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Thirty-eight catechumens and 58 candidates participated in the Rite of Election March 9 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in preparation for entering into full communion in the Catholic Church at Easter. See pages 10-11 for pictures.

### **Schools and churches celebrate Mardi Gras**

Before the Season of Lent, area schools and churches celebrated Mardi Gras with parades, special events, and balls. Check out pages 12-13 to see the colorful pictures of bead-throwing parades and balls held around the diocese.

## **Fr. GreMinion: Through the eyes of a parishioner**



FR. RICK "GREMINION" GREMILLION is characterized in this painting by Gene Dupuis, a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tioga. Find out why Fr. Rickey acquired this nickname on pg. 17.

# Catholic group files class-action lawsuit to block HHS mandate

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

(CNS) -- A coalition of nearly 200 Catholic dioceses, agencies and businesses has asked a federal court in Oklahoma to block enforcement of a Department of Health and Human Services mandate that it says would force its members to violate their religious beliefs.

Under the banner of the recently formed Catholic Benefits Association, the entities contended in a class action lawsuit filed March 12 that the mandate's requirement that they provide health insurance coverage for contraceptive drugs, abortifacients, surgical sterilizations and related counseling is contrary to the First Amendment's free ex-

ercise, establishment and free speech clauses.

The mandate -- under rules issued by HHS -- requires nearly all employers to provide such coverage for their employees in their company health plan. The lawsuit said the regulations under the Affordable Care Act are discriminatory because some religious entities and ministries are exempt while others are not.

The lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma seeks a preliminary injunction to block the mandate as it applies to association members.

Named as defendants were Kathleen Sebelius, HHS secretary; Thomas E. Perez, secretary of the Department of Labor; Jacob J. Lew, secretary of the De-

partment of the Treasury; and each of those departments.

The array of plaintiffs are the Catholic Benefit Association and its subsidiary, the Catholic Insurance Co., both incorporated in Oklahoma; the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City; Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City; All Saints Catholic School in Norman, Okla.; Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore; the Archdiocese of Baltimore; Villa St. Francis Catholic Care Center, Inc. in the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan.; and Good Will Publishers in Gastonia, N.C.

Archbishop Lori, chairman of the association's board of directors, said the new organization offered Catholic entities the best option to legally challenge the

mandate.

"The CBA gives a vehicle for many dioceses that would not find it opportune to bring suit to do so in a manner that has a higher possibility of success. That's very important. I also think it is a further expression of our desire to promote and defend religious freedom not just in the abstract but indeed in a very real issue that affects Catholic employers and Catholic employees," he said.

"We will understand how to help Catholic employers to obtain morally sound insurance in the most cost effective and least disruptive way," he added.

In a statement released as the lawsuit was filed, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City said Catholic entities across

the country objected to the mandate.

"We as Catholics, regardless of the corporate structure within which we work, cannot in good conscience provide employees with insurance that covers contraception, abortifacients and sterilization, which undermine the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of human life and also jeopardizes the physical and mental health of those who use them in untold ways," the statement said.

"It is my prayer that the courts will recognize that the federal government has no clear and compelling public interest that justifies our free exercise of religion by requiring us to pay for conscience-violating drugs and procedures," it said.

# Pope gathers cardinals to discuss church's approach to the family

Catholic News Service

(CNS) -- For the first time since his election nearly a year earlier, Pope Francis gathered the world's cardinals at Vatican in late February.

The principal reason was to add 19 to their number at a ceremony called a consistory, held Feb. 22 in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

But the cardinals also met Feb. 20-21 to discuss church teaching and practices in regard to the family, in preparation for two synods of bishops that the pope has called to discuss the subject, in October and sometime in 2015.

Their two days of discussion focused particularly on three points: the Christian vision of people and family life; essential pastoral programs to support families; and ministry to divorced and civilly remarried Catholics.

It may seem ironic that no one in the church has done more lately to promote talk about sexual and medical ethics than Pope Francis himself, as part of his focus on pastoral care of the family.

