nazareth as Director of Fontbonne Manor and a member of the Nazareth Ministry Team. In 1986 Bishop Donovan asked her to be the Pastoral Minister and Coordinator of St. Joseph Parish in White Pigeon, Mich., which she served faithfully for more than 21 years until retiring to the Sisters of St. Joseph Center at Nazareth.



**Sr. Ann Catherine Steffes, CSJ** passed away last month and Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth. Sr. Ann Catherine was born in Maybee, Mich., on January 21, 1919, the daughter of Frederick and Magdalen (Eby) Steffes. She pronounced first vows on August 26, 1938 and final vows on August 26, 1941. Sr. Ann Catherine earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies from Nazareth College. She was a teacher in several schools of the Congregation including St. Benedict, Highland Park; Barbour Hall, Nazareth; St. Mary, Flint, and St. Mary, Charlotte, Mich. From 1961-1967 Sister Ann Catherine was principal of St. Pius X School in Grandville, Mich., and from 1967-1976 she ministered as principal of St. Mary School in Charlotte. In 1976 she returned to St. Mary School in Flint until the time of her retirement in 1989. During her retirement years Sister Ann Catherine volunteered her services at More Academy in Burton, Mich., and tutored in the Mt. Morris area.



### Families invited to Mass and picnic with Bishop Bradley hosted by Ministry to Persons with Disabilities Commission

The Ministry to Persons with Disabilities Commission will host a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bradley at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lake, Edwardsburg on Saturday, July 16. A family picnic will be held immediately following Mass. Complimentary food and beverages will be provided. The event is free but reservations are appreciated by July 8th. Contact: Lisa Irwin, Associate Director, Sanctity of the Human Person, 269-903-0177; [liwin@diokzoo.org](mailto:liwin@diokzoo.org).

### Pope Francis JUNE Intentions

Universal: Human Solidarity — That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices — That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

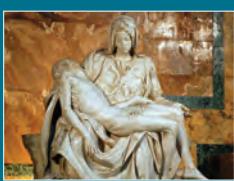


### Join us on a pilgrimage to Rome, Siena, and Florence

to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Portage and the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

**Join Fr. Robert Creagan**, the pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church and diocesan pilgrimage director, for a 10-day pilgrimage. November 2 – 11, 2016. Trip includes:

- Daily mass and devotion prayers.
- Highlights of the life of St. Catherine of Siena.
- Visits to the four major basilicas of Rome.
- Attendance in the Papal Audience with Pope Francis.



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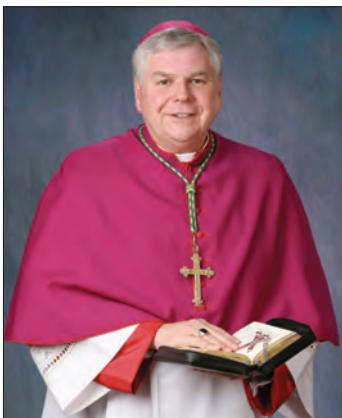
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# DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN: A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE



Paul J. Bradley  
Bishop of Kalamazoo



My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This month marks a host of new beginnings for our Diocese as we approach our 45 anniversary on July 21st. In just a few short weeks on July 1st we will implement the *Diocesan Pastoral Plan: A Future Full of Hope*. This plan calls for the creation of 28 Parish Collaboratives shepherded by 28 pastors along with 29 Parochial Vicars.

This plan has been more than a year in the making as I began conversations with our priests last summer. At our annual Fall Convocation last year we addressed the challenge of vocations and ordinations not keeping pace with the number of priests retiring. It was clear we needed a plan to provide the best pastoral care for the people of our Diocese.

We knew our plan had to build on the strength of our Parishes and not diminish them in any way. That is why we are not

closing or merging any Parishes but rather building on those strengths and unique identities as we bring Parishes together as Collaboratives.

I am hopeful that as a result of all the consultation, training and most importantly prayer that we will emerge from this time of transition a stronger and more vibrant Church in the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Let us continue to pray for each other, for the renewal of the Church and for more ways we can live out our mission to "Renew Faith, Build Communion and Inspire Hope."

Faithfully yours in Christ,

*+Paul J. Bradley*

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley  
Bishop of Kalamazoo

## At a Glance

### Who:

The Diocese of Kalamazoo, founded in 1971, with more than 110,000 Catholics in Southwest Michigan is embarking on a historic Diocesan Pastoral Plan – the first of its kind in its almost 45-year-history.

The 57 priests in the Diocese of Kalamazoo received assignments to be effective July 1, 2016.

Twenty-eight will be appointed Pastors and 29 will be appointed as Parochial Vicars and/or Chaplains and other special assignments.

### What:

The 59 parishes of the Diocese are being organized into 28 Parish Collaboratives. These Collaboratives range from one to three Parishes.

The Parishes retain individual identities, are lead by one Pastor and additional pastoral staff as assigned. The Parish Collaborative decides on the local level the best opportunities for combining resources and strengthening the faith in those communities.

### When:

The Parish Collaboratives were announced by Bishop Bradley in January 2016 and will be fully operational on **July 1st** when the 28 Pastors will assume their assignments.

### Where:

The Diocese of Kalamazoo in Southwest Michigan consists of nine counties. The seat of the Diocese is Kalamazoo and St. Augustine Cathedral is the Mother Church of the Diocese.

### Why:

Bishop Bradley developed a plan that provides the best pastoral care for the people. The number of priests retiring, or set to retire, was surpassing the number of new priests being ordained. The plan is a proactive approach and vocations-hopeful as the Diocese positions for growth through all 59 parishes to best serve the pastoral and sacramental needs of the people.

### How:

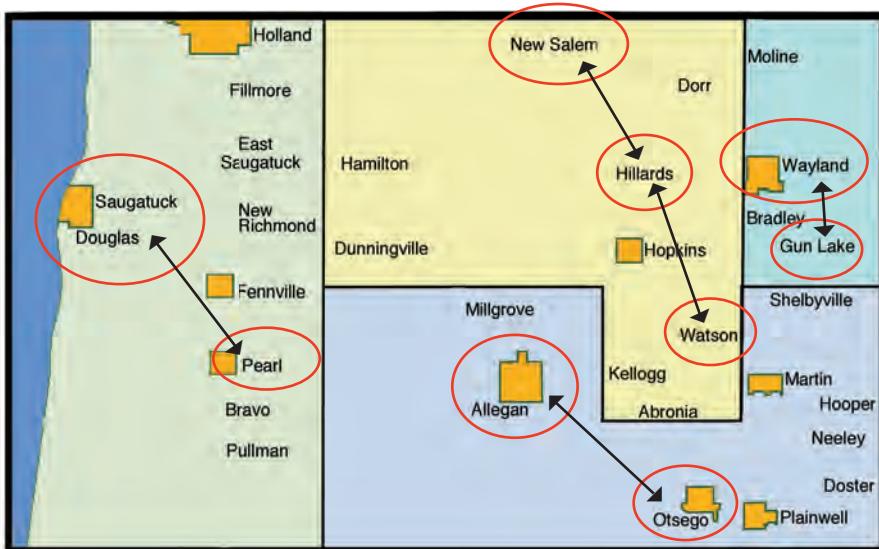
Beginning in mid-2015 Bishop Bradley began a series of consultations with the priests and lay faithful of the Diocese to create a Diocesan Pastoral Plan to proactively address the priest to parishioner ratio and plan for the best pastoral care of the people.

Priests were convened and consulted for input and feedback during a series of meetings for six months prior to the January 2016 announcement of the 28 Parish Collaboratives.

