**Assignments Announced For Four**

**Amarillo**—Assignments for four have been announced by Bishop Patrick J. Zurek.

- Father Marco Antonio Gonzalez has been named Spiritual Director of the Cursillos de Cristiandad, effective May 11.
- Father Grant Spinhirne has been appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo, effective June 3.
- Father Lawrence John, JCL, is appointed judge for the Ecclesiastical Tribunal of the Diocese of Amarillo, effective June 8.

Diocesan seminarian Victor Hugo Andrade, M.Div., is appointed instructor of the Ecclesiastical Tribunal, effective June 8.

A native of Mexico, Father Gonzalez, 38, was born on April 11, 1980. He was ordained to the priesthood on Aug. 26, 2006. He began his service in the Diocese of Amarillo on Aug. 1, 2008, when he was appointed Parochial Vicar of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cactus. He has also served at Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia and St. Paul the Apostle Church, Kress. He was appointed Parochial Administrator at Holy Angels Church and Sacred Heart Church on July 19, 2016.

Father Spinhirne, who turns 30 on July 12, is a native of Vega. He completed studies this spring at St. Mary’s Seminary in Houston and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Patrick J. Zurek on June 3 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. A graduate of West Texas A&M University, Father Spinhirne has been assigned to St. Mary’s Cathedral, where he will serve as Parochial Vicar.

Father John, 43, is a native of K.K. Pudur, Tamilnadu, India. He was ordained to the priesthood on April 5, 2002 at St. Joseph’s Church in K.K. Pudur. After a period of parish work in India, Father John spent the last two-and-a-half years at St. Paul University in Ottawa, where he received a Licentiate in Canon Law. He has served as diocesan Chancellor since Nov. 4, 2013.

Seminarian Andrade, 28, is a native of Huandacareo, Michoacan, Mexico. He studied at the University of St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein Seminary and Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Last August, Andrade officially completed the necessary requirements to obtain and graduate with a Masters of Divinity.

Father Jose Ricardo “Richard” Zanetti, JCL, Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Amarillo said Father John is being added to the College of Judges for the Tribunal, joining Monsignor Michael Colwell, JCL, and Father Francisco Perez, JCL.

Mr. Andrade will be preparing all the cases to speed up the process, assisting Carol Sanford in her responsibilities as Executive Assistant of the diocesan Tribunal, according to Father Zanetti.

**Pope, Panama Bishops Discuss World Youth Day**

**Vatican City (CNS)—Preparations for World Youth Day 2018 and the dangers of gender theory on marriage and the family were among the major themes that bishops from Panama discussed with Pope Francis.**

Describing the nearly two-hour meeting June 8 with the pope as a “wonderful visit among brothers,” Archbishop Jose Domingo Ulloa Mendita of Panama told journalists that the pope emphasized the important role that lay people and young men and women have in the Church.

Pope Francis “insisted very much that young people are not only the future; they are the present of the Church and the present of humanity,” Archbishop Ulloa said.

“What a responsibility to be a young person in this time! Young people are the last breath of fresh air that we have so that hope continues to be renewed in us because a different world is possible thanks to young people.”

Pope Francis met with the 10 prelates from the Central American nation during the “ad limina” visits that bishops are required to make to the Vatican.

Archbishop Ulloa, who also serves as president of the Panama bishops’ conference, said Pope Francis “knows the situation in Panama very well.”

“For all the bishops—especially those who had their first experience of an ’ad limina’ visit—it was a chance to regain strength to continue along the path and the mission that we have in this moment as bishops in each of our dioceses,” he said.

Although preparations for World Youth Day 2019 are still in the early stage, Archbishop Ulloa said that one thing young men and women can count on is the presence of the pope.

During an evening prayer vigil April 8 at Rome’s Basilica of St. Mary Major, Pope Francis said, “I don’t know if it will be me, but the pope will be in Panama.”

Despite concerns that Pope Francis might not make it, the bishops of Panama left the pope’s office “without any worries,” Archbishop Ulloa said.

“We know that Peter (is coming). We want Peter in the person of (Pope) Francis to be at the World Youth Day in Central America, but only God knows,” he said.

Another important issue the bishops discussed with the pope were the challenges that threaten marriage and the family, including the influence of gender theory.

While it is one thing for a person to choose their reality, the Central American prelate said, it is an entirely different circumstance “to impose an ideology.”

Archbishop Ulloa said that gender theory, which argues that male and female characteristics are largely malleable social constructs, is “diabolical” in that “it wants to break a bit with the reality of the family.”
Texas Legislature’s Actions On TCCB Priority Bills Better Than Average

By Jennifer Carr Allmon
Executive Director
Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops

The 85th Texas Legislature closed “sine die” on May 29. This legislative session was marked by discord, but the priority bills of the Texas Catholic bishops fared better than average. While the legislative process is designed for bills to fail, a remarkably small percentage of bills (12%) passed this session—the lowest percentage since 1891. However, 56% of the bills prioritized by the Texas Catholic Conference passed and only one bill the TCCB opposed—SB 4—passed. This results from the direct involvement of Texas Catholics and bishops and the TCCB’s legislative relationships. This report summarizes the impact of the Catholic Church on Texas politics during the 85th Legislature.

**Pro-Life**

**Win:** HB 35/SB 258. We supported this bill to require the burial of the victims of abortion and remove the option of disposing victims in a landfill or grinding and flushing them into the sewer. It was included in SB 8, a large pro-life bill, which passed both the Senate and House.

**Win:** HB 3771. We supported this bill to provide a uniform definition of abortion in state law so treatment for ectopic pregnancies is not included in the legal definition of abortion. It was included in SB 8, a large pro-life bill, which passed both the Senate and House.

**Win:** HB 2858/SB 1377. We supported this bill to increase punishment for coerced abortions in the course of human trafficking, and require human trafficking hotline signs be posted in abortion facilities. This bill was included in HB 2552, and passed both the House and Senate.

**Win:** HB 2962/SB 1602. We supported this bill requiring accurate reporting for abortion complications to provide critical information for future policymaking. Both the Senate and House passed this bill.

**Win:** SB 11/HB 6. We supported this bill to establish community-based foster care, which will allow for local organizations and faith-based groups to take a more active role in recruiting foster families and providing temporary homes for foster children. Both the Senate and House passed this bill, and the Governor signed it.

**Loss:** HB 21. As written and passed by the House, this bill reformed school finance; as amended and passed by the Senate, it also established parental choice through an ESA for special needs students. We supported the bill as amended but the House and Senate could not come to agreement on the final content of the bill, and it died.

**Loss:** SB 542/HB 1184. We supported this bill to establish parental choice for low-income public-school students through a tax credit scholarship. Neither the Senate nor the House passed this bill.

**Children and Families**

**Win:** HB 4. We supported this bill to increase funding for kinship foster care. Both the House and Senate passed this bill, and the Governor signed it.

**Win:** HB 5. We supported this bill to establish the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) as its own agency. The House and Senate passed this bill, and the Governor signed it.

**Win:** SB 11/HB 6. We supported this bill to ban partial-birth abortion in state law and ban the research or sale of victims of abortion. At final passage, it included HB 35/SB 258 and HB 3771 and measures to ban dismemberment abortions. Both the Senate and House passed this bill.

**Loss:** HB 2962/SB 1602. We supported this bill requiring accurate reporting for abortion complications to provide critical information for future policymaking. Both the House did not.

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Health and Human Services

Win: HB 10. We supported this bill to establish greater access to mental healthcare and substance abuse treatment. Both the House and the Senate passed the bill.

Win: HB 13. We supported this bill to establish a grant to match donations to mental health programs. Both the House and the Senate passed this bill.

Immigration

Loss: SB 4. We opposed this bill to increase cooperation between federal ICE agents and local police. SB 4 requires police honor ICE detainer requests for arrested persons, and it allows police to work with ICE to enforce immigration law. Both the House and Senate passed this bill, and the Governor signed it.

Loss: SB 1054. We supported this bill to increase punishment for undocumented migrants committing violent crimes in a way that maintained targeted enforcement of immigration law. Neither the House nor the Senate passed this bill.

Loss: SB 1018/HB 2225. We opposed this bill to waive state licensing requirements for migrant family detention centers, which would have allowed them to increase the number of detainees. The Senate passed this bill, but the House did not.

Poor and Vulnerable

Win: HB 2008. We supported this bill to ensure the state has the ability to enforce the federal military lending act of 2006 so members of the military are not targeted by payday lenders. Both the House and the Senate passed this bill.