In addition to calling three international meetings of church leaders on the subject, he has authorized distribution of a presynodal questionnaire that has stimulated heated debate and discussion about contraception, co-



**POPE FRANCIS LEADS OPENING PRAYER DURING MEETING OF CARDINALS IN SYNOD HALL AT VATICAN.** Pope Francis leads opening prayer during a meeting of cardinals in the synod hall at the Vatican Feb. 20. The pope asked the world's cardinals and those about to be made cardinals to meet at the Vatican Feb. 20-21 to discuss the church's pastoral approach to the family. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

habitation and same-sex unions among lay Catholics in dioceses around the world.

## Family Life Questionnaire

The responses to the Vatican questionnaire about Catholics' family life reflect a great amount of suffering around the world.

As of Feb. 19, about 80 percent of the world's bishops' conferences and 60 percent of the

Vatican congregations and councils had turned in formal responses to a questionnaire distributed by the synod office in October.

Cardinal-designate Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the synod, said the responses show "much suffering, especially by those who feel excluded or abandoned by the church because they find themselves in a state of life that does not correspond to

the church's doctrine and discipline."

The volume of responses, which also include about 700 submissions from Catholic groups and individuals, demonstrates great interest in the synod's plans to discuss the family when it meets at the Vatican Oct. 5-19, said the general secretary.

By urging bishops around the world to conduct the broad-

est consultation possible given the brief amount of time allotted, synod officials "sparked a spontaneous reaction that may seem surprising, but is actually proof of how necessary it is to go out of our offices" to where people really live, he said.

The results compiled by the bishops' conferences, he said, show "the urgency of recognizing the lived reality of the people and of beginning a pastoral dialogue with those who have distanced themselves from the church for various reasons."

Simply by distributing the questionnaire so widely and inviting everyone to respond, he said, "a process has been opened for restoring the trust many have lost."

Pope Francis, he said, "shows, day after day, a new human and Christian approach that stimulates people and prepares them to listen and to accept what is good for them, even if there is suffering."

Yet, these actions are consistent with the pope's stated aims and principles. As he added in a less-quoted passage of the same interview, "when we speak about these issues, we have to talk about them in a context." The upcoming synods, like the extraordinary consistory just ended, are evidently meant to provide such a context for that talk.



# Russian - Ukrainian Crisis

## Crisis in Ukraine 'replay' of what led up to World War II, says Ukrainian priest

By Joyce Coronel  
Catholic News Service

PHOENIX (CNS) -- Russia's aggression against Ukraine is an extremely dangerous situation that should be of concern to all Americans, said a prominent Ukrainian Catholic priest.

"We are seeing a replay of the lead-up to World War II going on now," said Father Andriy Chirovsky, pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Tucson and founder of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario. "It's very similar events to what happened before World War II, except that in World War II, it was Hitler doing it."

Ukraine, a nation of 46 million people with its own language, culture and traditions, sits just west of Russia and east of Poland. To put it in perspective, Syria, another hot spot, has a population of 22 million.

Many members of the Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic Church, like Father Chirovsky, are children of World War II refugees who fled Ukraine in the face of Soviet repression, when the church was outlawed.

"If you claimed to be Ukrainian Catholic, you faced either



**RUSSIAN FORCES OCCUPY CRIMEA.** Uniformed men, believed to be Russian servicemen, walk in formation near a Ukrainian military base in Crimea March 7. A Ukrainian Catholic priest in Ukraine's Crimea region said church members are "alarmed and frightened" by the Russian military occupation and fear their communities could be outlawed again if Russian rule becomes permanent. (CNS photo/Vasily Fedosenko, Reuters)

imprisonment because you were a counterrevolutionary ... or they would put you into a psychiatric hospital because you claimed to belong to a church that didn't exist," Father Chirovsky said.

So how did the Ukrainian Catholic Church outlast such savage persecution? Father Chirovsky, who travels between Tucson to care for his parishioners and Ottawa to attend to his

students, provided background to The Catholic Sun, newspaper of the Diocese of Phoenix.

When World War II ended, the Soviet Union, led by Josef Stalin, annexed Ukraine. Ukraini-

an Catholic bishops, priests, nuns and many laity were arrested, tortured, imprisoned and martyred. Still, the church endured.