Priests, parish staffs, diocesan personnel and lay volunteers have participated in a number of leadership workshops to best equip them for dealing with the transition and envisioning the new model within the age of the new evangelization.

# DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO PASTORAL PLAN

Allegan County Collaborative Map

**ALLEGAN COUNTY****4 Collaboratives — 5 Priests — 2 Retired Priests in Residence — 2,598 Families**

**Pastor:** Rev. Fabio Garzon

- + St. Peter Parish, Douglas • 525 Families
- + San Felipe de Jesus Parish, Pearl (Fennville) • 124 Families • Spanish Mass

**Administrator:** Rev. Christopher Derda

**Canonical Pastor/Senior Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Stephen Rodrigo

- + St. Mary's Visitation Parish, New Salem (Byron Center) • 419 Families
- St. Mary's Visitation School**

- + St. Stanislaus Parish, Hilliards (Dorr) • 211 Families
- St. Stanislaus School**

- + Sacred Heart Parish, Watson • 56 Families

**Pastor:** Rev. Benjamin Huynh

**Retired Priests in Residence:** Rev. Gordon Greene & Rev. Donald Klingler  
**Pastor:** Rev. Alan Jorgensen (through September 30, 2016)\*

- + Blessed Sacrament Parish, Allegan\* • 350 Families

- + St. Margaret Parish, Otsego • 366 Families • Spanish Mass

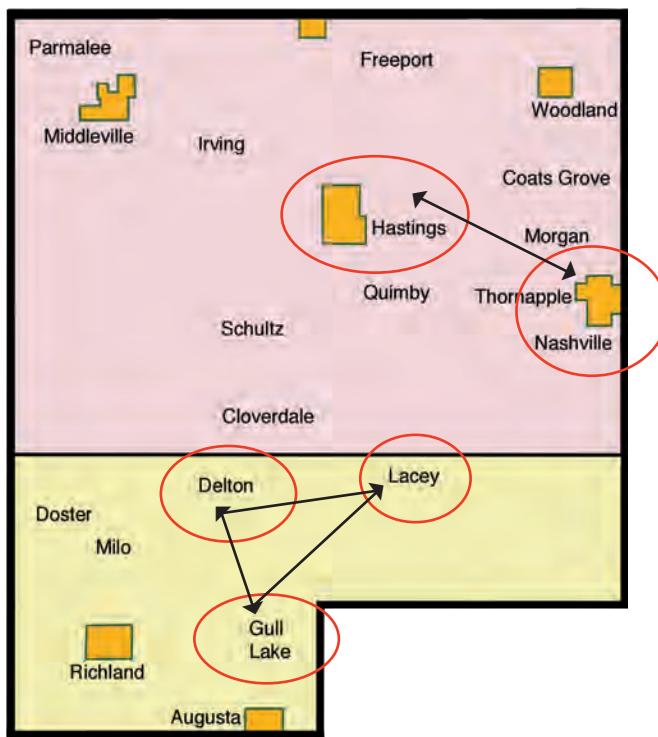
**Saint Margaret Catholic Academy**

**Pastor:** Rev. Alphonse Savarimuthu, MSFS  
**Senior Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Stephen Rodrigo

- + St. Therese Parish, Wayland • 350 Families
- St. Therese School**

- + SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Gun Lake (Wayland) • 197 Families • Spanish Mass

Barry County Collaborative Map

**BARRY COUNTY****2 Collaboratives — 3 Priests — 1,263 Families**

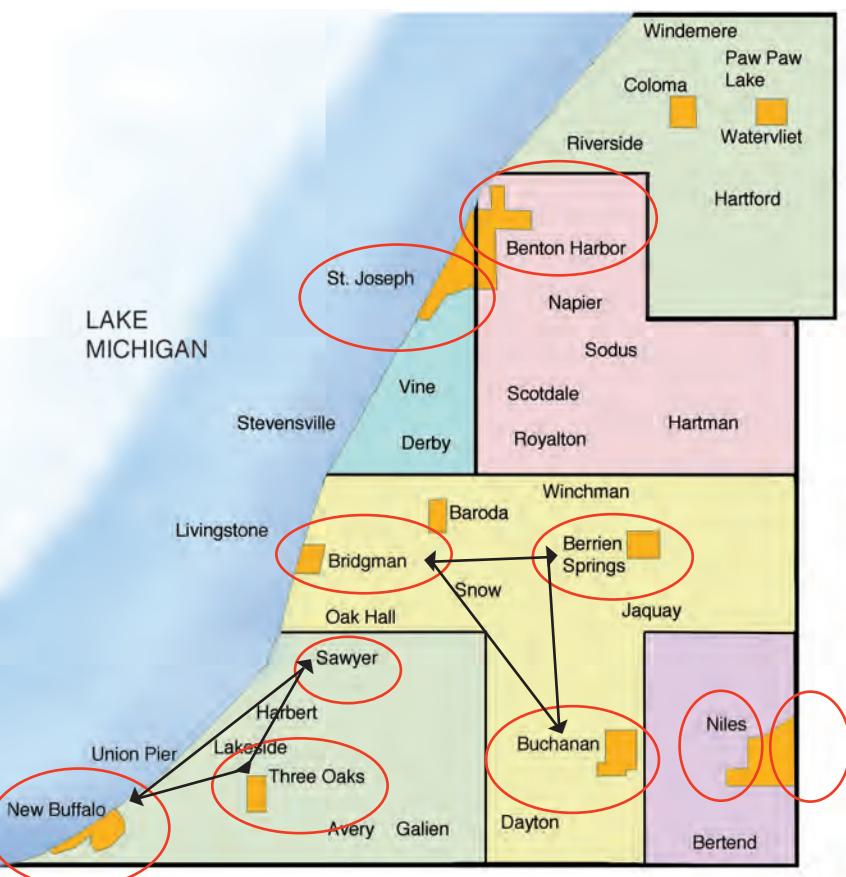
**Pastor:** Rev. Stephan Philip, MSFS

- + St. Rose of Lima Parish, Hastings • 461 Families
- St. Rose of Lima School**
- + St. Cyril Parish, Nashville • 81 Families

**Pastor:** Rev. John Fleckenstein  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Robert Johansen

- + St. Ann Parish, Gull Lake (Augusta) – Kalamazoo County • 561 Families
- St. Ann School**
- + St. Ambrose Parish, Delton • 110 Families
- + Our Lady of Great Oak Parish, Lacey • 50 Families

Berrien County Collaborative Map

**BERRIEN COUNTY****5 Collaboratives — 12 Priests — 4,689 Families**

**Pastor:** Rev. Brian Stanley

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Michael Rejent, OSFS

- + SS. John & Bernard Parish, Benton Harbor • 1,060 Families

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Robert Creagan

**Parochial Vicar & Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator for LMC:** Rev. Thomas McNally  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Paul Redmond  
**Chaplain for Healthcare Ministry:** Rev. Harold Potter

- + St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph • 1,721 Families • Spanish Mass
- Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School**
- Lake Michigan Catholic Middle School**
- Lake Michigan Catholic High School**

**Pastor:** Rev. Arthur Howard

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Leonel Cartagena (with special care of Hispanic/Latino community)

- + St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan • 213 Families
- + St. Gabriel, Berrien Springs • 101 Families • Spanish Mass
- + Our Lady Queen of Peace, Bridgeman • 200 Families

