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Bishop Coerver announces assignments, diocesan changes

By Lucas Flores
South Plains Catholic

In full consultation with the diocese's Clergy Personnel Board, and in full accord with the Canonical dispositions, Most Rev. Robert M. Coerver, Bishop of Lubbock, made the following appointments, issued from the

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Diocese of Lubbock publishes final *South Plains Catholic* newspaper

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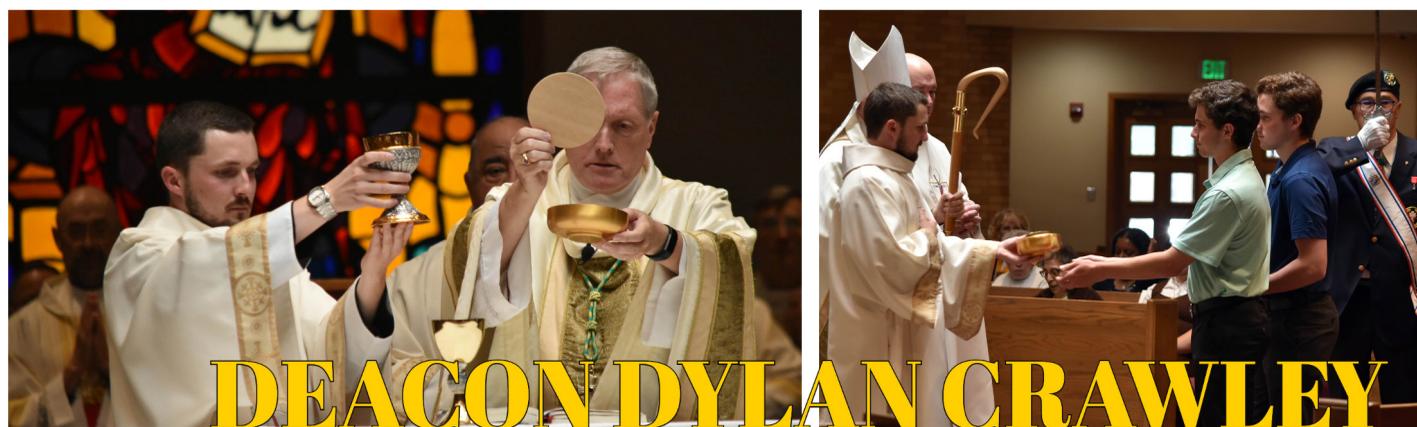
Writing the headline hit me a little harder than I thought it would. It is true, but it is not as sad or scary as it may seem.

This issue of the *South Plains Catholic* newspaper is the last, but the transition to new forms of communication from — and with — the Diocese of Lubbock will be quick.

First, thank you for your readership and for your support of all our communications efforts.

Secondly, this has been months, and even years, in planning come to a new jumping off point. We have been in discussions, meetings and planning sessions to begin the publication of the new *South Plains Catholic* magazine.

Beginning in July 2022 — that's right,
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Pope Francis: Old age is a time to rediscover trust in the Lord

Pope Francis' general audience in St. Peter's Square, June 1, 2022. (Vatican Media).

By Courtney Mares
Catholic News Agency

VATICAN CITY— Pope Francis said that old age can be a time to rediscover trust in the Lord.

“The elderly, by virtue of their weakness, can teach those who are living in other stages of life that we all need to abandon ourselves to the Lord, to invoke his help,” the pope said at his June 1 general audience.

“In this sense, we must all learn from old age: yes, there is a gift in being elderly, understood as abandoning oneself to the care of others, starting with God himself.”

Speaking in St. Peter's Square, the pope quoted lines from Psalm 71: “Be my rock of refuge, my stronghold to give me safety; for you are my rock and fortress.”

He reflected: “The elder of the Psalm we have heard, this elderly man who sees his old age as a defeat, rediscovers trust in the Lord. He feels the need to be helped. And he turns to God.”

The pope also quoted St. Augustine's commentary on the psalm: “Fear not, that you be cast away in that weakness, in that old age.”

“Why do you fear lest He should forsake you, lest He cast you away for the time of old age, when your strength shall have failed? Yea at that time in you will be the strength of Him, when your strength shall have failed,” the pope said, quoting Augustine's “Exposition on Psalm 71.”