"It was the grandmothers in many cases who passed on the faith," Father Chirovsky said in a phone interview from Tucson. Parents would have their children secretly baptized but were busy working and did not practice the faith openly.

"The grandmothers, who were powerless in that society, felt, 'What can they do to me? I am old and weak.' So that gave them the courage to pass on the faith to their grandchildren, and that's how the church survived in great measure," Father Chirovsky said.

Ukraine also had underground seminaries. A clandestine priest might be in charge of the formation of eight seminarians who, in order to limit losses if any of them were discovered, did not know each other.

Since the Soviets had confiscated all church property, including books, the priest in charge of the seminarians' formation had a notebook that he would allow each seminarian to copy.

Others were sent to study in Russian Orthodox seminaries, with the understanding that, when the time was right, they could come out and make their allegiance to Rome known.

After Blessed John Paul II met with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev Dec. 1, 1989, Gorbachev proclaimed that the Ukrainian Catholics were free to register their faith.

"Nobody knew at that point how many people would identify themselves as Ukrainian Catholic," Father Chirovsky said. "Not the CIA, not the KGB, not the Vatican -- nobody knew. We didn't know ourselves."

Some thought it would be in the tens of thousands. Others projected the hundreds of thousands. Father Chirovsky said 5 million people stepped forward. In that first year, 1,000 Russian Orthodox priests made known their allegiance to the Ukrainian Catholic Church.



### ONE-EURO SHEET FEATURES TWO POPES TO BE CANONIZED.

Blesseds John Paul II and John XXIII are seen on a 1-euro sheet Feb. 18. In addition, an 85-cent stamp and an 85-cent stamp coin card, which features Blessed John Paul II, will be released jointly by the Vatican and Poland on March 21. The popes will be canonized April 27. (CNS photo courtesy of the Vatican stamp and coin office)

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In a few days, March 21 will mark the first official day of Spring. With all of the cold, wet weather we've had lately, I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of Spring and hopefully, some warmer, sunnier weather.

By now, I am sure that most of you have heard about my recent stroke.

It was about a month ago (Feb. 18) that I was taken to Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, where tests confirmed that I had experienced an ischemic embolic stroke. Fortunately, my speech and mental capacities were unaffected and I am fully conversant. After a short stay in ICU, I was moved to the Rehabilitation floor of the hospital and began intense therapy to regain the use of my



## ONE IN THE LORD

Most Rev. Ronald P. Herzog  
Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria

left arm, hand, leg, and foot. The therapy sessions are thorough and exhausting, but I am proud of the remarkable progress I have made so far.

I cannot begin to express my appreciation for the many prayers, cards, flowers, and words of encouragement from so many of you. It has truly lifted my spirits and makes me realize

how truly blessed I am.

I am in daily contact with my staff, who keep me abreast of everything going on at the office. I have, at times, held meetings here in the hospital with my staff and diocesan committees. I have full confidence in my staff and in the clergy who have so graciously offered to help fill in for me at events and to take care of business

in my absence.

For me, Spring is an especially busy time because of the many Confirmations throughout the diocese. At the end of May or early June, we are pleased to be planning the ordinations of some of our seminarians to the diaconate, and one ordination to the priesthood -- Taylor Reynolds.

At this time, it is uncertain whether or not I will preside over the ordinations, -- however, I have asked two of our own priests -- Rev. Stephen Scott Chemino and Rev. Bruce Miller, to act on my behalf in conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation to the students who have been preparing for this.

Ann Masden, director of Development, has informed me that

the Annual Diocesan Appeal is moving along great with contributions coming in at a slightly higher rate than last year. Thank you for your generosity to the ADA, which helps support our seminarians and so many of our other diocesan ministries.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as I will continue to pray for all of you in our diocese. I also ask that you respect my privacy at this time as I need this time to continue the intensive therapy which is expected to last several more weeks.

May the Lord bless you during this Lenten season.

# Jesus whispers to us: 'Come back to Me with all your heart'

Crane Creek was the rambling stream that ran behind our Iowa home when I was a child. It was the swelling water that rushed mightily in the spring and flooded the basements, except ours -- thanks to the sump pump the board of trustees included in the building plan of the new parsonage.