Win: Floor Amendments. We opposed several amendments proposed on the House floor, which could have been quickly attached to bills at the last minute, and would have voided the 42 payday ordinances we have worked so hard to establish. We stopped these through timely advocacy.

Loss: HB 1134. We supported this bill to establish regulations upon predatory payday lending throughout Texas. Neither the House, nor the Senate passed this bill.

Win: HB 31. We opposed this bill to speed up an individual property owner’s timeframe to obtain a groundwater permit because it also impeded a local community’s control over groundwater exports. The House passed this bill, but the Senate did not.

Win: SB 1628. We opposed this bill to repeal the hearing process for environmental quality permits because it limited public participation in environmental decisions. Neither the House nor the Senate passed this bill.

Criminal Justice

Win: HB 2552. We supported this bill to combat the establishment of massage parlors, which front for prostitution and human trafficking. This bill was also amended with pro-life bill HB 2858. Both the House and Senate passed this bill.

Loss: HB 3054/SB 1616. We supported this bill to allow a judge to give more accurate instructions to sentencing juries. Neither the House nor the Senate passed this bill.

Loss: SB 1859. We supported this bill to establish a human-trafficking team in the Department of Public Safety. Neither the Senate nor the House passed this bill.

Loss: HB 147/HB 316. We supported these bills to repeal the law of parties for capital offenses. Neither the House nor the Senate passed these bills.

Jennifer Carr Allmon is Executive Director of the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops, based in Austin.

The TCCB is the association of the Roman Catholic bishops of Texas. Through the TCCB, the bishops provide a moral and social public policy voice that includes monitoring all legislation pertaining to Catholic moral and social teaching; accredit the state’s Catholic schools; and, maintain records that reflect the work and the history of the Catholic Church in Texas.

Society

Canyon—Emily Morgan Johnson and Clint Austin Barnard were united in marriage May 20, St. Ann’s Church, Father Robert A. Busch, Ph.D., pastor, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Katherine Johnson. The groom is the son of Chris and Connie Barnard.

Annual Faith Formation Conference Aug. 5

Amarillo—The eighth annual Diocesan Faith Formation Conference for all parish leadership, evangelizers, catechists and teachers, parents, liturgical ministers, RCIA teams, Faith growth groups, those involved in the Fifth National Encuentro process of Hispanic/Latino Ministry at the parish or diocesan level and anyone striving to live as a “missionary disciple,” will take place Saturday, Aug. 5 at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

Registration begins at 8:15am, with the conference opening at 9:30. School Sister of Notre Dame Sister María Elena Ferrer, diocesan Coordinator of Faith Formation, will welcome attendees, with Bishop Patrick J. Zurek leading Morning Prayer.

After Morning Prayer, Bishop Zurek will address attendees, followed by presentations from the keynote speakers—Deacon Arthur Miller from the Diocese of Hartford, Conn., who will offer his presentation in English and School Sister of Notre Dame Sister Marie Dolorette Farias, who will present her talk in Spanish.

Deacon Miller is a spiritual director and nationally known preacher of God’s Holy Scripture. He has traveled throughout the United States raising the need for conversion to “Radical Love,” the kind of self-denying love that can only be accomplished through the grace and power offered to us through Jesus Christ.

Sister Dolorette is a spiritual director and is passionate about evangelization and catechesis. She has ministered throughout the Southwest sharing the truth of our Catholic Faith and assisting women and men in their development as evangelizers and catechists.

The theme of this year’s Conference is Living as Missionary Disciples, which is also the theme for Catechetical Sunday in September. The theme of the morning presentation is Call to be Missionary Disciples. The afternoon portion of the conference will focus on the theme Practical Ways of Living as Missionary Disciples.

Additional information and conference registration can be found on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org. For more information, please contact Sister María Elena at 383-2243, ext. 113.

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Pope: God’s Consolation Is A Gift And Mission Of Service

Vatican City (CNS) — True consolation is a gift that cannot be received or given by warmongers, the unmerciful and the closed-hearted, Pope Francis said.

Celebrating morning Mass June 12, the pope reflected on St. Matthew’s account of the Beatitudes in which Jesus proclaims blessings on those who are meek, poor in spirit and “clean of heart.”

The experience of consolation that Jesus proclaims, he said, is “a spiritual experience” that only comes when Christians open their hearts to God’s love rather than close them and focus on their own selfish deeds and desires.

“Those dirty of heart, those who make war not peace, and those who are never criticized or persecuted for fighting for justice because they do not care about the injustice suffered by other people: these are closed,” the pope said.

True consolation comes only from God or from another person, he said. What is self-produced is “just looking at a mirror—trying to put on makeup—to keep up appearances.”

“He consoles himself with these closed things that do not allow him to grow and the air he breathes is that narcissistic air of self-referentiality,” the pope said.

The gift of consolation is also a mission that Christians are entrusted with to serve those in need, he said.

Pope Francis called on the faithful to reflect on the state of their hearts and their willingness to receive God’s consoling strength and “give it to others as a gift of the Lord.”

God “only asks that the door of our hearts be open, at least a little bit, so that he can find a way to enter,” the pope said.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Amarillo is seeking a Youth Minister. The Youth Minister will oversee and facilitate youth ministry to approximately 120 youth between fourth and twelfth grades and young adults between the ages of 18-30. This full-time, salary compensated position requires night and weekend work. Candidates must be faithful, energetic Catholics in good standing with the Church.

Diocesan Calendar Update

Amarillo — The Office of Communications for the Diocese of Amarillo has released the final update of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Diocesan Calendar, listing events in the diocese taking place between today (Sunday) and Friday, June 30.

The calendar was compiled from listings primarily provided by diocesan organizations, parishes and schools. Events listed here are subject to change without notice.

Additional dates for updated versions of this calendar can be sent via email to westtexascatholic@gmail.com. Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are 806 area code phone numbers. This calendar can also be found on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org.

The Fiscal Year 2017-18 diocesan calendar can be found on pages 31-34 in the second section of this issue of The West Texas Catholic.

June

18-23 — Totus Tuus Summer Program for students K-12, St. Joseph’s Church, Amarillo (355-5621)
18-23 — Totus Tuus Summer Program for students K-12, St. Hyacinth Church, Amarillo (358-1351)
20 — Contemplative Prayer Group, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (383-1811)
21 — Summer Youth Ministry Retreat Training, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Amarillo (383-2243, ext. 118)
24 — Annual Jamaica, St. John Nepomucene Church, Hart (938-2936)
25-30 — Totus Tuus Summer Program for students K-12, St. Ann’s Church, Canyon (655-3302)
25-30 — Totus Tuus Summer Program for students K-12, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas (935-5002)
26 — Columbiettes Auxiliary #1450 Meeting, St. Joseph Room, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo (623-703-5658)
27 — Contemplative Prayer Group, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (383-1811)
29-30 — Teens ACTS Retreat, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (383-1811)
30 — Final day of Fiscal Year 2016-17, Diocese of Amarillo, Safe Environment 2016-17 year ends.

Two Courses To Be Offered In July

Amarillo — Catechists who missed out on the opportunity to attend The Trinity or Morality courses, part of the Faith Formation Basic Course, will have one more chance to take the courses next month.

The Trinity course will be offered Saturday, July 8 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

The Morality course will be offered Saturday, July 15 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Anthony’s Church, 115 North 25 Mile Ave., Hereford. School Sister of Notre Dame Sister María Elena Ferrer, director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Amarillo, will serve as instructor for both courses.

There is no cost to attend either course. Find out more by calling Sister María Elena at 383-2243, ext. 113, or via email, mferrer@dioama.org.

Retrouvaille Weekend Scheduled Aug. 25-27

Amarillo — A Retrouvaille Weekend will be offered in the Diocese of Amarillo Friday, Aug. 25 through Sunday, Aug. 27 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

Here are some frequently asked questions about Retrouvaille:

What is a Retrouvaille Program?

The word Retrouvaille™ (pronounced re-tro-va-i with a long i) is a French word meaning “rediscovery.” The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program.

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of six to twelve post-weekend sessions over three months. It provides the tools to help put a couple’s marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give couples the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way.

What the Program is not.

It is not a retreat, marriage counseling, or a sensitivity group. There are neither group dynamics nor group discussions on the weekend. It is not a time for hurting; it is a time for healing.

Who is it for?

It is for couples with marital problems including those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help.

Do I have to be Catholic?

Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin. Couples of all faiths and those with no faith tradition are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The program is not designed to promote a specific religion. Atheists, agnostics and those of various religions are respected for their beliefs and encouraged to attend for the benefit of their marriage.