The pope's live-streamed catechesis was the 12th in a cycle on old age that he began in February. He entered St.

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The Victim Assistance Coordinator is an integral part of the Diocese of Lubbock Policy for Response to Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors. The Victim Assistance Coordinator is to coordinate assistance for the immediate pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused when they were minors by a cleric (i.e., bishop, priest or deacon).

The Victim Assistance Coordinator responds promptly to persons who contact the diocese concerning sexual abuse of a minor and will offer to meet with him or her. The purpose of the meeting is to acknowledge the accusation, empathetically listen to and inform him/her of any assistance that may be appropriate.

This support may include arranging for counseling or spiritual direction and referrals to support groups. **It is the policy of the Diocese of Lubbock to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Lubbock, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement.** If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Lubbock has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the diocese to adhere to civil and state regulations.

To this end, the diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Oscar Reyes at (806) 543-9178 or to diocesan officials, including the

Vicar General, Rev. Msgr. David Cruz at (806) 792-3943.

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Diocesan Pastoral Center:

Effective July 1, 2022, Saint Michael Church, Ralls Saint Joseph Church, Crosbyton Saint Mary Church, Spur move from the Plainview Deanery to the Snyder Deanery.

By order of Bishop’s decree, effective July 1, 2022, Saint Ann Church, Morton; Saint Philip Neri Church, Pep; and Saint Elizabeth Church, Paducah are raised from status as Quasi-Parishes to Parishes.

Bishop Coerver also decreed that Saint Theresa Church, Hale Center will change status to quasi-parish under the administration of a new pastor Very Rev. George Poonely, who also continues his assignment as Pastor of Sacred Heart Church and Saint Alice Church, Plainview.

Starting July 1, Very Rev. Poonely will also serve as sacramental minister of Saint Peter Church in Olton. On July 1, Deacon Natividad Sandoval will begin an assignment as Pastoral Administrator for the parish in Olton.

On July 1, 2022, Rev. Seth Lorenz will begin an assignment as Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Church, Plainview. He will also serve Saint Alice Church, Plainview and St. Theresa Church, Hale Center. He will reside at Saint Alice Church, Plainview.

Rev. Seth Lorenz will also begin an assignment as Sacramental Minister of Saint Peter Church, Olton under the supervision of Very. Rev. George Poonely.

Rev. Jeremy Trull, on July 1, 2022, will begin an assignment as sacramental minister of Sacred Heart Church, Plainview; Saint Alice Church, Plainview; Saint Theresa Church, Hale

Center; and Saint Peter Church, Olton. Father Trull remains as Co-director of Office for Vocations and Seminarian Education and Rector of Rother Propaedeutic House on the campus of Saint Alice Church, Plainview.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Matador will also change status to quasi-parish under the administration of St. Elizabeth Church, Paducah.

By order of the bishop, the following have been renewed as pastors for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023: Very Rev. David Cruz will continue as Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Lubbock. Rev. Raymundo Manriquez will continue as Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Lubbock.

Rev. Martin Pina will continue as Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Lubbock. Very Rev. John Rathinam, IMS, will continue as Pastor of St. Pius X Church, O’Donnell and Saint Jude Church, Tahoka.

Rev. Renato Cruz will continue as Pastor of St. Elizabeth Church, Paducah and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Matador, however, the renewal is for a term of July 15, 2022 to October 14, 2024.

Bishop Coerver announced that Rev. Wesley Beal will begin an assignment as Pastor of Holy Spirit Church, Lubbock from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

Beginning in 2010, the Order of Preachers (O.P.) Province of St. Martin de Porres accepted a long-term and indefinite corporate commitment for St. Elizabeth University Parish in Lubbock. In full consultation with the diocese’s Clergy Personnel Board, and in full accord with the Canonical disposition, Bishop Coerver made the

following appointments:

Father Emiliano Zapata, O.P., who has served as pastor of St. Elizabeth University Parish in Lubbock, since January 2011, will become a full time Catholic chaplain at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock effective July 1st.