It was the same creek where some guy veered off the road one night and drove down the embankment and right out on the ice but didn't break through. He just opened the door of his car and crawled on all fours across the ice to safety. Nobody told us how they got his car off the ice and back to the road.

The creek ran beside the park where I slid down a splintery slide and tore an eight-inch hole in my favorite jeans -- back when I was still young enough to climb the slide but old enough to care about favorite jeans.

It's where my sister, brother and I cut grass and made pocket change for pool admission at the local KOA.

Crane Creek. It's where my brother caught blue gill too small to eat, and I became an Iowa girl always and forever.

It's where I took walks when I needed space, where I realized how much I didn't want to move to my father's new pastorate. I wanted to stay there, by the creek, near friends, and marry and have babies who grew up to skate and slide and fish.

Place matters. It forms us. It stays with us. Like the Church,



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where our fingers dip, where we are washed and freed from every stain. Where we return every Lent and remember. Reclaim. Renew.

It's there always. A water that captures us and captivates us and never lets go.

Water strong enough to hold us, even when we crash into it like that driver on a cold January night crashed into the frozen creek behind our house. Yes, even then it saves us. Protects us. Bears us up.

It's always there, even if we travel far, take up residence in another state of existence, stop skating, stop remembering.

It doesn't forget, but waits for us to remember.

In spring, especially during Lent, our hearts turn back. We think of songs like *Come back to me with all your heart*.

## Hosea (Come Back to Me)

Come back to me  
with all your heart  
Don't let fear keep us apart  
Trees do bend  
though straight and tall  
So must we to others call

Long have I waited for  
Your coming home to me  
And living deeply our new life

The wilderness will lead you  
To the place  
where I will speak  
Integrity and justice  
With tenderness  
You shall know.

We feel it when the daffodils and tulips push through the thawing soil, when the outdoors beckons, when dormant things awaken.

It's time to make our way back home again and claim our heritage. It's time to remember who we are, whose we are, and the waters where it all began.

Lent and baptism. Dying and rebirth. Ashes and holy water.

It's time to turn toward home

and remember the One who first loved us, long before we had a concept of seasons and places and time. Let us return to the baptismal font. Dip our fingers. And remember how to say--save us, savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

And we just might hear him whispering, *Long have I waited for your coming home to me . . . and living deeply our new life*.

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# Journey to Foot of the Cross: 10 things to remember about Lent

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent":

## 1. Remember the formula.

The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

## 2. It's a time of prayer.

Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

**3. It's a time to fast.** With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

**4. It's a time to work on discipline.** The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it



can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers."

**5. It's about dying to yourself.** The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

**6. Don't do too much.** It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our en-

tire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

**7. Lent reminds us of our weakness.** Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

**8. Be patient with yourself.** When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

**9. Reach out in charity.** As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's uncondi-

tional love.

**10. Learn to love like Christ.** Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



• **Adult Faith Series (every Wednesday during Lent).** St. Joseph Church in Marksville is offering an Adult Faith Series this Lent titled "Life in Christ -- Union with Christ. The one-hour talks (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.) will be held in the St. Joseph Office conference room every Wednesday during Lent through April 16 and will focus on personal salvation. Call 318-253-7561 for details.

• **Lenten Bible Study.** Fr. Jim Ferguson will present a four-week Bible Study inside St. Francis Xavier Cathedral every Wednesday from March 12 - April 2 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please bring a Catholic Bible (New American Bible - NAB) Everyone is invited to attend.

• **Scripture Study (every Thursday).** Join Father Chad Partain at St. Frances Cabrini School every Thursday night during Lent (beginning March 6) for Scripture Study at 6 p.m. in the school library. Call 445-4588 for more details.

• **Lenten Mission Nights -- St. Anthony, Bunkie.** St. Anthony of Padua in Bunkie will host a series of Wednesday evening Lenten Reflections. Each Wednesday the presentations will be held from 6 - 7 p.m. in the church.