No attempt is made to convert anyone to a religion. Saving a marriage is the focus. The ultimate goal of Retrouvaille is solely to help save marriages.

For confidential information about the weekend or to register, contact Paul and Patty Miguel at 806-420-1520. Inquiries can also be sent via email to retropairamarillo@gmail.com. More information about Retrouvaille can also be found online at www.helpourmarriage.com.
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**Holy Cross Student Finalist For National Honor**

Nicholas Aranda

Birmingham—Nicholas Aranda, a recent graduate of Holy Cross Catholic Academy, has been named as one of six finalists for the National Speech and Debate Association’s National Student of the Year award.

The finalists are chosen from among the seniors who were selected as District Student of the Year for each of the NSDA’s 109 regional districts. The winner will be announced at the NSDA national tournament in Birmingham on Friday, June 23. All finalists will be interviewed at the tournament by a panel of distinguished speech and debate coaches from throughout the country, who will then select the winner.

“I was literally on my way out of my office to head to Holy Cross for their Baccalaureate Mass when I received the email informing me that Nicholas had been selected as a finalist,” said Father Robert A. Busch, Ph.D., HCCA speech and debate coach. “This is an amazing honor for both Nicholas and for Holy Cross. It is a testimony to his passion for and dedication to speech and debate throughout his high school career, but it also is yet another recognition of the strength of HCCA’s speech and debate program and the quality of speech and debate competition in West Texas.”

The other finalists for NSDA’s National Student of the Year are:
- Derek Collins of Hattiesburg HS, Mississippi;
- Chloe Dennison, Asheville HS, North Carolina;
- Ricardo Flores, Americas HS, Texas;
- Michael Franklin, Summer Academy, Kansas; and,
- Olivia Shoemaker, Lakeville North HS, Minnesota.

Friday, Aug. 25.

Inaugural Calendar Party to benefit Holy Cross Catholic Academy at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo

**Catholic School Summer Hours**

Amarillo—Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo have released their summer office hours.

At Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, office hours are 11:00am to 3:00pm Tuesdays through Thursdays or by appointment at 355-9637. Regular office hours of 7:30am to 4:00pm resume on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

At St. Joseph School, Amarillo, the school office is open Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00am to noon, weekdays through Friday, July 28. Regular office hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm resume on Monday, July 31.

At St. Mary’s Catholic, Amarillo, office hours are 10:00am to 2:00pm Tuesday, June 20 to Thursday, June 22 and Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 28. The office will be closed the weeks of June 26-30, July 3-7 and July 10-14. Regular office hours resume Monday, July 31, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

At St. Anthony School, Hereford, the office is open from 8:30am to 1:00pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays from Monday, June 19 to Friday, June 30. The office is open during the month of July by appointment only. Appointments can be made by contacting principal Ana Copeland via email, mrscopeland@stanthonyssaints.com. Regular office hours of 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday resume on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

At St. Anthony of Padua School, Dalhart, the office is open by appointment only. Please contact Shay Batenhorst at 806-244-4811. From Tuesday, Aug. 1 through Tuesday, Aug. 15, the office will be open on weekdays from 9:00am to noon. The school will resume regular school hours of 7:45am to 4:00pm on the first day of school, Wednesday, Aug. 16.

**THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF SAINT EUGENE**

The Catholic School of St. Eugene in Oklahoma City seeks a principal who will be a Faith leader as well as an academic leader of a large Catholic parish school, serving approximately 300 students in grades PK-3 through 8. Position effective Wednesday, July 5. Candidate must be practicing Catholic who has knowledge and understanding of the Faith. Applicants should have a minimum of five years teaching experience, preferably in a Catholic school and a master’s degree in any education related field. At least 18 semester hours of graduate work should be in administration, supervision and curriculum development. Contact Diane Floyd, superintendent, (405) 721-4202, or via email, dfloyd@archokc.org.

**Fourth Grade Elementary Teacher:**

St. Mary’s Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Full-Time 4th Grade Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a passionate teacher who is creative, innovative and faith-filled committed to teaching in a Catholic School and willing to collaborate with colleagues and develop positive relations with students and parents. All teachers take part in some non-teaching duties. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience.

**Minimum Requirements:**
Bachelor’s Degree, valid state certification or the equivalent, as specified by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department and the Diocese of Amarillo. Non-Catholic teachers are required to have knowledge of the Catholic Faith and support Catholic tradition in education.

**Physical Education Teacher:**

St. Mary’s Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Part-Time Physical Education Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a passionate P.E. teacher for our school who strives to teach students how to be physically active for a lifetime. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience.

**Minimum Requirements:**
Bachelor’s Degree and must hold a valid teaching certificate. Preference may be given to someone with an EC-6 Physical Education endorsement.

**Extended Day Supervisor and Extended Day Care Taker:**

St. Mary’s Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Part-Time Extended Day Supervisor and a Part-Time Extended Day Care Taker for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a creative, enthusiastic person who enjoys working with children. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience.

**Minimum Requirements:**
Associates Degree in Early Childhood, or Early Childhood Development Certificate, or Childcare Provider Certificate and experience working in a childcare setting.

Interested persons may pick up an application at the school and/or email the following documents:
- Cover Letter, Current Resume and List of References to Principal, Linda Aranda at aranda@stmarysamarillo.com, or mail to 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo, TX 79102.
Holy Cross Catholic Academy Class Of 2017 Commencement Exercises

Amarillo—Figures released by Holy Cross Catholic Academy show that the graduating Class of 2017 received $1,020,860 in scholarships, grants and tuition waivers.

Offered scholarships were:
• Valedictorian Kayla Wilhelm, who was offered a Wayland Pioneer Scholar Award, A Wayland School of Music Minor Scholarship and a School of Music Participant Scholarship, all from Wayland Baptist University; an Honors Program Scholarship, a Scholars Day Scholarship and a Presidential Scholarship, all from Texas Tech University; an Amarillo College Foundation National Honor Society Scholarship; a Holy Cross Catholic Academy Booster Club Scholarship; and, an Amarillo College Regents Excellence Scholarship;

• Salutatorian Andrea Wallace, who was offered a President’s Scholarship from the University of Dallas; a University Scholar Award from Fort Hayes State University; an Academic Achievement Award from the University of Oklahoma; and, a Jorgues and Tuition Award, both from Fordham University;

• Nicholas Aranda, who was offered a Forensics Scholarship, a Grant, a Board of Trustees Scholarship, a Catholic High School Award and an Honors Scholarship; all from Regis; a Provost’s Scholarship from the University of Dallas; a Dean’s Scholarship from Saint Louis University; a Catholic University Scholarship and Parish Scholarship, both from Catholic University of America; a Scholarship from Marquette University; a McCabe Scholarship and a Loyola Scholarship, both from Rockhurst University; a Scholarship from Xavier University; a Scholarship from Loyola University in New Orleans; two Public Forum Debate scholarships and a Domestic Extemp scholarship, all from West Texas A&M University; and an Amarillo College Foundation National Honor Society Scholarship;

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All photos for the WTC by Stefani Wilhelm. Additional photos from this event can be found on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org, under the Photo Albums header.
Amarillo—All young adults interested in attending World Youth Day 2019 in Panama are invited to attend the first Formation Meeting for the diocesan delegation Saturday, Aug. 26 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Conference Center of the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 4512 NE 24th.

“Formations will be an integral step for our pilgrimage,” said Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman. “It is highly recommended that all members of our diocesan World Youth Day delegation to Panama attend every meeting. Formation meetings will be scheduled to prepare the mind, body and soul to get the most out of our pilgrimage. We’ll also be doing a number of activities as a group to prepare us for our journey in January 2019.”

Guzman estimates the cost of attending World Youth Day 2019 at between $2,000 to $3,000 per person. Those planning to commit to attending right now are asked to pay a $100 deposit with an agreement letter.

Other meeting dates for the 2019 diocesan World Youth Day delegation are:

• Saturday, Dec. 16, 10:00am to 5:00pm. This will be the first mandatory meeting for the group and a second $1,000 deposit will be due;
• Saturday, June 25, 2018, 10:00am to 5:00pm. This will be the second mandatory meeting for the group and a second $1,000 deposit will be due; and,
• Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018, 10:00am to 5:00pm. The final mandatory meeting and the remaining $400 deposit will be required.

All meetings will take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For additional information, please contact Guzman at 383-2243, ext. 118.