**Pastor:** Rev. Patrick Craig

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Daniel Doctor

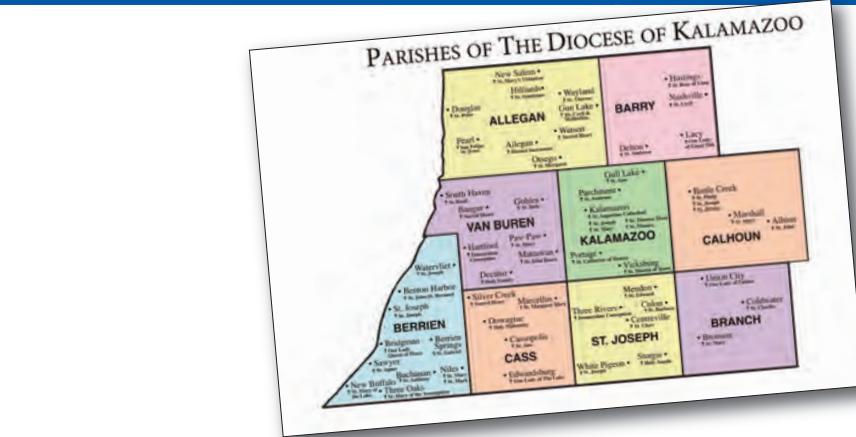
- + St. Mary of the Lake Parish, New Buffalo • 284 Families
- St. Mary of the Lake School**
- + St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Three Oaks • 106 Families
- + St. Agnes Parish, Sawyer • 110 Families

**Pastor:** Rev. Christian Johnston\*

- + St. Mary Parish, Niles • 688 Families • Spanish Mass
- St. Mary School**

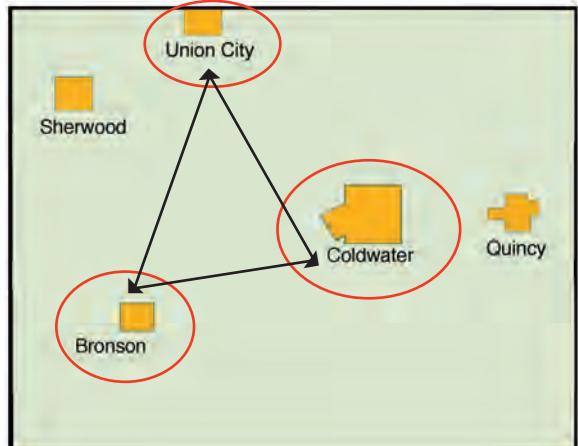
**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas King, CSC\*

- + St. Mark Parish, Niles • 206 Families



Branch County Collaborative Map

\* Phased – in Collaborative 2018

**BRANCH COUNTY****1 Collaboratives – 3 Priests – 1,447 Families****Pastor: Rev. Mark Vyverman****Parochial Vicar: Rev. Raul Gomez (with special care of Hispanic/Latino community)**

+ St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Coldwater • 608 Families

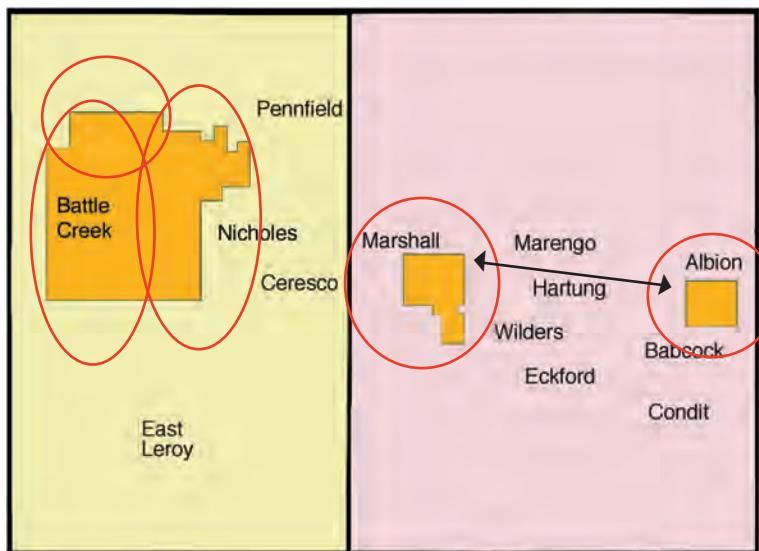
St. Charles Borromeo School

+ Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Union City • 135 Families

**Pastor: Rev. Richard Fritz (until retirement, expected 2018)\***

+ St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Bronson • 704 Families • Spanish Mass

St. Mary's Assumption School

**Calhoun County Collaborative Map****CALHOUN COUNTY, MI****2 Collaboratives – 5 Priests – 1 Retired Priest in Residence – 3,271 Families****Pastor: Rev. Christopher Ankley**

Administrator of St. Philip Parish/Spiritual Moderator &amp; Chaplain of St. Philip Catholic Central High School: Rev. Simon Chummar-Manjooran, SDB

Parochial Vicar &amp; Spiritual Moderator/Chaplain for St. Joseph Elementary and Middle Schools: Rev. Jose Haro

Chaplain for Healthcare Ministry/Part-time Parochial Vicar: Rev. Robert Johansen

+ St. Joseph Parish, Battle Creek • 1,367 Families • Spanish Mass

St. Joseph Elementary &amp; Middle School

+ St. Jerome, Battle Creek • 132 Families

+ St. Philip Parish, Battle Creek • 1,000 Families

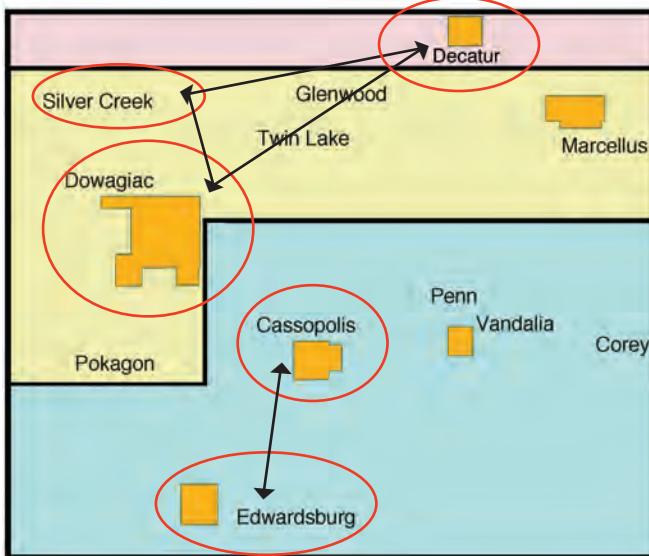
St. Philip Catholic Central School

**Pastor: Rev. Craig Lusk**

Retired in Residence at St. John, Albion: Rev. Joseph Gray

+ St. Mary Parish, Marshall • 563 Families

+ St. John the Evangelist Parish, Albion • 209 Families

**Cass County Collaborative Map****CASS COUNTY****2 Collaboratives – 3 Priests – 1 Retired Priest in Residence – 1,256 Families****Pastor: Rev. Richard Altine****Parochial Vicar: Rev. Wieslaw Lipka (in residence at Holy Family Parish, Decatur)**

+ Holy Maternity of Mary Parish, Dowagiac • 248 Families

+ Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Silver Creek (Dowagiac) • 150 Families

+ Holy Family Parish, Decatur • 113 Families

**Pastor: Rev. Joseph McCormick, OSA****Retired Priest in Residence: Rev. Donald Potts (St. Ann Parish, Cassopolis)**

+ Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edwardsburg • 589 Families

+ St. Ann Parish, Cassopolis • 156 Families

## What is our “Future Full Of Hope”?

How does the Diocese Pastoral Plan benefit the faithful in the Diocese of Kalamazoo

### Pastoral care of the people

Parish collaboratives will help better distribute pastoral care, so our Pastors are available to see closely to the needs of their Parishes.



### Utilizing Priest’s God-given talents

These collaboratives allow priests to utilize their talents in many ways, as Pastors, Parochial Vicars, School or Hospital Chaplains and other ministries.