The diocese will welcome Father John G. Restrepo, O.P. He joins the Dominican community in Lubbock from an assignment in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He will succeed Father Emiliano Zapata, O.P. as pastor of St. Elizabeth University Parish. Father Restrepo has also served as pastor for parishes in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

The Diocese of Lubbock also welcomes new Heralds of the Good News order priests. The priests will begin their time in the diocese serving as parochial vicars.

Rev. Albert Joseph Devanesan, HGN, finishes his assignment as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Snyder, June 30, 2022. He began the assignment on May 12, 2022.

On July 15, 2022, two HGN priests will begin assignments as parochial vicars. Rev. Alexander Amburose, HGN, will begin his assignment as Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Church, Anson; Holy Trinity Church, Hamlin; Saint Ann Church, Stamford; and Saint George Church, Haskell. He will reside at St. Ann Church, Stamford.

Rev. Albert Joseph Devanesan, HGN, will begin his assignment as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Snyder; Saint Elizabeth Church, Snyder; and Saint John Church, Hermleigh.

For a term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, Deacon Robert Lopez is assigned as pastoral administrator of Saint Philip Neri Church, Pep. Deacon Lopez will be supervised by Rev. Robert Williams, Pep’s Sacramental Minister.

Beginning July 1, 2022, and through June 30, 2025, Deacon Natividad Sandoval begins an assignment as Pastoral Administrator of Saint Ann Church, Morton. Deacon Sandoval will be supervised by Rev. Robert Williams, the Morton parish’s sacramental minister.

For a term of July 15, 2022 -- June 30, 2023, Rev. Joseph Kurumbel, OSB, will serve as pastoral administrator of Saint Mary Magdalene Church, Floydada.

Changes to the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Lubbock began June 2, 2022. With thanks for time served, Rev. Arockia dhas Jeganathan, HGN, ended his three-year elected term, and Rev. Wesley Beal ended his one-year appointed term.

Rev. Ernesto Lopez will join the presbyteral council for a three-year elected term, and Rev. Jeremy Trull will begin a one-year appointed term.

Rev. Santhiago Selvaraj, HGN, will continue serving for a one-year renewed term.

Finally, by order of the bishop, Deacon Adrian Jimenez will begin an administrative assignment as Chancellor of the Diocese of Lubbock on July 1, 2022. Deacon Jimenez will also take the assignment as Director of the Diocese of Lubbock Office for Marriage and Family Life beginning July 1.

**Bishop Robert Coerver’s
CALENDAR**

JUNE

- 8 Office, CPC(Catholic Pastoral Center); PC Executive Committee 10 a.m.; Deans 10:30 a.m.
- 9 Office, CPC
- 10 Office, CPC

- 11 Confirmation St. Joseph, Crosbyton (Ralls, Spur)
- 13-17 USCCB assembly
- 18 Mass and Procession, Christ the King Cathedral (CTK) 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Confirmation St. Ann, Stamford (Haskell)
- 20 Office, CPC
- 22 Office, CPC; Presbyteral Council, 10 a.m.; Personnel Board, 1:30 p.m.
- 23-24 Office, CPC

- 25 Diocesan Marian Celebration, (CTK) 10 a.m.; Kaleidoscope of Faith, Noon
- 26 Confirmation Our Lady of Guadalupe, Snyder (Hermleigh, St. Elizabeth, Snyder)
- 27 Office, CPC; Administrative Team
- 29 Office, CPC
- 30 Office, CPC;

JULY

- 1 Office, CPC
- 2 Deacon Council 12 p.m.; Holy Spirit,

- Installation of Pastor 5 p.m.
- 3 Confirmation St. Patrick Lubbock
- 4 Office Closed, Independence Day
- 6 Office, CPC
- 22 Office, CPC
- 25 Office, CPC
- 27-29 Office, CPC
- 30 Confirmation St. Mary Magdalen, Floydada
- 31 Confirmation St Margaret Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lamesa

Most Rev. Robert Coerver, Bishop of Lubbock, promulgates decree for Eucharistic Revival

LUBBOCK- On June 1, 2022, Most Rev. Robert M. Coerver, Bishop of Lubbock, promulgated a decree for the National Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Lubbock.

Bishop Coerver wrote that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) embarked on a three-year process of Eucharistic Revival beginning on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19, 2022.