World Youth Day 2019 Meeting Dates

The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for the position of Part Time Secretary for the Faith Formation Office. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Sister Maria Elena Ferrer, SSND at 4512 NE 24 th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79107 or via email at mferrer@dioama.org

PART TIME SECRETARY FOR THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

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The principal act of courage is to endure and withstand dangers doggedly rather than to attack them.”

—St. Thomas Aquinas

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• Ryan Huseman, who was offered a Presidential Scholarship from Texas Tech University; the Cyrene Reyes Scholarship from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Amarillo; an Amarillo College Foundation National Honor Society Scholarship; a Holy Cross Catholic Academy Booster Club Scholarship; and, a Superintendent’s Scholarship;

• Emmanuel Marquez, who was awarded a Catholic Grant from St. Gregory’s; a Scholarship from Central Christian College in McPherson, Kan.; and, an Amarillo College Foundation National Honor Society Scholarship; and,

• Claudia Moreno, who was offered the Cyrene Reyes Scholarship from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Amarillo; a Counselor’s Choice Scholarship and the AC Foundation National Honor Society Scholarship, both from Amarillo College.

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Sister Damiana Tamez, DLJC, To Note Silver Jubilee

Prayer Town Emmanuel—Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ Sister Damiana Tamez will celebrate her Silver Jubilee Saturday, July 8 during a 10:30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick J. Zurek at St. Anthony’s Chapel.

A native of Monterrey, Mexico, Martha Susana Tamez is the oldest of three children. Growing up in a devout Catholic family, she was influenced by her grandmother’s love for singing at Mass and her grandfather’s leading of the Rosary.

“My parents were very involved in our parish and this taught me to want to participate in my parish,” Tamez said.

In her teenage years, Tamez got involved in the youth choir and the youth groups, which presented opportunities for her to express her Faith and love for Jesus. “While growing up, I did not consider the religious life, but rather I thought that married life was my calling,” she said. “My parish strongly emphasized the role of the laity after Vatican II and I wanted to follow this state of life.”

Tamez said the Lord touched her deeply while serving at a retreat for families, led by her young adult group. Throughout her final year in school, she had been praying more fervently to know God’s will for her life.

“During the closing Mass for this retreat, the Lord spoke to me through the Gospel of that Sunday in John 11:5 “Jesus loved Martha . . .’ He filled my heart to overflow with His love, and I knew that Jesus was calling me to the religious life,” Tamez said. “For about three years I had known the Sisters of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. After the retreat through prayer, discernment and help from our pastor, I decided that was where God was calling me.”

Tamez joined the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in September 1990 and received the name Sister Damiana as a novice. She professed her first vows on Nov. 23, 1992 and her final vows on Dec. 17, 1998.

Before entering Religious Life, Sister Damiana completed her studies in Industrial Engineering at Tech of Monterrey. She has served her religious community in a number of tasks, including as Local Superior in Monterrey from April 2005 to January 2015. She returned to Prayer Town Emmanuel in August 2015 and has served as General Secretary, assisted in the Mission Advancement Office and as Treasurer. Sister Damiana is attending the Cenacle of Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction and in October, she will begin her third session of the three-year program.

Golden Jubilees Sought

If you were joined together in marriage between July 1, 1966 and Sept. 30, 1966, The West Texas Catholic would like to honor you. Please send us a current photo or your wedding photo, your names, the date and location of your wedding and we will honor you in our 50th Anniversary Golden Tributes page in the Sunday, Sept. 18 issue of The West Texas Catholic, free of charge.

Send photos via email to westtexascatholic@gmail.com or via regular mail to: P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79107.

Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with any mailed photos and we will return them after the issue date.

Please put your name, address, phone number and email address on the back of your photo.

The deadline to submit photos and information is Thursday, Sept. 8.

Bishop’s Schedule

SUNDAY, JUNE 25
11:00am, Confirmation Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Memphis

TUESDAY, JULY 4
Diocesan Pastoral Center Closed for Independence Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
10:30am, Mass, celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Sister Damiana Tamez, DLJC, St. Anthony’s Chapel, Prayer Town Emmanuel

Save The Date: Aug. 19

Amarillo—The annual Shriaz for a Cause to benefit the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, will take place Saturday, Aug. 19 from 7:00pm to 10:30pm in the courtyard at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

The evening will include a live auction, featuring a painting by noted Catholic artist Jack Sorenson, dancing to music by Esquire Jazz, a silent auction, casino tables and a wine pull.

Tickets are $50 per person and will go on sale beginning Monday, July 17. The Retreat Center is also offering a package of tickets, overnight accommodations and breakfast at $118 for singles and $168 for couples.

For additional details or to donate items for the silent auction, please contact Linda Astuto or Linda Durante at the BDRC, 383-1811.

Society

Amarillo—Burleigh Marie Henderson and James Walter Hand III were united in marriage May 20, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Father S. Christopher Schwind, pastor, St. Mary’s Church, Umparger, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Frankie Lynn Ford of Magnolia and the late Aaron Henderson. She is also the great-granddaughter of Marjorie Hollabaugh of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Jim and Sherri Hund of Hereford.

The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for the following position. Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Larry Gray via email at lgray@dioama.org

Information Technology Manager

The IT Manager should possess strong problem-solving, analytical and communication skills, in addition to in-depth technical knowledge of the diocese’s systems hardware and software. Must be familiar with Windows server 2012R2 and 2016 running on Dell servers. Should be very familiar with Microsoft Exchange Server, Windows server versions 2013. Bachelor’s degree in computer science or a related field is strongly preferred but not absolutely required, as is familiarity with iOS. At least three to five years of comparable experience working with the above specific types of hardware and software systems are required. Professional certifications such as the Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) or similar certification would be viewed as a plus.
Diocesan Seminarians Gather For Convocation

Diocesan seminarians pose for a group shot May 30 after Mass during a Seminarian Convocation north of Clarendon. Left to right, are Diocesan Vocation Director Father Gabriel Garcia, seminarian Victor Hugo Andrade, Deacon (now Father) Grant Spinhirne, Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, seminarian Johnnatan Ibarra, seminarian (now Deacon) Shane Wieck and seminarian Taylor Elzner.

Diocesan seminarian Johnnatan Ibarra, center, captains a paddleboat being driven by seminarians Victor Hugo Andrade, left, and Taylor Elzner May 30 during a Seminarian Convocation north of Clarendon. The convocation presented the seminarians an opportunity for prayer, reflection and relaxation.

Seminarians Shane Wieck, and Deacon Grant Spinhirne pose for an informal photo May 30 during a Seminarian Convocation north of Clarendon. On June 3, Wieck was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate and Deacon Spinhirne to the Priesthood by Bishop Zurek during an Ordinations Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo. Photos from the Ordinations Mass can be found on the next two pages and on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org., under the Diocesan Photo Albums header.

Seminarian (now Deacon) Shane Wieck displays his culinary talents May 30 during a Seminarian Convocation north of Clarendon. The seminarians, under the direction of Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, prepared an evening meal of pork tendeloin with prosciutto, salad and dessert.
Deacon Grant Spinhirne Ordained To The Priesthood; Seminarian Shane Wieck Ordained To The Transitional Diaconate

Amarillo—Deacon Grant Spinhirne was ordained to the priesthood and seminarian Shane Wieck was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate during a June 3 Ordinations Mass by Bishop Patrick J. Zurek at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

Father Spinhirne, 29, is the seventh priest ordained by Bishop Zurek, who is now in his 10th year as the eighth Bishop of Amarillo.

In his homily (which can be found on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org, under the Diocesan News header), Bishop Zurek discussed how the Holy Spirit has truly revealed his presence in each of them:

“Shane and Grant, the Spirit has truly revealed his presence in each of you in a very particular way for the common good of the Holy People of God,” said Bishop Zurek. “He comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, and to console. For you, Shane, the Spirit provides the Grace of Diocesan Service; for you Grant, Priestly Ministry in persona Christi.

“And in a most singular way he has manifested his presence by personally Calling the both of you to sacred ministry within the Church, which is the Body of Christ.”

Bishop Zurek also related the story of Father Bill Steel, a priest in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, who was to give a talk on the Charism of the Diocesan Priest and related to his audience the red soil of northern Harris County on the bottom of his black slacks.

“This is the Charism of the Diocesan Priest!” said Father Steel. “This red mud on my slacks tells me that I have a special charism. It is to minister to the people who live on the land of my diocese. I must minister to all of them; regardless of the culture, the language or the customs of these people.”