### All parishes stay open; retain identity

The focus of the Pastoral Plan is to build the Diocese by strengthening our Parishes. Collaboratives will be able to share resources and best practices to the benefit of all.

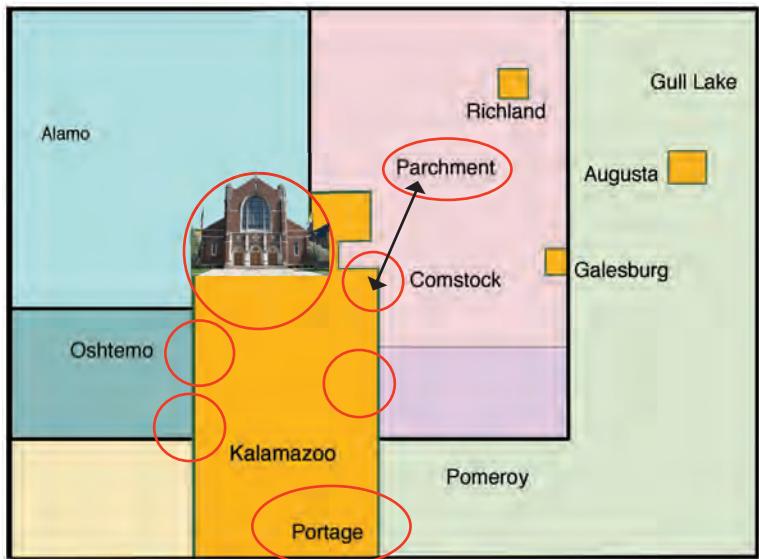


### Vocations hopeful

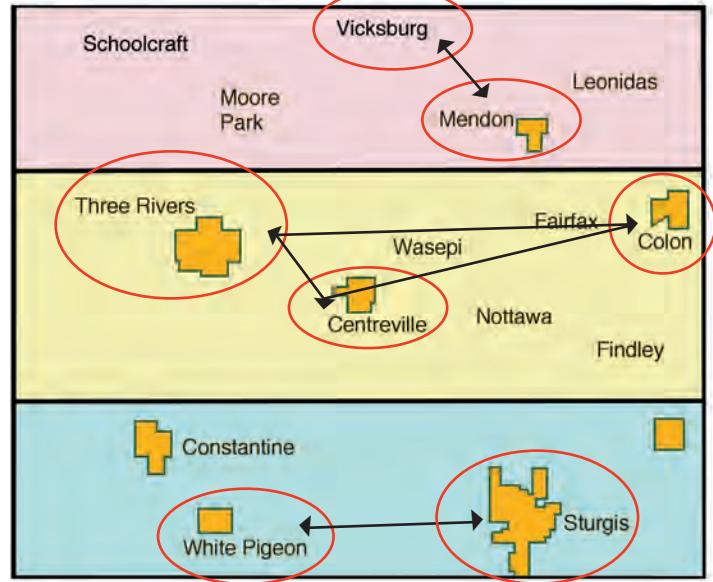
The Pastoral Plan is vocation hopeful. All changes are temporary. We are positioning the Diocese for growth with the goal of one pastor for every parish.



Kalamazoo County Collaborative Map



St. Joseph County Collaborative Map

**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY****3 Collaboratives – 3 Priests – 1,433 Families**

- Pastor: Msgr. Thomas Martin, J.V., J.C.D.**
  - + St. Martin of Tours Parish, Vicksburg (Kalamazoo County) • 349 Families
  - + St. Edward Parish, Mendon • 103 Families
- Pastor: Rev. Antony Rajesh, MSFS**
  - + Immaculate Conception Parish, Three Rivers • 276 Families
  - Immaculate Conception School**
  - + St. Clare, Centreville • 62 Families
  - + St. Barbara, Colon • 64 Families
- Pastor: Rev. Evelio Ramirez**
  - + Holy Angels Parish, Sturgis • 439 Families • Spanish Mass
  - + St. Joseph Parish, White Pigeon • 140 Families

**NOTES:**

\*\* Two new apostolates include the Vietnamese Apostolate and the Hispanic/Latino Apostolate

\*\*\* Rev. Vanathaiyan Savarimuthu, MSFS, will be arriving in the Diocese in June 2016 and appointed as Parochial Vicar to St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo Collaborative [bringing the total number of priests appointed to active ministry in the Diocese to 58.]

Source for Parish family numbers: "The Official Catholic Directory," P.J. Kennedy & Sons, 2016 edition.

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY****6 Collaboratives – 16 Priests – 1 Retired Priest in Residence – 6,593 Families**

**Pastor: Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley, Bishop, Diocese of Kalamazoo**

**Rector: Msgr. Michael Osborn**

**Vice Rector: Rev. Francis Marotti**

**Parochial Vicar/Director, Vietnamese Apostolate: Rev. James Vinh Le**

+ St. Augustine Cathedral • 744 Families • School

**St. Augustine Cathedral School**

**Pastor: Rev. Daniel Hyman**

+ St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo • 764 Families

**Pastor: Rev. James Richardson, Superior, St. Philip Neri Oratory in formation**

+ St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo • 181 Families • Mass in the Extraordinary Form

**Pastor: Rev. James O'Leary (Phased in Collaborative)\***

**Chaplin for Healthcare Ministry: Rev. Kevin Covert**

+ St. Ambrose Parish, Parchment • 525 Families

**Pastor: Msgr. Michael Hazard**

**Parochial Vicar: Rev. Andrew Raczkowski**

+ St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo • 1,323 Families • Spanish Mass

**Pastor, Canonical Pastor Hackett Catholic Prep: Rev. Lawrence Farrell**

**Chaplain/Spiritual Moderator, & Parochial Vicar: Rev. James Adams**

**Retired in residence: Rev. Robert Consani**

+ St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo\*\*\* • 899 Families

**St. Monica School**

**Hackett Catholic Prep**

**Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Schmidt**

**Senior Parochial Vicar: Rev. William Jacobs, Jr.**

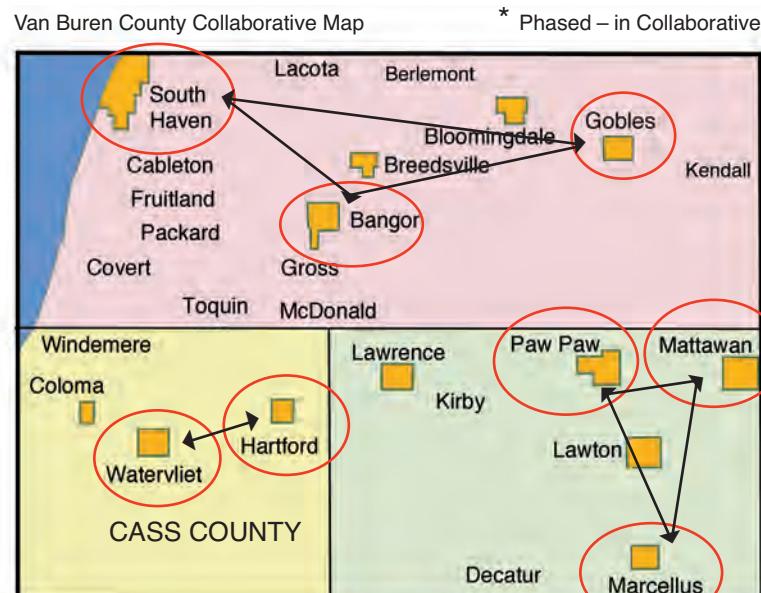
**Parochial Vicar: Rev. Stanley Witek**

**Parochial Vicar: Rev. Bruno Okoli**

+ St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage • 2,157 Families

**St. Catherine Catholic Preschool**

Van Buren County Collaborative Map

**VAN BUREN COUNTY****3 Collaboratives – 6 Priests – 2,682 Families**

- Pastor: Rev. James Morris**
- Parochial Vicar: Rev. Rev. Robert Flickinger (in residence at Bangor)**
  - + St. Basil Parish, South Haven • 669 Families • Spanish Mass
  - St. Basil School**
  - + Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor • 101 Families
  - + St. Jude Parish, Gobles • 130 Families