The National Eucharistic Revival is being conducted as “My Flesh for the Life of the World” with the mission: “To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.”

Bishop Coerver, working with the Diocesan Worship Committee, will lead the revival process in the diocese.

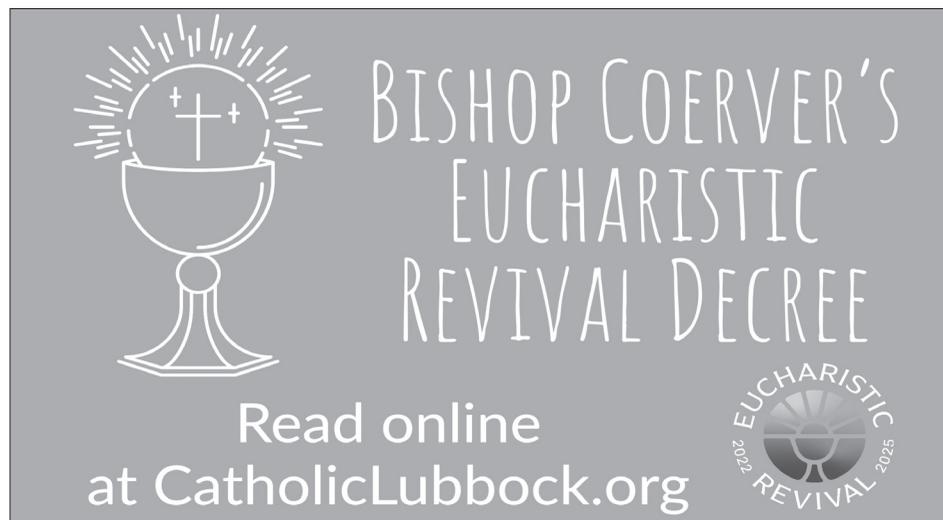
“As Bishop of the Diocese of Lubbock, chief teacher of the Faith and chief liturgist of our local Church, I am

personally spearheading our diocese’s participation in the Eucharistic Revival Process,” Bishop Coerver wrote in the decree. “I have drawn upon the help of our newly reshaped Diocesan Worship Committee to assist us in conducting the Eucharistic Revival Process.”

Bishop Coerver wrote that the Diocese of Lubbock’s Eucharistic Revival Process will include “+CoerCast” podcasts which will be released to the Faithful of the Diocese; a special curriculum emphasizing the Eucharist intermingled with teachings on the Holy Spirit and the sevenfold Gifts, for students who will be confirmed in parishes of the diocese; and Family Faith Formation lessons made with special emphasis upon the Eucharist.

The process will also include a study of the document approved by the USCCB in November of 2021 entitled, “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church.”

Bishop Coerver wrote that from



June 25, 2022 until June 17, 2023 the Diocese of Lubbock will begin a spiritual revival effort in preparation for the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese by Pope St. John Paul II in 1983.

In his Papal Bull erecting the Diocese of Lubbock, the diocese was placed under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Bishop Coerver wrote that the revival will begin June 18, 2022, with Mass at Christ the King Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Eucharistic Procession in honor of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

He included an announcement of the June 25, 2022 Mass in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Christ the King Cathedral at 10 a.m., and the Evangelization and Family Faith Formation Division of the Diocese’s first post-COVID Kaleidoscope of Faith Conference at the Catholic Renewal Center in Lubbock.

The churches of the diocese are also encouraged to host devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Fridays and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturdays, particularly the First Friday and First Saturday of each month, between June 25, 2022 and June 17, 2023, with guidance from the Diocesan Worship Committee.

Bishop Coerver also looks forward to 2023 in the decree, announcing that June 9 and 10, 2023, in observance of the vigil of Corpus Christi Sunday, the Evangelization and Family Faith

Formation Division of the Diocese will host its Kaleidoscope of Faith for 2023 with a series of mini-Eucharistic Congresses in Plainview, Denver City, and Snyder.

In June 2023, the Eucharistic Revival will begin the parish phase in Catholic parishes across the United States. On June 17, 2023, the Diocese of Lubbock will gather at Christ the King Cathedral to celebrate Patronal Feast Day and the 40th Anniversary of the Founding of the Diocese.