“You were both born here and raised here,” Bishop Zurek said. “You are truly sons of the Panhandle… of the Diocese of Amarillo. You know these people. You are related to most of them! At the Seminarian Convocation that you just concluded, I saw the reddish powdered soil not only on the vehicles what we used, but also on your shoes and slacks, shorts and your feet. You are well suited to minister here!”
Please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the Diocese of Amarillo.

Father Grant Spinhirne: Discernment And Vocations

Editor’s Note: Father Grant Spinhirne was asked to reflect on his discernment to the priesthood and vocations in a column for The West Texas Catholic.

There comes a point in everyone’s lives where we begin to look at what God is calling us to do in our lives. This is a time where we discern our vocation and the will of God in our lives. A vocation is a specific call given by God to each and every one of us to either the married life, single life, religious life or ordained life. God calls each and every one of us individually to a special vocation. Whether it be to the single life as a secular layperson, the religious life as a brother or sister, marriage through the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, or to the priesthood through the sacrament of Holy Orders, each and every Christian has a vocation by virtue of their baptism. No one is excluded because everyone, both clergy and laity, are called to a life of holiness through different paths.

My own discernment process started during high school. During this time, I attended the Steuben-ville West youth conference with my youth group in Tucson in 2003 and 2005. I then attended Steuben-ville South in Alexandria, La. as a sponsor for my youth group in 2007. This was a great experience to see so many people my age that are Catholic and proud of it. During each of these conferences, I felt God calling me to consider a vocation to the priesthood. But, I decided to put off discerning this call.

During college at West Texas A&M University, I began talking to different priests about my call to the priesthood and they encouraged me to apply to be a seminarian and continue to discern my vocation.

In fostering vocations, it’s always important to respect and appreciate the freedom of each person, encouraging their personal vocation without trying to impose a pre-determined vocation on them. Our own desires from our limited perspective may not be the desires of God, who has an eternal, infinite perspective and knows the awesome purpose He has for each of us. We can give them the courage to be docile to the voice of the Spirit. Invite them to open their minds to Christ the Lord who is calling them to follow Him in a unique way. Encourage them to enthusiastically embrace the call of Jesus and to follow Him without reserve.

All photos from the June 3 Ordinations Mass by Jody Detten. Additional photos from this Mass and Father Spinhirne’s First Mass on June 4 at Immaculate Conception Church, Vega, can be found on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org, under the Diocesan Photo Albums header.
Amarillo—El Señor Obispo Patrick J. Zurek anunció cuatro nombramientos.

El Padre Marco Antonio González es Director Espiritual de los Cursillos de Cristiandad a partir del 11 de mayo.

El Padre Grant Spinhirne es Vicario Parroquial de la Catedral Santa María a partir del 3 de junio.

El Padre Lawrence John, JCL es Juez del Tribunal Eclesiástico de la Diócesis de Amarillo a partir del 3 de junio.

El Seminarista Diocesano Víctor Hugo Andrade, M.Div. es instructor del Tribunal Eclesiástico a partir del 8 de junio.

El Padre González, de 38 años de edad, nació en México el 11 de abril de 1980; fue ordenado sacerdote el 26 de agosto de 2006. Él empezó su labor en la Diócesis de Amarillo el 1 de agosto de 2008, cuando fue nombrado Administrador Parroquial de las Iglesias de San Pedro y San Pablo en Dumas y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Cactus. También sirvió a las Iglesias Holy Spirit en Tulia y Saint Paul the Apostle en Kress. Él fue nombrado Administrador Parroquial de las Iglesias Holy Angels y Sacred Heart el 19 de julio de 2016. El Padre Spinhirne cumplirá 30 años de edad el 12 de julio, él es nativo de Vega y graduado de la Universidad West Texas A&M. Este año él terminó sus estudios en el Seminario Saint Mary en Houston y fue ordenado sacerdote por el Obispo Patrick J. Zurek el 3 de junio en la Catedral Santa María. El Padre Spinhirne servirá a la Catedral Santa María como Vicario Parroquial.

El Padre John, de 43 años de edad, nació en K.K Pudur, Tamilnadu, India; fue ordenado sacerdote el 5 de abril de 2002. Después de servir en parroquias en la India, el Padre John pasó los últimos dos años y medio en la Universidad de San Pablo en Ottawa y se graduó con Licenciatura en Derecho Canónico y ha servido como Cánziller diocesano desde el 4 de noviembre de 2013.


El Padre José Ricardo “Richard” Zanetti, JCL, Vicario Judicial de la Diócesis de Amarillo dijo que el Padre John ingresara al Colegio de Jueces del Tribunal como colega de Monseñor Michael Colwell, JCL y el Padre Francisco Pérez, JCL.

El seminarista Andrade va a preparar todos los casos para hacer más eficiente el proceso y ayudará a Carol Sanford en su responsabilidad como Asistente Ejecutiva del Tribunal diocesano, indicó el Padre Zanetti.

37° Año de Las Fiestas de Amarillo Julio 15 y 16

Amarillo—El tema del 37° aniversario de Las Fiestas de Amarillo es “Laboramos Hoy Para Hacer Discípulos Mañana” y se celebrará el sábado y domingo 15 y 16 de julio en el patio de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Avenida 11 SE #1210.

Las festividades se iniciarán el 15 de julio con desfile a las 11:00am desde la esquina de Arthur y 17 hasta Arthur y 10, dijo Mary Maes, portavoz.


Ya vanden boletos para la rifa que se realiza junto con Las Fiestas. Podrán ganar premios de Tarjetas VISA con valores de $5,000; $1,000, $500 y dos de $250. Cada boleto cuesta $5.00 y se pueden comprar en la oficina parroquial, Ave. 11 #1210 SE, durante horas hábiles o después de cada Misa el sábado y domingo en Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. El sorteo será la noche del 16 de julio.

La admisión a Las Fiestas de Amarillo para niños de 12 años y menores es gratuita los dos días. El 15 de julio todos podrán entrar gratis hasta las 5:00pm y se cobrará $5.00 por persona después de las 5:00. El 16 de julio la admisión será gratuita hasta las 4:00pm; de 4:00pm a 7:00pm costará $5.00 por persona y después de las 7:00, $10.00 por persona.

Los fondos recaudados en el evento anual se aplicarán a las necesidades de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y a la deuda del Centro Parroquial Familiar que se bendijo y dedicó el 19 de marzo de 2014. Para más información sobre Las Fiestas de Amarillo, favor de llamar a la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, 372-1128.
Templo Nuevo Dedicado a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Cactus

El Obispo Patrick J Zurek (con lentes oscuras) sonríe al prepararse a iniciar la Misa el 21 de mayo para la Bendición y Dedicación del nuevo templo de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Cactus. Foto izquierda, el seminarista Víctor Hugo Andrade y el Padre César Gómez, administrador Parroquial de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y a izquierda del Obispo Zurek está el Diácono Paul Herrera de la Iglesia San José en Hereford.

A la derecha en la foto, el Obispo Patrick J. Zurek entrega las llaves de la nueva Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Cactus al administrador parroquial, Padre César Gómez, el 21 de mayo antes de iniciar la Misa de Bendición y Dedicación del nuevo templo. A izquierda del Padre Gómez se ve al Diácono Robert Aranda de la Catedral Santa María en Amarillo.

Cactus—El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek bendijo y dedicó el nuevo templo de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe durante una Misa el 21 de mayo.

La construcción del edificio de 530 metros (5,700 pies) cuadrados se inició el 13 de septiembre de 2015. Su costo se estima en $675,000, informó el Diácono Phil Whitson, Oficial de Finanzas Titular de la Diócesis de Amarillo.

En la nueva Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe destacan un santuario nuevo con 313 asientos permanentes, espacio de oficina, sanitarios y un salón de clase. El nuevo templo se construyó al lado este-noreste del templo anterior.


La bendición y dedicación del nuevo templo de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe representa el quinto proyecto de construcción en el Diócesis de Amarillo en los meses transcurridos desde mayo de 2016. Los otros incluyen el nuevo Centro Pastoral Diocesano y salones parroquiales en Amarillo, Clarendon y Groom.

Kevin Easterling tomó todas las fotografías y pueden encontrar otras fotos de este evento en www.amarillodiocese.org en el enlace Photo Albums.

Parroquianas de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Cactus, Lola Galván, al frente y tras de ella Daniela Hernández y Ana Garay, presentan los Dones del Ofertorio en la Misa de Bendición y Dedicación de su nuevo templo.