**Pastor: Rev. John Peter Ambrose, MSFS**

**Director, Hispanic/Latino Apostolate: Rev. German Perez-Diaz (in residence at Hartford)**

+ St. Joseph, Watervliet (Berrien County) • 368 Families

+ Immaculate Conception, Hartford • 196 Families • Spanish Mass

**Pastor in solidum: Rev. Joseph Xavier, MSFS\***

**Pastor in solidum: Rev. Alan Jorgensen (effective October 30, 2016)\***

**Pastor: Rev. Matthew Ilikatil – St. John Bosco (until retirement September 30, 2016)\***

+ St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw • 867 Families

**St. Mary School**

+ St. Margaret Mary Parish, Marcellus • 72 Families

+ St. John Bosco, Mattawan • 279 Families (\* Phased-in Collaborative, October 2016)

# Milestones for Success

JUNE

Parish Staff & Transition teams to develop process for communications and bulletin information sharing. Collaboratives to notify Diocesan Business Office which parish will pay for priest costs. All parishes convert to Paycor by June 10.

JULY

New Assignments begin. Pastors to meet with Parish Transition Teams to learn about parishes.

AUG.

Finance and Parish Councils identify structure for how Councils will meet and work together.

SEPT.

Transition Committee events and update should be communicated to the Diocese by Sept. 30.

OCT.

Establishment or continuation of a Spiritual Renewal Program should be implemented by Oct. 1, 2016.

NOV.

At least one co-hosted event within the collaborative should take place by November, 2016.

2016

2036

Our goal is to have more priests than parishes. A focus on increasing vocations will continue as new generations of young men discern the call.



## Bishop Bradley honors first St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship winners at awards banquet

Bishop Bradley, on behalf of the Diocese of Kalamazoo recognized ten High School Senior students with the first-ever St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, awards at a banquet last night at the Beacon Club, Portage, Mich. The inaugural awards are bestowed upon the top ten Senior capstone projects from the three Catholic high schools in the diocese.

Three students from Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo, received the top awards of the St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship from the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

**Caroline Yapp** received the first place \$5,000 scholarship for her capstone project titled, “Does the Galileo Affair Reveal the Catholic Church’s Opposition to Science?”

**Amanda Lawrence** was awarded second place for her presentation entitled, “The Fight for Life: A Pro-Life Response to Justifications to Abortion.”

**Genevieve Bogedain** whose project was entitled “Morality of Embryonic Stem Cell Research” was awarded the third place

prize of \$2,000.

“I’m honored on behalf of the entire Diocese of Kalamazoo to recognize the outstanding work of these Catholic school students in the first of what I hope are many years of the St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship awards,” said Bishop Paul J. Bradley. “The depth of all the students’ topics shows they can wrestle with the challenging moral and theological questions or our day much in the spirit of St. Thomas Aquinas, a doctor of the Catholic Church.”

The senior capstone project is a new graduation requirement for all diocesan high school students aimed at recognizing outstanding achievement. Students select their theological topic at the end of their junior year. They then conduct research, prepare a report and present it to a panel of judges. Scores are tabulated based on a variety of factors including demonstration and depth of knowledge on the theology topic, research quality and written and oral presentation skills.

“The students’ presentations were outstanding and inspiring.”

**Back row:** (left to right):  
Patrick Sprague, St. Philip Catholic High School; Stephen Graham, St. Philip Catholic High School;  
Ryan Stachowski, Lake Michigan Catholic High School; Mitchell Yelton, Hackett Catholic Prep.

**Front row:** Amanda Lawrence, Hackett Catholic Prep; Sarah McCoy, Lake Michigan Catholic High School; Bishop Paul J. Bradley; Caroline Yapp, Hackett Catholic Prep; Rebecca Radomsky, Hackett Catholic Prep; and Genevieve Bogedain, Hackett Catholic Prep.

says Margaret Erich, Superintendent for the Catholic schools in the diocese. “Their work is a testament to the outstanding instruction and mentorship they’ve received.

We’re thrilled to be able to recognize these students with scholarship monies to assist them in their college careers.”

This was the first class of students at the three Diocese of Kalamazoo High Schools to complete the capstone project and compete for one of ten St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarships.

Seven runners-up were awarded a \$500 scholarship: Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo – Rebecca Radomsky, Mitchell Yelton; Lake Michigan Catholic High School, St. Joseph – Sarah McCoy, Ryan Stachowski; St. Philip Catholic Central High School, Battle Creek – Stephen Graham, Patrick Sprague, Emily Wesner.

All ten scholarship recipients were recognized at an award banquet with Bishop Paul J. Bradley on Thursday, May 19 at The Beacon Club, Portage.

## “The Merciful Family” student art contest winners announced

The Domestic Church has announced the winners of “The Merciful Family” nationwide student art contest. Categories included art, writing, music and video, and there were two age divisions. St. Charles Borromeo School in Coldwater, Mich., was recognized for having the most student submissions.

Winners received a scholarship from the Michigan Knights of Columbus and a certificate from Bishop Bradley. For a list of Honorable Mention awards, visit [diokzoo.org/domestic-church](http://diokzoo.org/domestic-church).

### Division 1 (grades 4th – 8th) Winners:

- Art 1st Place – “The Works of Mercy” by Bennett Carpenter – 5th grade – St. Augustine Cathedral School
- Art 1st Place - “Merciful Heart” by Molly Brown – 8th grade – St. Brigid School in Xenia, Ohio
- Writing 1st Place – “Our Family’s Merciful Acts” by Luke Niedzielski – 4th grade – St. Augustine Cathedral School
- Music 1st Place – “Mercy” composed by Allison Mounce – 5th grade – St. Augustine Cathedral School
- Video 1st Place – “Sharing Our Blessings with Others” by Alex Dugas – St. Augustine Cathedral School



Socorro Truchan, Associate Director, Domestic Church, presents certificates to Division 1 first place winners from St. Augustine Cathedral School, from left: Alex Dugas, 1st place in video; Allison Mounce, 1st place in music; Luke Niedzielski, 1st place in writing.

### Division 2 (grades 9th – 12th) Winners:

- Art 1st Place – “Growing Earthly Mercy” by Ryan Olexa – 10th grade – Hackett Catholic Prep.
- Art 1st Place – “Love Thy Neighbor” by Gabriella Hong – 11th grade – St. Mary’s School in Lancaster, PA

## The Other Six Days By Jane Knuth



### Mercy, Coffee, and the Lay Vocation

Picture a young woman who has recently graduated from college in health services and moves from Kalamazoo to New York City in order to begin her new life as an adult. She relies on the generosity of a friend for a couch to sleep on, and scours the internet every day seeking work in the metropolitan hospitals. No luck. After a few weeks she begins to apply anywhere, hoping to pay her share of the rent. Eventually she finds herself making cappuccinos in Koreatown on the corner of 23rd and 5th Avenue. She still can’t pay the rent, but at least she can pay the electric bill.

It’s the morning rush in the coffee shop and two lines of customers snake out to the sidewalk. A man in his early 30’s orders a regular coffee. She takes the money, gives him the hot cup, and points to the cream and sugar on the counter. “Can I help you?” she calls to the next person in line. But then the first man spills both his coffee and a string of profanity.