In the decree, Bishop Coerver writes that in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John, Jesus tells us, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (John 6:51).

“May our efforts in the coming three years bear fruit in greater understanding and appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist,” Bishop Coerver wrote, “more fervent and meaningful full, conscious, and active participation in the Eucharistic Celebration; and empower us for ever more faithful response to our call to missionary discipleship, becoming ourselves what we receive in the Eucharist.”

To conclude the decree, Bishop Coerver invoked Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Carlo Acutis.

“May Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Carlo Acutis pray for us as we embark upon this process, this journey together,” Bishop Coerver wrote.



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Fatima and True Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

By Dr. David Marzak
for the *South Plains Catholic*

Did you know that Pope John Paul II placed the Diocese of Lubbock under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary whose feast day Bishop Coerver will celebrate June 25? This celebration will kick-off a year of diocesan devotion culminating in our 40th anniversary celebration in June 2023.

The purpose of true devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the salvation and sanctification of souls to be united to Christ and made more Christlike — more divine.

At the Offertory of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when we are united to Christ, the priest prays, “By the mystery of this water and wine may we be made partakers of His divinity.”

Thus, the ultimate reason for the year’s focus on Mary’s Immaculate Heart is to promote rich and ever-growing devotion to, and proper reception of the Eucharist, uniting us to Christ, making us more Christlike, and becoming more



Dr. Marzak

pleasing to God and each other.

We expect Mary to be with us in a special way distributing supernatural graces flowing from the merits of her Son to foster union with Him.

“...all the salvific influence [graces] of the Blessed Virgin...flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely on it and draws all its power from it. In no way does it [Mary’s influence] impede, but rather does it foster the immediate union of the faithful with Christ” (Lumen Gentium, Para 60).

As a human beings endowed with free will, it is God’s pleasure that Mary acts freely to unite the faithful to her Son. Moreover, it is the Divine Will, that she precedes Jesus in the order of time to make Jesus present in the lives of others.

Not only does Elizabeth give preference to Mary in the order of time, “blessed are you among women: and then immediately afterward, “and blest is the fruit of your womb,” so too does God – He sanctified her even before the Incarnation.

Mary was full of grace from the moment of her conception as evidenced by the Archangel Gabriel hailing her as “full of grace” (kecharitōmenē) even before the Holy Spirit overshadowed her, even before she consented to be the Mother of Jesus (Luke 1:28-31) with whom she subsequently cooperated to bring supernatural life to souls:

“Predestined from eternity by that decree of divine providence... She cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the work of the Saviour in giving back supernatural life to souls” (Lumen Gentium, Para 61).

Before cooperation with Jesus, she cooperated with the Holy Spirit to give supernatural life to the Son of God and through the same Holy Spirit she continues to foster supernatural life in souls. Thus, with St. Elizabeth who at the greeting of the Virgin Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit, every child of God can rightly cry out, “Who am I that the mother of my Lord comes to me?”

She comes to us to “magnify the Lord” (Luke 1:46)— to make Him known to those who do not know Him and better known to those who already do.

Although God has done great things for her, Mary doesn’t decree events, set the times, determine the laws by which God acts, etc. She does help bring about things associated with the laws, plans and decrees of God. She directs her sons and daughters on the path to their eternal home – “Do whatever he tells you.”

“Mary, the exalted Daughter of Sion, helps all her children,” Pope John Paul II said in 1987, “wherever they may be and whatever their condition, to find in Christ the path to the Father’s house”

Mary leads souls to Jesus by superabundant grace overshadowing and filling her soul. Thus, Pope Pius X recognized her as “supreme Minister of the distribution of graces” (Ad Diem Illum Laetissimum).

“Since the same holy Virgin is saluted ‘full of grace’ [kecharitōmenē] and ‘blessed among women,’” Pope Pius XII wrote in Fulgens Corona, “by these words, as Catholic tradition has always interpreted, it is plainly indicated that ‘by this singular and solemn salutation, otherwise never heard of’, it is shown that the Mother of God was the abode of all Divine graces, adorned with all the charisms of the Holy Spirit, yea, the treasury well nigh infinite and abyss inexhaustible of these charisms.”

