



# Harvest House News

A Monthly Newsletter to the Harvest House Ministry

September 2015

*To recognize and **harvest** all the gifts being returned to the parish and diocesan family in love by Catholics during the third stage of their lives for the glory of God and the good of neighbor.*

## *From the coordinator - Catherine Bitting:*



***“The roses under my window make no reference to former roses or better ones; they are what they are; they exist with God today. There is no time to them. There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence.”***

***- Ralph Waldo Emerson***

I am not a rose. I'm terrible at even imitating a rose, particularly the kind noticed by Emerson in the quotation above. Between getting my two little ones (who are getting less little every year) back into the swing of school, preparing for some big events coming up for the Diocese, or even just trying to keep my house in some semblance of order, I'm constantly concerned about time. How much do I have? Can I fit all that I need to do within what I have? How can I find more time?! Our culture, and so often, our lives, tend toward the constant chasing of one thing after another; whether it's tasks at work, a

never-ending “To Do” list in our homes, or keeping up with some obligation or another. With this constant movement, it can be difficult or even impossible to remain rooted in Christ. But, just like Emerson's roses, we are made to be rooted in Him. From Him, particularly by way of the Eucharist, comes all of our nourishment which enables us to keep up with the multitudes of demands that life makes of us. So, as a reminder for me as well as for you, I challenge you: This week, make a time of stillness so that you can spend a few moments with Christ alone. Whether at an adoration chapel, at your church or in your home, take a minute, allow your roots to unfurl a bit, and receive the rain of grace that He wishes for you. Because Emerson is good, but the Psalms say it even better: “Be still, and know that I am God.”

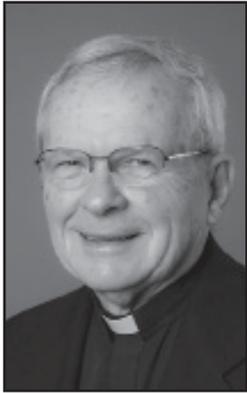
*Catherine Bitting*

(316) 685-5240

[bittingc@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org](mailto:bittingc@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org)

## *From the Chaplain*

Fr. Paul Oborny



“Is the mail here yet?”

Such a call can be heard at our beloved Priest’s Retirement Center. Our mail is delivered each day at 2 p.m. Several of us usually gather to wait for

the mail carrier. We call out to our Office Manager, “Is the mail here yet?” Would that we be as eager to receive God’s Message as we are to receive our daily meal. As Summer gives way to Fall may our souls cry out, Is the Word of God within me yet?

### *It's that time of Year again!*

Our Annual Harvest House Fall Festival will be taking place on **Tuesday, October 20 at noon**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall 3202 W. 13th Street, in Wichita. Registration is \$5.00 per person- please send money and registration form (on the back of this newsletter) to our office at 437 N. Topeka no later than **October 12!** Checks may be made payable to Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Bring a friend, and join us for a delicious lunch, high-stakes Dime Bingo, and a joyful afternoon! Please bring a non-perishable food item for Our Daily Bread Food Pantry!

### *Helping You Decide: Making Informed Decisions*

The Bereavement Ministry of Church of the Resurrection (4900 N. Woodlawn, BelAire) is hosting a seminar addressing end-of-life issues on **Saturday, October 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** The seminar will be held in Stewardship Hall found in the lower level of the church. Father Jim Weldon, will open the discussion with prayer at 9:30 a.m. We will be blessed with a panel of qualified speakers giving us insights into what we as Catholics need to know about difficult topics. This is NOT an age sensitive topic. Everyone will face the reality of death at one time or another. Are you prepared to deal with those decisions relating to a terminal illness, a Living Will, and Durable Power of Attorney, and proper internment? Do you want to preplan your funeral? You are invited to come, to listen, to learn. There is no cost for this event; but, the courtesy of a reply will be appreciated enabling us to provide sufficient materials and food. You may get more information or pre-register with Barbara Knapp, 683-1743, [bbknapp2314@att.net](mailto:bbknapp2314@att.net); Kathleen Corbitt, 239-6278, [corbrkrm@aol.com](mailto:corbrkrm@aol.com); or the church office, 744-2776.

## *Catholic Care Center - 25th Anniversary Celebration*

All are invited to attend! An open house in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Catholic Life Center campus will be held from **1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 12**. The campus is home to the Catholic Care Center, the largest continuing-care retirement community in south central Kansas. It offers independent living, assisted living, memory support residences, adult day program, long-term care, post-acute care and Catholic Care at Home services. The other components of the Catholic Life Center are the Spiritual Life Center, the Priest Retirement Center, and Ascension Cemetery.

## *Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass*

A cordial invitation is extended to couples throughout the Diocese celebrating anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and to couples celebrating more than 50 years of marriage in this calendar year to join us for the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. A reception will follow in Good Shepherd Hall. Bishop Kemme will be the main celebrant for our Mass this year, and we are hopeful that you can join us. Mass will be on **Sunday, October 11** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and will begin at **3:00 p.m.** If you would like to join us, please contact our office at 316-685-5240.

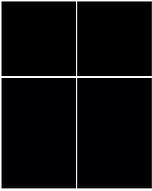
## *Cast but not Least*

On September 21, there will be 45 pilgrims from the Wichita Diocese journeying to Philadelphia to participate in the World Meeting of Families that is taking place. Preparation for this event has been underway for a year in our diocese, and for much longer in Philadelphia. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we make this pilgrimage to learn from great speakers, share fellowship with Catholics from around the globe, and celebrate Pope Francis' first visit to our Nation. Thank you!

### *Don't Forget!*

Please remember to send or call the office with your monthly meeting information if you would like to have it included in the newsletter. Information must be received by the 15th of the month for the next month's bulletin.

Feel free to call the office at 316-685-5240,  
email me at [bittingc@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org](mailto:bittingc@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org)  
or mail to me at 437 N. Topeka, Wichita, KS 67202. Thanks!



**Harvest House Ministry**  
**Office of Marriage and Family Life**  
 CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WICHITA

Non-Profit Org.  
 U.S. Postage  
 Paid  
 Permit No 152  
 Wichita, KS

437 North Topeka  
 Wichita, KS 67202  
 (316) 685-5240

**Return Service Requested**

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES INVITES YOU TO:



*Harvest House Annual Fall Festival*  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please print clearly*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parish: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guests:        Y / N        # of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't forget your non-perishable food item for Our Daily Bread Food Pantry  
 Mail or drop off this form along with \$5 per person by October 12. Checks should be  
 made out to: Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Thank you!*

Senior Adult Ministries, Office of Marriage and Family Life  
 437 N. Topeka, Wichita, KS 67202