“He wasn’t angry at me — more at himself — but he was way more upset than he should have been,” she says. “I grabbed a cloth and wiped up the mess saying, ‘Did you burn yourself? Is it on your shirt? Tell you what: let me quick make you a new one.’ I apologized to the next customer and took care of the guy, and then he left. No big deal.”

“Later that afternoon, the man came back in the shop when things were much less busy. He waited to talk with me and said, ‘I just want to let you know that cup of coffee meant a lot to me this morning. When I came in here I had just lost my job.’ He handed me a \$20 tip and left, and I never saw him again.”

“I’m so glad I didn’t dismiss him as an angry, rude person. I often think of that day whenever someone gets upset or unreasonable. Maybe they lost their job? Maybe something worse?”

Picture yourself on a regular day with its ordinary tedium, pressures, successes, and failures. The lay person’s vocation is simple: spread the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is simple, too: love everybody. It takes patience, compassion, and mercy. And sometimes it takes a kind word and a cup of coffee.

## Bishop to mark annual Fortnight for Freedom with Holy Hour at Cathedral June 26

Bishop Bradley is joining with all the Bishops of the United States and inviting all Catholics and people of good will to join in a special 14-day period of prayer, education and action: the annual Fortnight for Freedom, June 21-July 4, 2016. This time of prayer highlights the importance of defending religious freedom. This year’s theme, *Witnesses to Freedom*, reminds us of people, both from the past and present day, from the United States and around the world, who have stood up in defense of religious liberty. Our liturgical calendar during this period also brings us the feasts of several great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power.

On Sunday, June 26th, Bishop Paul Bradley will lead a Holy Hour at 3 pm at St Augustine Cathedral. There is

also a dedicated page on the diocesan website, [diokzoo.org/Fortnight-for-Freedom](http://diokzoo.org/Fortnight-for-Freedom). Please watch the Diocesan Insider and check with your parish for other local observances.

The USCCB has prepared a wealth of great resources, which can be found on its website: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). New this year is the video, *The Right to Religious Freedom*, and the stories of fourteen Witnesses to Freedom. You can also download the Litany for Liberty, and a list of suggested “conversation starters” to help you engage others in the importance of preserving the right of religious freedom. To stay up-to-date on current religious freedom issues, sign up for text messages from the USCCB by texting the word “FREEDOM” to 377377.



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## Rev. Bruno Okoli

Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish Collaborative, Portage

**Anointing of the Hands** – During the Anointing of the Hands (pictured below), the Bishop anoints the palms of the hands of the new priests with the aromatic holy oil of chrism, which was blessed at the Chrism Mass. He anoints the palms saying “The Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, guard and preserve you, that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God. Amen.” The anointing signifies they are being prepared for the sacred duties and vessels that are part of being a priest, conferring sacraments and ministering their people.



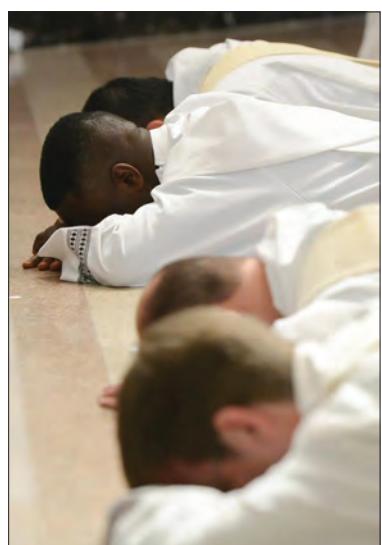
# THE PRIESTHOOD

## Rev. Andrew Raczkowski

Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish Collaborative, Kalamazoo

### Calling of the Candidates –

The Rite of Ordination begins with the Calling, Presentation and Election of the Candidates, beginning with the call, (pictured bottom right) “Let those who are to be ordained to the order of priesthood come forward.” Each candidate’s name is called and they respond “Present”. After being assured the candidates have been found worthy the Bishop chooses them for ordination. The assembly gives their assent with applause.



## Rev. Paul Redmond

Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Parish Collaborative, St. Joseph

**Laying on of Hands** – It is during the laying on of hands (pictured below) that the ordination to the priesthood actually takes place. The candidates kneel and first the Bishop, followed by the Bishop Emeritus and priests, invoke the Holy Spirit to come down upon each of the newly ordained priests, preparing them for their new roles.



## Bienvenida a los Campesino Migrante de la Diócesis

Por Dra. Fanny Tabares, DMin

La Diócesis de Kalamazoo da la Bienvenida a todos los campesinos migrantes que ya están llegando a los 415 campos que cubre la Diócesis en los condados de Allegan, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph y Van Buren. El Ministerio Multicultural e Hispano de la Diócesis les da la bienvenida y les desea que esta temporada también esté plena de bienestar espiritual para todos los campesinos y sus familias. Las Parroquias abrirán sus puertas para acoger a los campesinos que llegan de Texas, Florida, México y otros lugares incluyendo países de Centro América.



Tenemos un gran número de valiosos voluntarios y voluntarias que alegremente y con gran entrega colaboran en este ministerio para poder llegar como iglesia y como comunidad de fe a todos los campesinos. Como cada año, la Diócesis invita misioneros que nos ayuden en la atención espiritual y pastoral de los campesinos, visitando los campos y atendiéndolos desde las parroquias cercanas. Este verano tendremos con nosotros desde junio al Padre Oscar Londoño, Padre Raul Torres, Padre Jose Garcia, Padre Ermes Romero, Hermana Maria Teresa Orozco, Hermana Maria Miriam García, Hermana Maria del Carmen Hoyos, y Hermana Monica Lucia Atencia. En julio llegará el Padre Jairo Escobar. También el Centro Alemán ya está recibiendo a los campesinos para ofrecerles ropa y comida de emergencia.

Demos una bondadosa acogida a los campesinos y misioneros que vienen a enriquecer a nuestra Iglesia local con su trabajo y con su fe.

## Necesidad de ropa y comida para los Campesinos Migrantes

El verano se está acercando y las familias migrantes ya empiezan a llegar. Muchos pueden encontrar donde vivir, pero a veces no encuentran un trabajo rápido. Muchas veces están sin trabajo las primeras semanas. Estamos pidiendo a todas las personas de las parroquias que deseen ayudar a aligerar la carga económica de nuestros hermanos migrantes.

La siguiente, es una lista de cosas de primera necesidad que las familias necesitan y que es fácil para guardar y distribuir:

Se comenzara a coleccionar donaciones de ropa desde ahora hasta los mediados de agosto. Las donaciones se pueden llevar a la oficina de la Parroquia de St. Thomas More, 1333 West Lovell Street, Kalamazoo, MI (esquina con Monroe y Lovell) entre los horarios de 9 – 12 y de 1 – 5 p.m. de lunes a viernes. Si tiene preguntas, llame a la oficina de la Parroquia de St. Thomas More al 269-381-8917. Por favor no dejen las donaciones afuera en la puerta de la Parroquia de St. Thomas More ni en la puerta del Centro Alemán. Llamen antes a la Parroquia para avisar que llevan donaciones.

"Porque tuve hambre y ustedes me dieron de comer; tuve sed y ustedes me dieron de beber. Fui forastero y ustedes me recibieron en su casa" — Mateo 25:35

¡Muchas gracias por sus donaciones!