The Fathers of Vatican II also recognized Mary’s essential role as “Mediatix.”

“By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son,” Lumen Gentium, para 62, “until they are led into the happiness of their true home. Therefore, the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatix.”

All graces flow from the Throne of the Trinity and of the Lamb as a “river of the water of life” (Rev. 22:1) from the Sacred Heart of Jesus (John 19:34), the source of all sacramental grace, especially Baptism and the Eucharist.

Thus, the Message of Fatima, emphasizing devotion to the Immaculate Heart, begins with the “Angel of Peace” introducing the mystery of the Holy Trinity and Eucharist to three shepherd children. Fatima also culminates with the Trinity and Eucharist in an image revealed

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Obituary Memorials

LUBBOCK - Isabel De Leon, 56, died May 8, surrounded by her family. She was born April 22, 1966 in Lubbock to Raymond and Janey Pacheco.



She graduated from Idalou High School in 1984 and from American Business College in 1999. Isabel was a customer service representative for State Farm for 16 years. Isabel was a devout member of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Isabel married Reyes De Leon on March 5, 1983, in Lubbock. They had three children. Family and her faith were the most important things.

Isabel is survived by her husband; mother; son, Dustin (Cathleen) De Leon; daughter, Aubrey Ana (Ricardo) Cabello, Jr.; son, Christian De Leon and Emilio Ybarra; siblings: Raymond Pacheco, Jr.; Bridget Flores; James Pacheco; David Pacheco; Moses Pacheco; and Tiffany Pacheco; grandchildren: Kane, Bishop, Kinzie, Corbin, Cameron, Hudson, Zacheriah, Alexander, William and Layla.

Isabel is preceded in death by her father. In lieu of flowers, Isabel's family suggests donations to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Alice Mae Handren, 89, died April 18. She was born in West Allis, Wisconsin on August 22, 1932. She joined the U.S. Air Force at 18.



Alice Mae Saelens was stationed in Houston, as a weather specialist, where she met Robert Handren.

They married August 1, 1952. They started their family and lived the vagabond life of a military family. They had six children, living all over the United States— and in Newfoundland, Canada — before being stationed in Amarillo.

They lived in Amarillo 10 years, as part of St. Lawrence Catholic Church community and school and Alamo Catholic High school. Alice was a fierce leader, worker, and fundraiser, raising money to purchase four school busses.

She got involved in real estate management, and after Bob's retirement from the military, they moved to Lubbock, creating home base for their children.

Alice was a happy wife, a caring neighbor, and a joyful mother, involved in her children's schools and schooling, her church, and community. She was known for promoting Halloween Festivals for St. Elizabeth's school and church and as the legendary "Alice the Witch," whose cackle could be heard for years, if requested.

Alice volunteered at Catholic Welfare Bureau, becoming director, and was nominated for Social Worker of the Year. Alice was a long-time member of — and centered her life around — St. John Neumann Church, volunteering in the Women's Club, bereavement committee, and dance club for 20 years.

Alice and Bob finally enjoyed retirement, travelling the USA. Vegas was a favorite stop, cruises were enjoyed, as were regular trips to see kids and grandkids.

After burying Bob in 2010, Alice worked in the parish office and learned to live the last 12 years of her life as an

independent woman, living in the family's home until January.

Alice remained a follower of Christ, a deeply intelligent, compassionate leader, and a stylish woman with a wicked sense of humor.

Alice and Bob were proud parents of: Rocklyn Hamilton of Lubbock; Michael Handren of Bakersfield, CA; Kathleen Kendrick; Patrick Handren of Flower Mound; Colleen OConnor of Dallas; and R. Timothy Handren of Boerne.

Alice had 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; daughter, Kathleen; and brother, Charles Saelens. She is, survived by one sister, Donna Markwick of Washington, and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Alice's family suggests a donation to St. John Neumann Church, Hospice, Meals on wheels, or the local Salvation Army.

John Francis Healy, 80, died May 10. He was born March 22, 1942, in Chicago to John F. and Eileen M. Healy.



John met Elaine Welborn on a blind date in 1967 while stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. They married September 21, 1968, in St. Louis.

