



# The Friday E-Pistle

February 1, 2013

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## A message from Bishop Vásquez

### Official appointments

- Deacon Alejandro Lara to St. William Parish in Round Rock, effectively immediately.
- Deacon Willie Colon to St. William Parish in Round Rock, effectively immediately.
- Rev. Steven J. Nesrsta as Rural Life Director for the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, effective Jan. 28, 2013.

### Presbyteral Council

On Jan. 22, the following priests were elected as the officers of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Austin for a one-year term:

- Chairman: Very Rev. Danny Garcia
- Vice-Chairman: Rev. William Wack, CSC
- Secretary: Rev. Ed Koharchik, CSP

The following priests were elected on Jan. 22 as Committee Members of the Diocese of Austin Pension Plan and Trust:

- Rev. James Misko (re-elected for a 3-year term)
- Very Rev. Albert Laforet (1-year term)
- Msgr. Louis Pavlicek (1-year term)

The following priest was reelected on Jan. 22 as a Trustee of the Diocese of Austin Pension Plan and Trust:

- Rev. David Konderla (reelected for a 3-year term)

The following priests were re-appointed by Bishop Vásquez on Jan. 22 to the Election Committee of the Presbyteral Council for 2013:

- Very Rev. James Olmhausen, Chairman
- Rev. Frank Zlotkowski, CSC
- Rev. Timothy Vaverek

### Special Collection: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13

All parishes in the Diocese of Austin are to take up a special collection on Ash Wednesday for world and home missions. The following announcement should be read before all Masses on Ash Wednesday:

Each Ash Wednesday every parish in our diocese takes up a special collection for world and home

missions. The Catholic Church in the U.S. has a strong history of supporting worthy causes in our own parish communities and beyond. This combined collection will benefit areas in the Church that are greatest in need, including Black and Indian Missions in the U.S. Additionally, there are many places beyond our borders where the Church is poor, communities are scattered, and priests are few. This special appeal helps Catholic communities in Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe, by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, and training for lay ministers. Thank you for your support.

- Cada Miércoles de Ceniza todas las parroquias de nuestra diócesis toman una colecta especial para las misiones mundiales y domésticas. La Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos tiene una larga historia de apoyo a causas nobles en nuestras comunidades parroquiales y otros lugares. Esta colecta combinada beneficiará a zonas de la Iglesia que tienen la mayor necesidad, incluyendo la misión negra e india en los EE.UU. Además, hay muchos lugares fuera de nuestras fronteras, en donde la Iglesia es pobre, las comunidades están dispersas, y los sacerdotes son pocos. Este llamado especial ayuda a las comunidades católicas de América Latina y Europa Central y del Este, apoyando la evangelización, la educación religiosa, la educación para los futuros sacerdotes, y la formación de ministros laicos. Gracias por su apoyo.

## Reflection questions

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### Gospel meditations

Please consider using the following question for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Feb. 10):

- Today we hear the familiar story of Jesus' encounter with his first apostles. Peter responds in faith and humility to Jesus' call as he "left everything and followed Jesus." How have you put your complete faith and trust in Jesus? In what ways are you committed to the mission of Jesus and to following him?
- Hoy escuchamos la conocida historia del encuentro de Jesús con sus primeros apóstoles. Pedro responde con fe y humildad al llamado de Jesús "dejándolo todo, siguiendo a Jesús". ¿Cómo ha puesto usted su fe y su confianza en Jesús? ¿De qué manera está comprometido con la misión de Jesús, siguiéndolo?

Please consider using the following question for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 13):

- Have you prepared a physical space to use as your "inner room" for your prayer time?
- ¿Ha preparado un lugar para utilizarlo como su "espacio interior" para su tiempo de oración?

## Communications Office

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### Monthly Mailing

The January 2013 Monthly Mailing has been posted on the diocesan website.

- [January 2013 Monthly Mailing](#)

## Year of Faith

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### Papal reflections

Pope Benedict XVI continues the series of reflections for the Year of Faith at his general audience and releases them each Wednesday. The pope's reflections are intended to help us appreciate that our faith is not something outside of ourselves, but it is at the heart of who we are as

people. The reflections are a wonderful, simple way to think about what our faith means to us and how we can better live our faith as witnesses for others. Parish leaders can use the reflections as conversation starters at parish meetings, adult formation opportunities, at parent sessions for sacramental preparation, and anywhere that adults are meeting in the parish community. To access these messages, visit the website linked below.