Nota: El Centro Alemán está ubicado por la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Hartford. Lleva este nombre en honor al Diácono Eugenio Alemán de origen mexicano y quien dedicó su vida a la ayuda de las personas recién llegadas al área o que necesitaban algún tipo de ayuda. El Centro Alemán ayuda a las familias migrantes con ropa y comida de emergencia. El centro es atendido por voluntarios quienes ofrecen su tiempo como un servicio a la comunidad. La Parroquia de St. Thomas More, Kalamazoo, colecta la ropa en la parroquia y también tiene voluntarios en el centro durante el verano

## Calendario/Calendar

### Junio/June

Temporada del Ministerio Migrante Diocesano, hasta Noviembre.

Centro Alemán ubicado en la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, Hartford. Se abrirá para los meses de Junio, Julio y Agosto. Horario: Lunes y Martes de 6:30-8:30 pm y Domingos de 12:30-2:30 pm. (Diocesan Migrant Ministry Season, until November. Aleman Center located at Immaculate Conception Church, Hartford, will be open for the months of June, July and August. Time: Monday and Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 pm and Sundays from 12:30-2:30 pm.)

4 (Sábado): 8:30a.m. – 5 p.m. Instituto San Agustín – Programa de Formación Pastoral y de Liderazgo, Segundo Año de Formación 2014-2017. Tema: Profetas por el Padre Fred Thelen. (St. Augustine Institute - Hispanic Pastoral Leadership Formation Program, Second Year of Formation 2014-2017, Topic: Prophets by Fr. Fred Thelen).

4 (Sábado): 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Retiro Diocesano de Quinceañeras - retiro bilingüe para la preparación de quinceañeras. También deben participar los padres de las quinceañeras en el retiro. Temas incluyen: origen de la celebración, responsabilidades como Cristianos, la juventud en la sociedad de hoy y otros temas de importancia. Lugar: Immaculate Conception Parish 63559 60th Ave, Hartford, MI. (Diocesan Quinceañera Retreat. Young ladies who will be having a Quinceañera celebration must attend this retreat with their parents and main sponsors. Topics include: origin of the celebration, responsibilities as Christians, youth in today's society and other topics of importance. Location: Immaculate Conception Parish 63559 60th Ave, Hartford, MI).

9 (Jueves): 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Reunión Ministerio Migrante. Reunión de principio de Verano para todos los voluntarios del Ministerio Migrante y para todos aquellos que estén interesados en ser voluntarios. Lugar: Lawrence Education Center (Salón#122), 1521 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI. (Migrant Ministry Meeting) Beginning of the Summer Meeting for all Migrant Ministry volunteers and those who are interested in becoming volunteers. Location: Lawrence Education Center (Classroom#122), 1521 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI.)

10 (Viernes): 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Reunión de Migrant Resource Council (agencias que ofrecen servicio a la Comunidad Migrante). (Migrant Resource Council Meeting, agencies that offer services to the Migrant Community)

17 (Viernes): 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Retiro Espiritual en español de Discernimiento Vocacional, para personas que deseen entrar al programa de diaconado y sus esposas. Lugar: St. Augustine, Crowley Center, 542 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (Spiritual Vocational Discernment Retreat in Spanish.)

24 (Viernes): 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Entrenamiento de VIRTUS en Español. Lugar: St. Joseph, 936 Lake Street, Kalamazoo,

## Memoria Histórica del Ministerio Hispano/Latino Parte 2

Tomada del Plan Pastoral Diocesano del Ministerio Hispano/Latino 2007

En Abril de 1979 el Obispo Paul Donovan formó un equipo que tuviera como especial dedicación, la atención a los hispanos de la Diócesis; lo conformaban sacerdotes vicentinos y religiosas de la congregación de San José. El equipo se apoyaba mucho en los diáconos y los laicos comprometidos en cada una de las parroquias, para realizar su tarea pastoral. Junto a los sacerdotes y las religiosas, los diáconos y sus esposas, durante los meses de verano se unían al Equipo, otros sacerdotes, religiosos, religiosas y voluntarios



laicos que venían de otros lugares a servir la comunidad, especialmente en los Campos de trabajo. Comenzó a formarse así, lo que hoy conocemos como Ministerio con los migrantes. Se organizaron Programas de entrenamiento para darles una mejor preparación tanto a los líderes de las parroquias, ya residentes, y los que dentro de los migrantes se ofrecían para coordinar o liderar actividades en este especial Ministerio de atención a la comunidad migrante.

En 1980 había unos 240 campos de migrantes en la Diócesis de Kalamazoo con cerca de 15,000 trabajadores temporales. En este tiempo la expectativa de vida de un migrante era de 45 años comparada con la media nacional que era de 73 años. Esto se debía al uso de pesticidas a los cuales estaban expuestos en sus jornadas de trabajo, a la carencia de viviendas adecuadas, los tipos de trabajo y la inseguridad del salario.

En el momento actual (2007) el Ministerio Hispano tiene una estructura mínima que permite lograr una

mayor eficacia en la acción evangelizadora. Lo conforman una directora, un sacerdote como director asociado y una secretaria. Durante el verano, sacerdotes vicentinos y diocesanos, seminaristas y religiosas de diferentes lugares del país, de México y de otros países se unen

para llevar a cabo la atención pastoral a los Migrantes. En el año 2000, junto al Obispo Murray, un grupo de 26 laicos de las diversas parroquias de la Diócesis, participaron en el Encuentro 2000. Fue este una experiencia maravillosa de la diversidad de la Iglesia. El Obispo James Murray ha continuado reforzando y apoyando el Ministerio Hispano/Latino con

los migrantes y residentes.

El Programa Diocesano de Inmigración bajo la dirección de una abogada comenzó en septiembre del 2001. No todos sus clientes son de habla hispana, por lo tanto, el programa ofrece asistencia en inglés y español, para las gestiones relativas a los procesos de inmigración, llenar formulario y seguir procedimientos. De acuerdo con las necesidades de cada caso, muchos de los usuarios, son referidos a otros abogados o instituciones especializadas. Tarea propia del Programa de Inmigración, es educar a la comunidad en esa área tan delicada y cambiante, sobre todo a nivel legislativo, por lo cual se realizan seminarios de formación, dirigidos a los trabajadores del campo, residentes, grupos comunitarios, abogados y personas que proporcionan servicios a la comunidad en general.

Continuará en la próxima edición de este periódico.

<b>Comida:</b>	maní (peanut butter)	debe ser adecuada para el tiempo de calor. Para los adultos, ropa adecuada para el trabajo en el campo.	botas de trabajo o zapatos de tenis	dientes champú
<b>Artículos de Cocina:</b>	vasos vasijas cacerolas grandes	Tipo de ropa que se necesita es: pantalones/ jeans	Ropa para niño/as y bebés (ropa para jugar)	jabón para baño pañales (variedad de tamaños) wipes
<b>Ropa:</b>	pantalones cortos camisas de algodón de mangas largas o cortas	Se necesita ropa para hombres, mujeres y niños. La ropa	detergentecepillo de dientes pasta de	sabanas cobijas almohadas toallas
<b>Otros artículos:</b>	papel higiénico detergentecepillo de dientes pasta de			

MI 49007. (VIRTUS training in Spanish).

25 (Sábado): Ordenación de Diáconos (Deacon Ordinations)

25 (Sábado): 10 a.m.-12m. Comité Diocesano de Pastoral Hispana, Reunión. Centro Pastoral Diocesano (Hispanic Ministry Diocesan Pastoral Committee meeting)

### Julio/July

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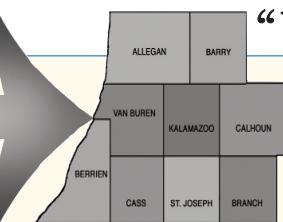
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9 y 10 : 7:30 a.m. – 8 pm Instituto San Agustín – Programa de Formación Pastoral y de Liderazgo, Segundo Año de Formación. Retiro espiritual de dos días. Tema: Discernimiento: Dialogo con el Espíritu. Lugar: St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt, MI. (Instituto San Agustín - Hispanic Pastoral Leadership Formation Program, Second Year of Formation. Topic: Discernment: Dialogue with the Spirit).

