

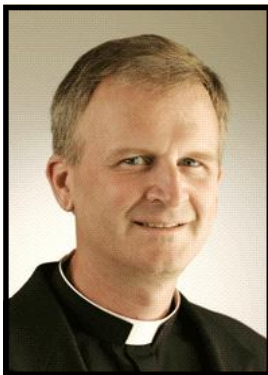
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Bishop Elect J Vann Johnston, JCC



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

De Colores!

As I prepare to leave our beloved Diocese of Knoxville and East Tennessee, I take many memories and much love. I am so grateful for the goodness and the communion that we share in our Lord, Jesus Christ. As we reflect on this mysterious love that God has for us, we might also reflect on what that love leads to in our own lives: holiness. A few weeks ago in a homily, I reflected on the meaning of holiness. Holiness often carries two meanings. The first points to being set apart for God. In other words, to be holy means that one belongs to God; one is consecrated. This being set apart for God occurred at our baptism. From that point on each of us were marked out for God as His. This consecration carried with it the washing away of sin and the gift of God's indwelling presence through sanctifying grace. The second meaning of holiness is closely related: that we become like God, who is holy. This not only means that we stay away from the sin that we have left behind, but more, it means that we live our lives in the will of God. In one exchange in the Gospel, a person remarks to Jesus how blessed is that woman that gave birth to Him and nursed Him. In response, Jesus says, "blessed is the one who hears God's word and carries it out." In other words, the Lord was emphasizing that holiness entails receiving the Word and Living by the Word; and He is the Word. In effect, Jesus is exalting Mary, His Mother, as the model of holiness, not because she bore Him in her womb and nursed Him as a child, but because she is the one who heard the Word and surrendered herself fully to the Word. Another way of speaking of carrying out the Word, is Love. We have the happy calling to follow this model in our own lives. In the manner, we become like Christ, "the holy one of God," when the love of Christ is received and lives in our hearts and animates our lives and actions.

May this Love always fill you and transform you into the holy children God made you to be!!

Gratefully in Christ,
Bishop-elect Vann Johnston

2008 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

March 28-30	Regional Encounter for Lay/Spiritual Directors Owensboro, KY	
Apr 3-6	English Women's # 34	Apison Retreat Center
Apr 12	Secretariat Meeting	St. Therese of Lisieux, Cleveland 10 am-2pm
May 10	School of Leaders	All Saints, Knoxville 10 am-2pm
Jul 12	Secretariat Meeting	St. Alphonsus Crossville 10 am-2pm
Jul 24 - 27	Spanish Men's # 3	Apison Retreat Center,
Jul 31-Aug 3	National Encounter	Catholic University, Washington DC
Aug 16	School of Leaders	St. Therese of Lisieux, Cleveland 10 am-2pm
Sept 11-14	Men's # 35	Apison Retreat Center
Sept 25-28	Women's # 36	Apison Retreat Center
Oct 11	Secretariat Meeting	St. Thomas the Apostle
Oct 31- Nov 2	Region IV Fall Encounter	St. Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana
Nov 8	School of Leaders	St. Alphonsus Crossville 10 am-2pm

Palanca is needed for the English Women's Weekend # 34 (Apr 3-6) — If you have not done so already, visit the web page and click on Women under Weekend Prayer Vigil.

Then select the plus symbol to the left of the time and fill in the form. More than one name is allowed for each time slot... Then during the weekend, offer your palanca for the team and candidates.



OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU DURING THE REMAINDER OF LENT. WE PRAY YOU HAVE A JOYOUS AND SPIRITUAL HOLY WEEK. MAY WE ALL BE DRAWN CLOSER TO JESUS AS WE WALK WITH HIM THROUGH HIS PASSION ANDE CELEBRATE WITH JOY HIS RESURRECTION. MAY GOD'S BLESSING AND GRACE BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES THIS HOLY SEASON.

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