Demos gracias por estos sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Amarillo que cumplen años en junio y julio:
- Monsenor Norbert Kuehler Junio 1
- Padre Emil Rosolen Junio 16
- Padre Tony Neusch Junio 25
- Padre Grant Spinhirne Julio 12
- Monsenor Joe Bixenman Julio 17
- Padre Christopher Schwind Julio 24
- Monsenor Ray Croiser Julio 31
La vocación es un llamado personal que Dios hace a cada persona: al matrimonio, a la soltería, a la vida religiosa o sacerdotal. Dios nos llama a cada uno a una vocación especial. Ya sea a la vida de soltero, la vida religiosa de monje o monja, o al sacramento del Matrimonio o al sacerdocio por el sacrificio del Orden Sacerdotal, cada cristiano tiene una vocación por virtud de su bautismo. No se excluye a nadie puesto que todos, tanto el clero como los laicos, son llamados a vivir en santidad por diferentes caminos.


Ese llamado creció después de vivir el retiro del Centro Estudiantil llamado Awakening. Este retiro que se realiza cada año, ayuda a los estudiantes de colegio a pasar de la Fe de sus padres a su propia Fe. Esto ha ayudado a estudiantes de colegio a conservar su Fe cuando la mayoría battlea para mantener su Fe. Después de vivir este retiro sentí que crecía mi deseo de considerar el sacerdocio. El año siguiente ayudé con la labor del retiro y me eligieron para ser el coordinador del retiro. Como coordinador, organizaba todas las actividades de las juntas del equipo, escribía cartas pidiendo oraciones y hasta di una plática en el retiro. El dar esa plática en verdad me hizo salir de mi zona de confort puesto que me sentía incómodo al hablar a un gran grupo de personas. El último retiro de Awakening solidificó mi deseo de discernir mi vocación. Al graduarme de la Universidad de West Texas A&M empecé a platcar con varios sacerdotes acerca de mi llamado al sacerdocio y ellos me animaron a solicitar admisión a la vocación. Al promover las vocaciones siempre es importante respetar y comprender la libertad de cada persona, animarlos en su vocación personal sin tartar de imponerles una vocación pre-determinada. Quizá nuestros propios deseos con nuestra perspectiva limitada, no sean lo que desea Dios, su perspectiva es eterna e infinita y Él conoce el magnífico propósito que tiene para cada uno de nosotros. Podemos animar a las personas a ser dóciles a la voz del Espíritu. Invitamos a disponer su vida religiosa o sacerdotal. Dios nos llama a seguirlo en forma especial. Anímenlos a acoger y vivir el llamado de Jesús y a seguirlo sin dudar.

El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek ha anunciado los siguientes nombramientos:
- Padre Marco Antonio González-Salazar Director Espiritual de los Cursillos de Cristiandad a partir del 11 de mayo de 2017;
- Padre Grant Michael Spinhirne Vicario Parroquial de la Catedral Santa María en Amarillo a partir del 3 de junio de 2017;
- Padre Lawrence John, JCL, Juez Colegial en el Tribunal Eclesiástico de la Diócesis de Amarillo a partir del 8 de junio de 2017 y sigue siendo Canciller Diocesano;
- Seminarista Diocesano Víctor Hugo Andrade, M.Div, Instructor del Tribunal Eclesiástico a partir del 8 de junio de 2017.

Por Orden del Obispo Padre Francisco Pérez, JCL Vicario General

Jubileo de Plata de la Hna. Damiana Tamez, DLJC

Prayer Town Emmanuel—La Hermana Damiana Tamez, DLJC, celebrará su Jubileo de Plata el sábado, 8 de julio en Misa que oficiará el Obispo Patrick J. Zurek a las 10:30am en la Capilla de Saint Anthony.

- Marta Susana Tamez, la mayor de tres hijos, nació en Monterrey, NL, México; creció en una familia católica devota y veía con cuánto cariño su abuela cantaba en Misa y su abuelo dirigía el Rosario. “Ver la dedicación de mis padres a la parroquia me hizo desear participar en mi parroquia”, dijo Tamez.

En su juventud, Tamez se unió al coro juvenil y a grupos juveniles; oportunidades para expresar su Fe y su amor por Jesús. “En mi niñez y juventud no consideré la vida religiosa, creía que mi vocación era al matrimonio”, dijo. “Mi parroquia dio gran énfasis al papel de los laicos después del Vaticano II y yo quería seguir ese camino en la vida”.

Tamez se graduó del Tecnológico de Monterrey en Ingeniería Industrial y en su último año de estudios pidió con más fervor conocer la voluntad de Dios para su vida, fue llamado para seguir ese camino en la vida de los laicos dirigía a sus grupo de adultos jóvenes. “En la Misa de clausura el Señor me habló en el Evangelio de ese domingo en Juan 11:5 ‘Jesús amaba a Marta...’ Jesús me desbordó el corazón con Su amor y comprensión que me llamaba a la vida religiosa”, dijo. “Ya conocía a las Hermanas Discípulas del Señor Jesucristo y después del retiro, con oración, discernimiento y la ayuda de nuestro Pastor, decidí que era allí a donde Dios me llamaba”. Tamez ingresó como novicia a las Discípulas del Señor Jesucristo en septiembre de 1990 y recibió el nombre de Hermana Damiana. Profesó sus primeros votos el 23 de noviembre de 1992 y sus votos fi nales el 17 de diciembre de 1998.

Ella ha servido a su comunidad religiosa en varias capacidades: fue Superiora Local en Monterrey, de abril de 2005 a enero de 2015; regresó a Prayer Town Emmanuel en agosto de 2015 y ha servido como Secretaria General, ayudado en la Oficina de Avance de la Misión y como Tesorera. La Hna. Damiana estudia en la Escuela de Dirección Espiritual del Cenáculo de Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia y en octubre va a iniciar su tercera sesión del programa de tres años.

¡Feliz Día de los Padres!

Fechas de Publicación del WTC 2017-18

Amarillo—El editor titular de The West Texas Catholic, Chris Albracht, anunció 20 fechas de publicación para las ediciones del año fiscal 2017-18. Se publicarán el primero y tercer domingo de cada mes, pero en julio, agosto, enero y junio se imprimirá sólo el tercer domingo.

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(La Campaña Católica Unida Empieza en Julio de 2017)

- **Ofrecer** 232 Misas y más de 220 servicios de comunión en las Prisiones.
- **Más de** 28,000 reclusos asisten, aprenden y crecen en su Camino en la Fe Católica.
- **8,858** estudiantes aprovechan programas de educación religiosa, inclusive la Reunión Juvenil Diocesana.
- **834** adultos y **6,782** niños participaron en el entrenamiento en Ambientes Seguros el año pasado y se han entrenado a más de 12,000 personas desde el año 2003.
- **54** administradores(as) y contadores(as) de las escuelas y parroquias reciben adiestramiento continuo en el mantenimiento de datos financieros y controles internos.
- **5** seminaristas se preparan para dedicar su vida a Cristo y al futuro de nuestras comunidades católicas.
- **65** parejas celebraron su preparación para el matrimonio.
- **88** estudiantes con sus colegiaturas.
- **8 Diáconos** y otros 21 hombres reciben formación en la clase del 2020.
- **8 Concesiones** y la Catholic Foundation ayudaron a estudiantes con sus colegiaturas.
- **25%** Educación de Seminaristas
- **20%** Formación y Educacion en la Fe
- **10%** Ministerio a Hospitales y Prisiones
- **10%** Programas para la Juventud, Adultos Jóvenes, y Centro Estudiantil Católico
- **8%** Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco
- **8%** Continuación Educativa del Clero
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- **6%** Oficina del Obispo y Cancillería

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Desayuno de Panqueques
Amarillo—El Consejo 1450 de Caballeros de Colón de la Catedral Santa María servirá Desayuno de Panqueques este domingo de 8:00am a 11:00am en el Centro de Actividades Monseñor Francis A. Smyer, calle Washington 1200 Sur. Aceptarán su amoroso donativo para cubrir el costo del desayuno; el ingreso beneficia a múltiples caridades, misiones y proyectos del Consejo #1450. El siguiente desayuno será el domingo, 16 de julio.

Hora Santa Eucarística
Amarillo—Se invita al público a participar en una Hora Santa Eucarística los jueves a las 5:30pm en la Iglesia Saint Hyacinthe, calle West Hills Trail 4500. La hora se inicia con exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, después hay homilía, meditación en silencio, oración comunitaria y Bendición al final. Para más información llamen a la oficina parroquial, 358-1351.