16 (Sábado): 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Retiro Diocesano de Quinceañeras – retiro bilingüe para la preparación de quinceañeras. También deben participar los padres de las quinceañeras en el retiro. Temas incluyen: origen de la celebración, responsabilidades como Cristianos, la juventud en la sociedad de hoy y otros temas de importancia. Lugar: St. Joseph Parish, 936 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. (Diocesan Quinceañera Retreat. Young ladies who will be having a Quinceañera celebration must attend this retreat with their parents and main sponsors. Topics include: origin of the celebration, responsibilities as Christians, youth in today's society and other topics of importance. Location: St. Joseph Parish, 936 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001).

23 (Sábado): 10 a.m. – 12m. Comité Diocesano de Pastoral Hispana, Reunión. Centro Pastoral Diocesano (Hispanic Ministry Diocesan Pastoral Committee meeting)

## Here & There



Here & There publishes parish, Catholic school and diocesan sponsored events. Submissions should be sent to Vicki Cessna, Email: vcessna@diokzoo.org

### Bishop Bradley's Confirmation Schedule



**June 5:** St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Bronson, 11 a.m.

**June 11:** St. Monica Parish, Kalamazoo, 9 a.m.

**June 19:** St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw, 11 a.m.

**June 26:** Blessed Sacrament Parish, Allegan, 11 a.m.

### Activities around the diocese

**June 9:** Catholic Divorce Survival, St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish, Kalamazoo. A divorce recovery experience for Catholics. Six sessions (June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14) from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$35 for materials. Facilitated by Dcn. Joe Schmitt. Contact: 269-381-8917 or jschmitt@sttomskazoo.org.

**June 12:** 150th Anniversary Celebration in Song, St. Mary's Visitation Parish, Byron Center, 3 p.m.. Join the parish in celebration as they approach their 150th anniversary. The concert will be performed by St. Mary's Visitation students and parishioners. Concert is free; refreshments to follow.

**June 13:** Catechist Certification, St. Basil Parish, South Haven. Six classes on Mondays and Wednesdays (June 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Contact: Jay Freel Landry, 269-339-3859.

**Widowed Men monthly gathering** — All widowed men are invited to join together for a time of fellowship and discussion on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next gathering is June 8 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo). For any questions or more information, please call Fr. Don Klingler at 269-254-8138 or Socorro Truchan at 269-903-0199.

**Widowed Friends monthly gathering** — All widowed men and women are invited to attend a monthly night of fellowship and discussion for men and women on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next gathering is June 22 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (215 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo). For any questions or more information, please call Fr. Don Klingler at 269-254-8138 or Socorro Truchan at 269-903-0199.

### Trauma Recovery Program in Spanish

The Diocese of Kalamazoo continues with the Trauma Recovery Program in Spanish. If you know someone who has suffered any type of trauma (physical, sexual, neglect, etc.) either in the past or present, please refer them for help to Lissette Mira-Amaya 269-929-7084 or Fanny Tabares 269-903-0209.

The new Support Group in Spanish will begin on April 5, 2016. It is necessary to make an appointment as soon as possible, before the program begins, with the counselor Lissette.

### Making a Report of Sexual Misconduct Number

A report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line: 877-802-0115. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding sexual misconduct will be returned, usually within one hour. This toll-free telephone number has been established as a part of the diocese's effort to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within diocesan institutions and ministries only. If you have some other concern about diocesan schools, parishes or ministries, please contact the appropriate diocesan school, parish or office directly. In all cases of sexual abuse you are encouraged to report all cases to the local police or protective services.

## "Waiting in Joyful Hope"

### All Michigan Catholic Charismatic Conference comes to Kalamazoo

The All Michigan Catholic Charismatic Conference will come to Kalamazoo this summer, July 8-10. Speakers will include Michigan native James Alan "Butch" Murphy, the director of the Leadership Formation for the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service. His background includes a variety of experiences from youth and adult formation leader to a bodyguard for Mother Teresa to a prospector in Alaska.

Another Michigan native Bill Richert and Friends will be providing the music. Bishop Paul J. Bradley will celebrate Sunday's liturgy at the Holy Family Chapel, Nazareth Center, Kalamazoo. Call 800-837-2622 to register

### Courage:

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**Sunday, July 17; 2-5pm**  
**Marcella Clancy, CSJ**

The Gospel of John calls us to a new consciousness, and to a newly reverential way of life that underscores the significance of every creature, plant, and person and to the interrelatedness of all that is or has been.

God is creating with us and through us. Each of us is invited to participate in the ongoing creative energy of God. As life becomes more complex, so does our understanding of this truth.

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## Diocese is going to the Fair



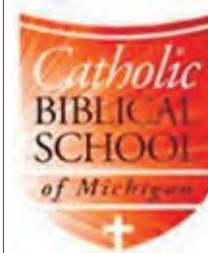
Amidst the elephant ears, Four-H Club and carnival rides — the Diocese of Kalamazoo will bring a faith presence to the fun-filled County Fairs.

This unique evangelization program is in response to Pope Francis' invitation during the Year of Mercy to go out and be where the people are. The Diocese is seeking volunteers to staff the booth and to interact with fair-goers, answer any questions they may have about the Diocese or the Catholic faith, and connect them with any resources that may be helpful.

Recruitment is currently underway for volunteers to cover booth shifts during the Van Buren (July 18-23), Kalamazoo (Aug. 8-13), Allegan (Sept. 9-17) and St. Joseph (Sept. 18-24) County Fairs.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Fran Denny, franceshdenny@gmail.com, 269-720-3735.

### Catholic Biblical School now enrolling Catholic Scripture study



An incredible opportunity to study the Word of God is coming this fall to the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

For more information, please see the website at <http://cbsmich.org> or contact Deacon Kurt Lucas at klucas@diokzoo.org or 269-903-0183.

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## Catholic High School – TOP TEN STUDENTS



### Lake Michigan Catholic High School — St. Joseph

Lake Michigan Catholic High School Top 10: Front row L to R – Benjamin Agay, Dana Ives, Alyssa Spafford, Sarah McCoy, Morgan Salvano, Madison McLoughlin  
Back row L to R – Ryan Stachowski, Carrington Tubman, Jessica Russell, Jaclyn Barta



### St. Philip Catholic Central — Battle Creek

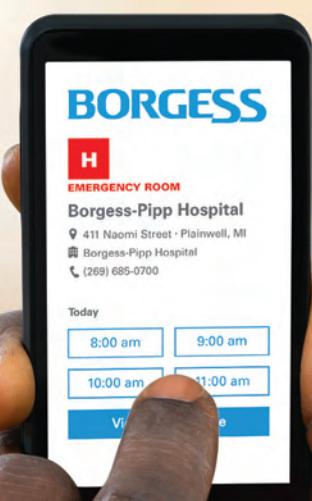
St. Philip High School Top 10: Bottom row L to R – Lauren Janas, Emily Forche, Diana Mejia-Lugo; Middle row L to R – Megan Gordon, Stephen Graham, Patrick Sprague, Kellyn McKnight; Top row L to R – Anna Lehouillier, Abby Mills, Abby McKinzie.



### Hackett Catholic Prep — Kalamazoo

Hackett Catholic Prep Top 10 Students: From left: Jacob Buchmann, Will Knoll, Angela LaPenna, Kieran O'Brien, Ian Poage, Becca Radomsky, Mitch Yelton, Bryant Neal, Genevieve Bogedain and Lizzie Stull.

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