• **March 26 --Fr. Adam Travis** of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches

• **April 2 -- Fr. William Blanda,** pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Abbeville

• **April 9 -- Fr. Jason Vidrine** of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Ville Platte



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## Msgr. Roland Bordelon dies at age 87

Msgr. Roland Pierre Bordelon, a retired Catholic Relief Services director, died of dementia Dec. 18, 2013 at Charlestown Retirement Community in Baltimore. The former Mount Vernon resident was 87.

The Rite of Committal will be celebrated April 14 during a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at the Church of St. Peter in Bordelonville, La. The homilist will be Fr. Floyd Callais, from the Diocese of Lafayette, who was a friend and classmate of Msgr. Bordelon.

Born in Bordelonville, La., he was the son of Russell and Lilian Dupuis Bordelon.

He attended St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict, La. and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

He was ordained a priest on June 3, 1950 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria, by the Most Rev. Charles P. Greco, bishop of Alexandria. He celebrated his first Mass on June 5 at Mary-



**Msgr. Roland Bordelon**

hill Seminary.

He served as an assistant at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Mansura from 1950-1953; and as pastor at St. Alphonsus Church in Hessmer from 1953 - 1961.

In 1961, he joined Catholic Relief Services and became program director for the Republic of Congo, where he lived.

"The African nation had just

gained its independence from Belgium, and the country was in chaos," said Mark Melia, a Catholic Relief Services colleague in Baltimore. "During five years as director, he developed the largest CRS program in sub-Saharan Africa by distributing 30 million pounds of food, most of it through school lunch programs, every year."

He was named a monsignor in 1966 by Pope Paul VI.

He later served at the relief service's New York headquarters, where he taught priests about the social needs of people in the developing world.

He was then posted as regional director in South America and later directed relief work in Vietnam.

Colleagues said that in 1985, Monsignor Bordelon assumed responsibility for his agency's India program and worked in New Delhi.

"In 1988, Roland was sent on a short problem-solving mission to Madagascar. That temporary duty lasted nearly six years," Mr. Melia said.

In 1993, he moved to Baltimore and lived for many years on Calvert Street in Mount Vernon while working at Catholic Relief Services' headquarters. He retired in 2009.

He is preceeded in death by his parents and his brother, Msgr. Marvin Bordelon. Survivors include a niece and a nephew.



(above) 1960s PHOTO OF MSGR. ROLAND BORDELON. Michael Rose, British Ambassador to the Congo and Father Roland Bordelon, director of the Congo Program of Catholic Relief Services, presents keys to a new truck to His Excellency, Mr. Leon Mamboleo, Minister of Social Affairs, Republic of the Congo. Msgr. Bordelon spent 48 years working in different capacities with Catholic Relief Services.

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(at right) A TASTE OF LOUISIANA MARDI GRAS. Deacon Taylor Reynolds treated 30 of his students from Thomas More College, where he serves as Chaplain, to a taste of Louisiana Mardi Gras. Deacon Taylor cooked jambalaya and seminarian Daniel Hart baked a king cake.



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## LENTEN CALENDAR

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal.

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines.

But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

### DAILY MASSES

#### Daily -- M-F

6:30 a.m. -- OLPS, Alexandria  
8 a.m. -- St. Rita, Alexandria  
12:05 p.m. -- St. Francis Xavier, Alexandria  
12:15 a.m. -- St. Frances Cabrini, Alexandria

#### Fridays

5 p.m. -- St. Louis, Glenmora  
6 p.m. -- St. Peter, Elmer

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### Thursdays

1:15 p.m. -- OLPS, Alexandria

#### Fridays

10 a.m. -- St. Alphonsus, Hessmer  
2 p.m. -- St. Rita, Alexandria  
5 p.m. -- St. Anthony, Bunkie  
5:30 p.m. -- St. Rita, Alexandria  
5:30 p.m. -- St. Frances Cabrini, Alexandria  
5:30 p.m. -- St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria  
5:30 p.m. -- St. Louis Glenmora, (after 5 p.m. Mass)  
5:30 p.m. -- St. Alphonsus, Hessmer  
6 p.m. -- St. Juliana, Alexandria  
6 p.m. -- St. Genevieve, Brouillette  
6 p.m. -- OLPS, Alexandria  
6:30 p.m. -- St. Peter, Elmer (after 6 p.m. Mass)

### OTHER DEVOTIONS

• Holy Hour of Reparation -- 3 p.m., St. Frances Cabrini, Alexandria. Every Sunday during Lent

• Rosary -- 1:30 p.m., St. Alphonsus, Hessmer, Mondays during Lent  
• Adoration -- 6-8 p.m., St. Alphonsus, Hessmer, Tuesdays during Lent  
• Relic of the True Cross exposed -- Good Friday, 12 noon - 3 p.m.