While serving as First Lieutenant in the Army, Artillery, John earned an Army Commendation Medal for meritorious services. As officer in charge, he instructed hand to hand combat training and was instrumental in implementing new training sites.

After an honorable discharge from the army, John worked for Kimberly Clark Corporation for 30 years as salesman, district manager and trainer. During their marriage, John and Elaine lived in three

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NECROLOGY

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of priests, deacons, and commissioned pastoral ministers from the Diocese of Lubbock (and priests from the Diocese of Amarillo) who died in **JUNE & JULY**

JUNE

Riechel, Father Wilmer
June 8, 1985

Villanueva, Deacon Juan
June 9, 2005

Beaton, Father Alexander, S.A.
June 23, 1967

Wonderly, Father Joseph
June 29, 1976

JULY

FitzSimon, Bishop Laurence J.
July 2, 1958

Kramer, Father Raphael H.
July 5, 1936

Dran, Father Timothy SA
July 11, 1993

Moreno, Deacon Jesse
July 11, 1997

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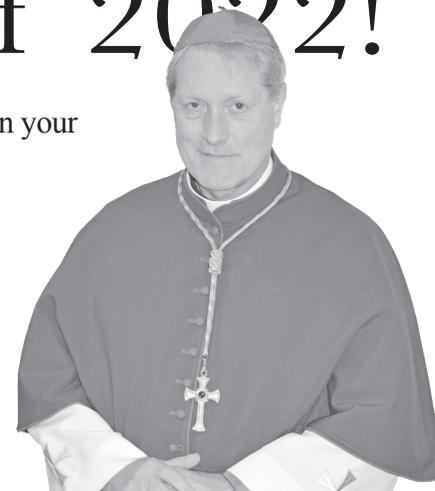
I celebrate with our graduates with roots in the Diocese of Lubbock and join all who support you in your achievements in your education. I pray you take this foundation and set a path filled with faith.

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As you begin this new time in your lives, saying farewell to your familiar settings, school campuses, living spaces, and friends, remember to offer all to the Lord.

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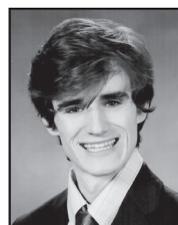
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MARY, from page 5

to Sister Lucia (Tuy, 1929), depicting mercy and grace flowing from the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Heart of Jesus from which comes the Eucharist and an ocean of graces and mercy reaching Sister Lucia through the Virgin Mary.

This is the message of Fatima: “Grace and Mercy.”

The core Message of Fatima and devotion to the Immaculate Heart is reception of the Eucharist and cooperation with the redemptive and sanctifying work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit through works of mercy to win graces for sinners. Fatima begins and ends with pleas for mercy especially through offering the Eucharist for sinners.

Thus, the first and last prayers taught by the Angel of Peace to Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia (1916):

“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You.”

“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.”

Likewise, the first prayer Our Lady taught the children was Trinitarian and Eucharistic (May 13, 1917):

“Oh most Holy Trinity, I adore You!

My God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”

“Oh my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls into heaven especially those most in need of your mercy” (July 13, 1917).

According to Pope Benedict XVI in *Deus Caritas Est*, Christ’s death on the cross, memorialized in the Eucharist, “is love in its most radical form”:

“By contemplating the pierced side of Christ [from which the Eucharist flows], we can understand... ‘God is love’ (1 Jn 4:8). It is there that this truth can be contemplated. It is from there that our definition of love must begin. In this contemplation the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move.”

Holy communion achieves fullest efficacy when received and offered out of love for others to God who is love. Souls advance along the path of love by acquiring virtues from which proceed spiritual fruits, which all have one thing in common—growth out of love.

True devotion must therefore foster virtue from which works of love proceed. We should aim to learn from Mary, as Jesus did (Luke 2:39-40; 2:51-52), so we may become more like Him – more perfect in wisdom and in love – the very purpose of the virtues.

As the Fathers of Vatican II pointed out, followers of Christ “turn their eyes to Mary who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues” (*Lumen Gentium*, para 65).