- [Papal reflections](#)

## Intercessions

As a reminder, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that, when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist or another time when we pray, we include prayer for the Year of Faith. There is a listing of suggested intentions on their website that may be used as written or serve as inspiration for your prayer intentions.

- [Year of Faith intercessions](#)

## Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center

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### Upcoming retreats

- An Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection will be presented Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or e-mail the address linked below.
- A Lenten Retreat will be presented March 8-10 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Holy Cross Brother Joel Giallanza will present. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or e-mail the address linked below.
- Father Jairo Sandoval, associate pastor of St. Helen Parish in Georgetown, will present, in Spanish, a day of reflection on the Year of Faith on March 16 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or e-mail the address linked below.
- Padre Jairo Sandoval, Vicario de la Parroquia de St. Helen en Georgetown, dirigirá un día de reflexión en español sobre el Año de la Fe, el 16 de marzo en el Centro Católico de Retiros Cedarbrake, en Belton. El costo es de \$25, e incluye el almuerzo. Para obtener más información o para inscribirse, llame al (254) 780-2436 o por correo electrónico a cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

- [Cedarbrake e-mail](#)

## Missions Office

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### Texas Mission Conference

The Texas Mission Council extends an invitation to priests, deacons, and laity to the upcoming annual Texas Mission Conference at the Oblate Center in San Antonio from March 15-17. The theme is Mission and the New Evangelization. Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Father Ronald Rolheiser will be the keynote speaker. For more information, visit the website linked below.

- [Texas Mission Conference](#)

## Vocation Office

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### Discernment dinner for high school-aged young men

High school men are invited to a discernment dinner at the St. William Parish (Round Rock) Rectory, 620 Round Rock West Dr., Round Rock, on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. The dinner is for any young man of high school-age open to discerning God's will in his life and desiring to know more about the priesthood, discernment, prayer and virtue. For more information, please contact Father Jonathan Raia at (512) 255-4473.

## Worship Office

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### Rite of Election

The Rite of Election with Bishop Joe S. Vásquez will be celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 17, in two locations. RCIA directors must submit the names of the catechumens and candidates that will be attending. The deadline for registration is Feb. 8. Visit the link below to register. RCIA director information was sent out electronically as well as in this month's diocesan monthly mailing.

- [Rite of Election registration](#)

### Easter Vigil 2013

According to Roman Missal, "the entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall." Since sunset will take place at approximately 7:49 p.m. on March 30, all Easter Vigil Masses in the Diocese of Austin cannot begin before 8:30 p.m. Only one vigil liturgy may be celebrated.

## Hispanic Ministry

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### Pastoral de Conjunto

To better serve the Hispanic Catholic community, Bishop Joe Vásquez has created the Pastoral de Conjunto. This term is used by the church to refer to an integration of different people and structures to better coordinate the many efforts of our diocese in serving the growing Hispanic community. Pastoral de Conjunto is rooted in the National Plan for Hispanic Ministry of the USCCB. Please see the letter to priests and the nomination form linked below. Priests should return their responses by Feb. 15.

- [Pastoral de Conjunto Letter and Form](#)

## Weekly notes

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### Bishop Vásquez' prayer intentions

Please consider Bishop Vasquez's prayer intention for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Feb. 10):

- For an increase in vocations, especially from our own families ...
- Por un aumento de vocaciones, especialmente en nuestras propias familias...

Please consider Bishop Vasquez's prayer intention for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 13):

- May our fasting, almsgiving and prayer lead us to more fully appreciate the sacrifices we offer during the Lenten season ...
- Que nuestro ayuno, limosna y oración nos lleve a apreciar mejor los sacrificios que ofrecemos durante el tiempo de Cuaresma...

## Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM)

### Upcoming EIM Basic and Refresher Workshops

**EIM Basic and Refresher Workshops** are scheduled on a quarterly basis by the EIM Office, coordinating with the EIM site administrator at parishes, schools and other diocesan agencies. Staff of these sites wishing to host a workshop must coordinate with their EIM site administrator. The EIM site administrator should make all workshop requests on the Workshop Request Table which is sent to parishes/schools a few months prior to each new schedule block. **Additional workshops will not be added to the EIM workshop calendar unless the EIM office determines a particular need.** EIM site administrators may direct inquiries about EIM workshop scheduling to [Emily Hurlimann](#) or [Colleen Schiller](#) in the EIM Office at (512) 949-2400.

To determine which type of EIM workshop you need to attend, please click [here](#). Currently scheduled 1½ hour EIM Refresher Workshops and 3-hour EIM Basic Workshops are listed here:

Date	Time	Location	Phone
Wed, Feb 6, 2013	6 to 9 p.m.	<a href="#">St. Louis Catholic School, Waco</a> , Waco	254-754-2041
Thu, Feb 7, 2013	6 to 7:30 p.m.	<a href="#">St. Jerome Parish</a> , Waco - <b>REFRESHER*</b>	254-666-7722
Thu, Feb 7, 2013	7 to 8:30 p.m.	<a href="#">St. Mary Cathedral Parish</a> , Austin - <b>REFRESHER*</b>	512-476-6182
Thu, Feb 7, 2013	6:15 to 9:15 p.m.	<a href="#">St. Mary, Church of the Assumption</a> , West	254-826-3705
Sat, Feb 9, 2013	9 a.m. to noon	St. Joseph Regional Health Ctr, 2801 Franciscan Blvd, Bryan 77802 (Education Ctr - basement rm E-F)	979-776-3988 opt 3
Sat, Feb 9, 2013	9 a.m. to noon	<a href="#">Emmaus Parish</a> , Lakeway - <b>En Español</b>	512-261-8500
Sat, Feb 16, 2013	9 a.m. to noon	<a href="#">Ascension Parish</a> , Bastrop	512-321-3552
Sat, Feb 16, 2013	9 a.m. to noon	<a href="#">St. Margaret Mary Parish</a> , Cedar Park - <b>En Español</b>	512-259-3126
Sat, Feb 16, 2013	9 a.m. to noon	<a href="#">St. Louis Parish</a> , Austin	512-454-0384
Sat, Feb 16, 2013	9 a.m. to noon	<a href="#">St. Anthony Marie de Claret</a> , Kyle	512-268-5311
Mon, Feb 18, 2013	6 to 9 p.m.	<a href="#">St. Julia Parish</a> , Austin - <b>En Español</b>	512-926-4186
Sat, Feb 23, 2013	9 a.m. to noon	<a href="#">San Jose Parish</a> , Austin - <b>En Español</b>	512-444-7587
Sat, Feb 23, 2013	6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	<a href="#">St. William Parish</a> , Round Rock - <b>En Español</b>	512-255-4473

Wed, Feb 27, 2013	6 to 9 p.m.	St. Catherine of Siena, Austin (a regular English-language workshop; also includes sign language interpreter)	512-892- 2420
Thu, Feb 28, 2013	7 to 8:30 p.m.	<b><u>St. Martin de Porres Parish</u></b> , Dripping Springs - <b>REFRESHER*</b>	512-858- 5667
Sat, Mar 2, 2013	1 to 4 p.m.	<b><u>St. Anthony Marie de Claret</u></b> , Kyle - <b><i>En Español</i></b>	512-268- 5311
Sat, Mar 2, 2013	9 to 10:30 a.m.	<b><u>St. Anthony Marie de Claret</u></b> , Kyle - <b>REFRESHER*</b>	512-268- 5311
Sat, Mar 2, 2013	1 to 2:30 p.m.	<b><u>St. John the Evangelist Parish</u></b> , San Marcos - <b>REFRESHER*</b>	512-353- 8969
Tue, Mar 5, 2013	6 to 9 pm	<b><u>St. Jerome Parish</u></b> , Waco	254-666- 7722
Thu, Mar 7, 2013	6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	<b><u>St. Martin de Porres Parish</u></b> , Dripping Springs	512-858- 5667
Mon, Mar 18, 2013	6 to 9 p.m.	<b><u>St. Joseph Parish</u></b> , Manor - <b><i>En Español</i></b>	512-272- 4004

Click here to view **[sample bulletin announcements](#)** to let parishioners know of these workshops.

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