Columbiettes Auxiliar #1450
Amarillo—El grupo de damas Columbiettes Auxiliar #1450 se reúne el segundo y cuarto lunes del mes a las 7:00pm en el salón Saint Joseph de la Catedral Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur. Animan a todas las damas que pertenecen al grupo a su siguiente reunión el lunes, 26 de junio. El grupo no se reunirá en julio y la siguiente reunión será el lunes, 14 de agosto. Las damas católicas mayores de 17 años que deseen unirse a las Columbiettes Auxiliar, pueden llamar a la presidenta, Beth Johnson, 623-703-5658.

Venta de Garaje Anual

Encuentro de Prometidos
Amarillo—Las parejas que planean casarse en la Diócesis de Amarillo en los próximos tres a seis meses debieran asistir al tercer Engaged Encounter del año 2017, sábado y domingo, 15 y 16 de julio en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco, calle Spring 2100 Norte. Para pedir más detalles o para registrarse, llamen a Molly Villegas, 806-681-0804.

Próximos Retiros de ACTS
Amarillo—Habrá Retiro de ACTS (Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio) para Hombres ha cambiado de fecha, informó Tania González, Directora Laica del Movimiento del Cursillo en la Diócesis de Amarillo. El Cursillo #564 para hombres será del jueves 19 al domingo 22 de octubre, en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco, calle Spring 2100 Norte. El Cursillo se presenta completamente en español, informó González, así que ella recomienda que todos los participantes dominen el español para poder aprovechar el mensaje que se presenta. Para pedir más información sobre el Movimiento de Cursillo, llamen a González, 378-9162.

Ministerio a las Prisiones
Hereford—El equipo del ministerio a las prisiones en la Diócesis de Amarillo invita a diáconos ordenados y a laicos voluntarios a participar en esta Obra Corporal de Piedad: “...porque estuve preso y me viniste a visitar” (Mateo 25,36).


Ministerio de Oración “El Sembrador”
Amarillo—El Ministerio de Oración El Sembrador, de la parroquia San Lorenzo, calle Spring 2300 Norte, se reúne cada martes a las 7:30pm en el Salón Santa Rosa de Lima de la misma Iglesia. Invitan a todos los fieles a sus Asambleas de Oración en las que comparten la palabra de Dios, alabanza y oración. Oran por los enfermos y por sus necesidades. También hay cuidado de niños. Para más información, favor de llamar a la Parroquia de San Lorenzo, 383-2261.
37th Annual Las Fiestas de Amarillo
Saturday, July 15
and Sunday, July 16

Raffle Tickets on Sale Now

Raffle Drawing to be conducted Sunday evening.
Need not be present to win.
Must be 18 or older to purchase raffle tickets.

La Rifa será el Domingo por la noche.
No necesita estar presente pata ganar.
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Please Contact
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Office
at 372-1128
or Gabriel or Antonia Bermudez
at 806-228-1109

1st prize $5,000
2nd prize $1,000
3rd Prize $500
4th prize $250
5th prize $250
Canyon Knights Golf Tournament Aug. 5

Canyon—The annual Charity Golf Tournament, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #7840 at St. Ann’s Church, was held on Aug. 5 at Palo Duro Creek Golf Course.

Entry fee is $100 per golfer, which includes green fees, cart, goody bags, two mulligans, a skin shot, lunch and two drink tickets and an entry for all door prizes.

The format is a four-person scramble, with each team made up of an A, B, C and D player. There will be prizes for closest-to-the-pin and longest drive. There will also be other random drawings, said Ramaekers.

For more information and entry forms, contact Ramaekers at 655-2165 or 678-4700. Tee box sponsorships for the tournament are also available, beginning at $150.00.

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2017 Natural Family Planning Schedule

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A Spanish Ovulation Method session will be offered Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10:00am. Learn more by calling the Robles at 220-7179.

The NFP Sympto-Thermal Method class will be offered on Thursday, Aug. 17, Thursday, Sept. 19 and Thursday, Oct. 19, all at 6:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter, Amarillo. For more details, contact Chrissy Acker at 654-2057.

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A new online, self-paced NFP class is available in English. The class can be accessed at www.ccli.org. Cost of the class is $99 and can be completed at your own pace, according to Chrissy Acker. Learn more about the course by calling Acker at 654-2057.

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Stories Sought For Annual Catholic Radio Fundraiser


The annual fundraiser for St. Valentine Catholic Radio, RadioThon 2017, will take place Monday, Sept. 25 through Friday, Sept. 29. Stories of those who found their way to the Catholic Church through Catholic radio are needed for RadioThon 2017.

“The theme of RadioThon 2017 is Tell Us a Story,” said diocesan Communications Director Chris Albracht, who will host the fundraiser for a seventh consecutive year. “If you joined the Catholic Church because of Catholic Radio, we want to hear your story. Likewise, if you left the Catholic Church, but came back because of Catholic Radio, we want to hear your story. We also want to hear stories of those who felt their Catholic Faith was so strong, but strengthened because of Catholic Radio.”

The fundraiser will also include vocation stories from priests, deacons and women religious, according to Albracht.

“The best story tellers in the Diocese of Amarillo are our priests, deacons and women religious,” he said. “They also have incredible vocation stories that we want to share with you, our listeners, and we look forward to airing these stories.”

Those interested in sharing their stories are asked to contact Albracht at the Diocese of Amarillo, 806-410-1075 or via email, westtexascatholic@gmail.com. The annual fundraiser will air on 1360-AM, KDJW. The event will also be streamed on the radio station’s website, www.kdjw.org and aired on the station’s low-power FM in the Nazareth area at 105.5FM, KHPN-LP.

Tickets On Sale To Benefit Amarillo Kolbe Core

Amarillo—The Amarillo Kolbe Core is raising funds to help cover the cost of equipment needed to conduct Kolbe Prison Retreats in the Diocese of Amarillo.

The Amarillo Kolbe Core began conducting retreats earlier this year at both the Clements and Neal Units and have four additional retreats scheduled between September and next March.

The board is selling tickets for an opportunity to win a Fall Entertainment Package. The package include a 65” Vizio E-Series Ultra HD television with wireless surround sound that includes a 38” sound bar, woofer and two rear speakers. Also included is a microsuede rocker recliner.

Tickets are $10.00 each and the drawing will take place Sunday, Aug. 13 at the closing Potluck Dinner for the Men’s ACTS Retreat. To purchase tickets or for additional information about the Amarillo Kolbe Core, please contact Robert Isbell at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 383-2243, ext. 115 or 679-0008.

Please pray for much needed rain!

Diocese of Amarillo Family Life Office
is in need of a Part-Time receptionist/assistant proficient in Microsoft Office with some experience in social media. Strong clerical and organizational skills important, along with the ability to multi-task.

Must have physical ability capable of some light lifting (15lbs).

Send inquiries or resume to sfrausto@dioama.org.
**50th Anniversary Golden Tributes**

Richard and Amelia Slaughter received the Sacrament of Matrimony April 15, 1967 at Sacred Heart Church in Anthony, Kan. The couple resides in Dalhart and are parishioners at St Anthony of Padua Church.

Deacon Terry and Rita Pevehouse received the Sacrament of Matrimony on April 7, 1967. Deacon Pevehouse, who is retired from Diaconal Ministry and his wife reside in Amarillo and are parishioners at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**37th Annual Las Fiestas de Amarillo July 15-16**

Amarillo—Today’s Stewards for Tomorrow’s Disciples is the theme of the 37th annual Las Fiestas de Amarillo, set for Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16 on the grounds of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 1210 SE 11th Ave.

Festivities begin July 15 with a parade at 11:00am, which will begin at 17th and Arthur and head north to 10th and Arthur, according to parish spokesperson Mary Maes.

The gates for the Fiestas will open both days at noon. There will be food booths featuring Mexican food and other food items that have made Las Fiestas famous since the inaugural celebration in 1981. There will be beverages for all ages, game booths for the kids, a silent auction and live entertainment.

Tickets are on sale for a raffle taking place in conjunction with Las Fiestas. Top prize is a $5,000 VISA Gift Card. Second prize is a $1,000 VISA Gift Card and third prize is a $500 VISA Gift Card. Fourth and fifth prizes are $250 VISA Gift Cards.

Tickets are $5.00 each and can be purchased at the parish office at 1210 SE 11th Ave. during regular business hours or after weekend Masses at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The drawing will take place the evening of July 16.

Admission to Las Fiestas de Amarillo is free both days to all youths 12 years and younger. Admission on July 15 is free until 5:00pm and after 5:00, is $5.00 per person. On July 16, admission is free until 4:00pm; from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, admission is $5.00 per person, and after 7:00pm, admission is $10.00 per person.