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MEMORIAL, from page 6
different states and many different cities. He remained an avid Chicago sports fan. After retiring from Kimberly Clark, John worked at Monterey High School as a substitute, then in a permanent position, making lasting impressions on staff and students.

He was actively involved in Holy Spirit Catholic Church and served as lead usher. He was also a member of the Serra Club of Lubbock and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by daughters: Kristin (Erick) Willcoxon; and Kerry (Everett) Stamps; and son, Tim (Laura) Healy, all of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren: Aidan, Caroline, Cooper, Hunter, Taylor, Gracie and Grant.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Patrick Healy; sister, Francine Mulligan; and his loving wife of 50 years.

SEMINOLE- **Catarino Escobedo**, 86, died April 24. He was born March 22, 1936, in Marfa, to Carmen (Frias) and Jose Escobedo.

At 14, he began his career in ranching in

Fort Davis, with his father, working round-ups as a real cowboy. He rode horses, enjoyed rodeos, and wearing his black cowboy hat.



On July 22, 1957, he married Mary Lou Valverde. He owned a farm on Lamesa Highway raising cows, horses, sheep, and chickens. He enjoyed sharing the chicken eggs with neighbors.

Catarino worked for Parker Drilling Company from 1961 until retiring in 2004. He would call family members on their birthdays to sing "Happy Birthday."

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sons, Johnny and Reno; three brothers: Robert, Jesus, and Joe; and one sister, Carmen.

Catarino is survived by his wife; two daughters: Delma Gusman of Wolfforth, and Norma Medina of Seminole; sister, Francis Alvarado of Cisco; seven grandchildren: Rebecca, Laura, Cathy, John Paul, Amanda, Melinda and Kimberly; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.



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SPC, from page 1

next month – a new quarterly, glossy magazine will be in your mailboxes. The timing will change from 12 times a year to four times. The type of information will change, but we still want to bring local coverage, and some

of the same information.

We will work with the offices of the diocese and with parishes to continue to bring event information, announcements, and photos of Catholics on the South Plains of Texas. We'll continue with Jamaica Central and priest ordination anniversaries and necrology of priests

who have served the area and have died.

Like I wrote, this has been in planning and production for a while, and I've seen previews of the first magazine issue — the Summer 2022 issue. I think we made

a great decision. I cannot wait to see the finished, physical magazine.

I hope you will read and support even more when you get to see it.

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POPE, from page 2

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The jeep drove up to a raised platform in front of St. Peter's Basilica, where the 85-year-old was helped to exit the vehicle and walk up to his seat using a cane.

In his catechesis, the pope asked why modern civilization is "so uncomfortable with sickness and old age."

He underlined that the elderly possess wisdom and are "the memory of the family, the memory of humanity, the memory of the country."

"Remember that you too will become elderly. Old age comes for everyone," he said.

"And treat the elderly today as you would wish to be treated in your old age."

At the end of the audience, Pope Francis appealed for a resolution to the blockade of Ukrainian grain exports,

condemning the use of a staple food "as a weapon of war."

In his message to pilgrims from Poland, the pope also noted that the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and urged Catholics to share his love and mercy with others.

Pope Francis also prayed for an outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the Solemnity of Pentecost on June 5, praying in particular for the young, the elderly, the sick, and newlyweds.

"May the Holy Spirit be to you, young people, as 'wind and fire' that preserves you from sluggishness, impelling you to the love of great ideals and to commitment to the Church and society," he said.

"May he be for you, the elderly and the sick, the 'Comforter' who accompanies you in your daily toil, giving you the certainty of God's love."

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Saint Anthony Church
SEPTEMBER 10

LUBBOCK

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
SEPTEMBER 11

SEAGRAVES

St. Paul Church
SEPTEMBER 24
11 a.m. to Midnight



Every moment matters.

It doesn't take an extraordinary experience to make health feel like an extraordinary blessing. Even the smallest, most ordinary moments are sacred. Every moment is a microcosm of what makes life worth living well. Every moment is a precious gift. Every moment matters. The people at Covenant Health hold your health as a sacred trust. We work with you to enjoy a healthier life, for the everyday moments as well as the once-in-a-lifetime moments. **It's for all these reasons, the large and the seemingly small, that your health is our calling.**

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