Proceeds from the annual event will go toward the needs of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and toward paying off the Parish Family Center, which was blessed and dedicated on March 19, 2014. For additional information about Las Fiestas de Amarillo, please call Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 372-1128.

“The Name of Jesus is the most sweet-tasting nourishment of contemplation, for it feeds and revives those souls that are famished and spiritually hungry.”

—St. Bernardine of Siena

**2017-18 WTC Publication Scheduled Announced**

Amarillo—The fiscal year 2017-18 publication calendar for The West Texas Catholic have been announced, according to editor-in-chief Chris Albracht.

There will be 20 issues of the WTC during the year, with issues the first and third Sundays of each month, except in July, August, January and June when the newspaper will be printed on the third Sunday of the month.

The deadline for advertisements, photos and story suggestions is 10 days prior to each issue date. Deadlines are subject to change at the discretion of the editor.

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**Society**

Amarillo—Carysnn Lynn Kirby and Tino Leo Frausto Jr. were united in marriage June 3, St. Lucien’s Chapel, Monsignor Harold Waldow, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Douglas Carlson Kirby of Bamburg, SC and Sojourner Lynn Bixler of Louisville. The groom is the son of Tino Leo Frausto Sr. and Stephanie Ann Frausto of Amarillo.

Amarillo—Cassandra Lynn Burrows and Billy Royce Hill III were united in marriage June 10, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Father Scott L. Raef, rector, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Emily Burrows of Amarillo. The groom is the grandson of Jim and Ellen Hrabel of Amarillo.

**Twenty Something**

By Christina Capecchi

‘Let Your Yes Mean Yes’: Honesty With God And Others

Rachel Gardner has a bad habit: She says yes when she ought to say no.

A friend will ask to do lunch on Wednesday.

“I say, ‘of course,’” Rachel counts, “and in my head, I can see my totally squashed schedule.”

The friend asks if noon works.

“I say, ‘Sounds great,’ knowing I have something at 1:30pm,” Rachel confesses.

Then comes the moment she knows she should leave their lunch, but she hesitates to cut the time short—“time I didn’t have in the first place.”

So she stays 10 minutes longer, which means, fast as she may drive, she cannot make up that time, she cannot pull off an impossible magic trick, and now she is 10 minutes late to her next commitment.

All the while her chest is constricting, stuck in that torture chamber between the odometer and the clock—left, right, left, right, tick, tock, tick.

“I’ve been in that place a million times,” said Rachel, a Catholic young adult from Austin. That feeling of being really loving, I’m staying because I’m anxious about saying, ‘Hey, I have to go.’”

The behavior, she determined, stems from a faulty belief that her friend can’t handle a no, that Rachel is that important. “It’s taken me a while to learn that no one benefits when you overbook yourself,” she said.

The crux of her blog post was Matthew 5:37, a Scripture verse she turned into an Instagram doodle with Sharpies and pretty curlicues, to be honest before God.

For important decisions, she waits it out, giving herself time to respond helps. Sometimes that means ignoring the ever-urgent ping of a text. For important decisions, she waits it out “one day and one Mass.”

Rachel was on a retreat in college when she first heard this truism: “When you say yes to one thing, you say no to another.” She says her mind was “blown.”

Now she tries to pause and consider what necessary no’s will result from a yes she is planning to extend. “My mission is not to say yes all the time. It’s to say, ‘What is God’s will for today?’”

One semester in college, that meant dropping out of a comparative literature class called The Mirror And The Self that covered all the great autobiographies, starting with Confessions by St. Augustine and Jean-Jacques Rousseau. The class was fascinating, but Rachel simply didn’t have the free hours that semester to keep up with the reading.

“It was a great decision. Not only did I then have a realistic workload, but that semester became a huge turning point in my faith life. Who knows how much time I would have lost reading really worthy autobiographies while my own living autobiography laid idle?”

Today that mature faith informs her work as a therapist, helping others own up to the consequences of their yes’s and no’s. Rachel is able to address the challenge because she’s worked “tenaciously” to be honest with herself about her grievances, to be honest before God.

The outcome is powerful: avoiding all those uncomfortable yeses, accepting the difficult no’s and respecting others. “This path not only leads to a more generous love but also to true freedom.”

Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and the editor of SisterStory.org.

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Pax et Bonum Evening July 3

Panhandle—It’s an evening of fun, prayer and fellowship.

The next Pax et Bonum evening, hosted by the School Sisters of St. Francis, will take place Monday, July 3 from 6:30 to 8:00 in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at Sancta Maria Convent, 119 Franciscan Way.

Pax et Bonum (Peace and All Good), is an opportunity for the School Sisters of St. Francis to share the beauty of Franciscan Spirituality and a taste of the prayer life that helps to keep them grounded and centered in Christ, according to Sister Mary Ana Steele.

“Peace and joy are the central components of the Franciscan charism,” she said. “‘Pax et Bonum’ is the traditional Franciscan welcome and farewell. St. Francis of Assisi used it, and often began and ended his sermons and letters with the phrase. If there is one thing that people are hungry for in our day and time, it’s peace and a sense of the goodness that still exists and thrives in the lives of those devoted to living a prayerful life. Building an intimate relationship with Jesus is the secret to peace in the midst of anything life can throw at us.”

There will be a brief talk on Franciscan Spirituality with Adoration and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A social period will end the evening.

For additional information, please call Sancta Maria Convent at 806-537-3182.

In the next issue of The West Texas Catholic, dated Sunday, July 16:

• Back to Catholic Schools news for all five diocesan Catholic Schools;
• An update on Shiraz for a Cause; and,
• More on the Holy Cross Catholic Academy calendar party

The deadline for advertisements is Monday, July 3 at 5:00pm.

The deadline for story ideas is Thursday, July 6 at noon.

Coming This Fall!

Catholicism 101 with Bishop Robert Barron

DVD Series facilitated by Linda Astuto

Starting Monday, Sept. 18 at 6:30pm
Register by Friday, Sept. 1 by calling 806-383-1811

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2100 North Spring
Amarillo, TX 79107
(806) 383-1811 | www.bdrcenter.org

Summer Youth Ministry Retreat Training

Amarillo—Three dates remain for Summer Youth Ministry Retreat Training, according to Oscar Guzman, Diocesan Youth Director.

The training sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th. Dates and topics for the remaining sessions are:

• June 21, The Art of Preparing Prayer and Worship;
• June 28, Icebreakers, Team Building Activities and Energizers; and,
• July 19, Small Group Facilitation Skills.

July Date For Theology On Tap

Amarillo—The next gathering for Theology on Tap will be Thursday, July 20 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at I Don’t Know Sports Bar and Grill at 1301 SW 6th Ave.

All young adults in the Diocese of Amarillo are invited to attend Theology on Tap, which is sponsored by the young adult offices at St. Mary’s Cathedral and St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Admission is free.

For additional details on Theology on Tap, please contact Kelsey Matchen at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 383-2243, ext. 118 or via email, oguzman@dioama.org.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations in the Diocese of Amarillo

Oh Jesus, eternal Shepherd of souls! Deign to look with eyes of mercy on this portion of your beloved flock. Lord, we need a greater number of priests. Multiply vocations and sanctify our priests more and more. We ask this through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, your sweet and holy Mother. Oh Jesus, give us priests, according to your Heart! Amen.
The Back Page

UCA 2017/2018

"Mercy is Faith working through Love"

Why Give to the UCA?

Through your commitment to prayerfully give, you are supporting Catholic ministries, your parish and our diocese. Money raised for the UCA supports the pastoral, educational, spiritual and human services that benefit thousands of families throughout the 26 counties in the Diocese of Amarillo. The diocese also helps advance the work of parishes with financial assistance and support services. Without your generous support the vital work of the Church would not be possible.

(The United Catholic Appeal begins July 2017)

| 232 | Masses and over 220 Prison communion services offered. |
| 8,858 | students participate in religious education programs, including the Diocesan Youth Rally. |
| 28,000 | total Inmates have learned and grown in their Catholic Faith. |
| 834 | Adults and 6,782 children participated in the Safe Environment training this past year, while more than 18,000 people have been trained since 2003. |
| 54 | business managers and bookkeepers receive ongoing training on financial record keeping and internal controls for all schools and parishes. |
| 8 | men were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate with 21 in the formation class of 2020. |
| 88 | students receiving tuition assistance from grants and the Catholic Foundation. |
| 5 | seminarians preparing for the life devoted to Christ and to the future of our Catholic communities. |
| 65 | couples celebrated marriage preparation. |

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