### PENANCE SERVICES

• Thursday, March 27 -- St. Rita Church, Alexandria, 6:30 p.m.  
• Wednesday, April 9 -- OLPS, Alexandria, 6:30 p.m.  
• Good Friday, April 18 -- St. Frances Cabrini, Alexandria, 12 noon - 2:30 p.m. confessions

### FISH FRYS

• KC Council #1134 -- St. Rita Church Holy Family Center, 5 -7 p.m. Every Friday in Lent  
• KC Council #3200 -- St. Francis Xavier Hall, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Friday during Lent. \$6 a plate for catfish, french fries, and coleslaw. Dine-in, take-out, or delivery.

For an updated list of Lenten events and services, go to [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org) or call your local parish.



### DOLLHOUSE RAFFLE RAISES \$3,000 FOR CHILDREN IN BETHLEHEM.

Mrs. Gail Gray, a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph, and her granddaughter, Anne Brown, built a two-story dollhouse to raise money and awareness for the benefit of Christian orphans in the Holy Land. Each year they donate their time and talent to make a beautiful dollhouse in order to raise money by buying chances to win. This year, Mrs. Gail pledged the money to the Christian Orphanage of Peace in Bethlehem, Palestine run by Polish nuns. "Since we have a wonderful Polish priest in our parish, Fr. Peter Kuligowski, and the orphanage is run by five Polish Nuns - what could be better way to give some gifts and a smile to children for Christmas in Bethlehem," said Mrs. Gray. Through the generosity of the local people in St. Joseph, more than \$3,000 was raised and sent to Sr. Rafaela, funder of Children House of Peace in Bethlehem, Palestine. The winner of dollhouse was Ricky Jones, Chief of Police for the Town of St. Joseph. Last year, Research Center for Cancer for Children received over \$2,000.



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## National office of Tekakwitha Conference opens doors at new location

After more than a year of searching and planning, the national office of the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Conference has finally opened its doors to its new location at 2224 N. Bolton Ave.

Father Rickey Gremillion, director of Special Services for the Diocese of Alexandria, which includes Native American minis-

try, was invited by the conference director, Sister Kateri Mitchell, to bless the facility on Feb. 10.

"We are delighted to be in our new home, here in Alexandria, Louisiana," Sister Kateri said at the gathering for the blessing. "There are many people who have been so kind and gracious in helping us make

this move. Most of all, I want to thank Bishop Ronald Herzog, for encouraging us to move here and for making us feel most welcome."

The Grand Opening of the conference center will be held Thursday, March 27 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The public is invited.

Originally located in Great Falls, Montana, the Tekakwitha Conference is the voice, presence, and identity of Indigenous Catholics of North America.

Among its many functions, the Conference promotes a devotion to St. Kateri Tekakwitha, promotes and supports strong Kateri Circles, publicizes and promotes resource material for those entering and already in ministry with Native American Catholics, and promotes and encourages inculturation in all liturgies and religious education programs.

One of the largest functions of the conference is to host the annual Tekakwitha Conference in different cities across the United States. The 2014 Tekakwitha Conference will be held in Fargo, ND, and the 2015 Tekakwitha Conference will be held in Alexandria, La.

The Tekakwitha Conference is located at:

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Alexandria, LA 71303  
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844-483-3900 (toll-free)  
Email: [tekconf@gmail.com](mailto:tekconf@gmail.com).  
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**SISTER KATERI MITCHELL**, director of the national office of the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Conference demonstrates a Native American ritual. Father Rickey Gremillion blessed the national conference center Feb. 10.



### Sister Kateri pictured in March 2014 issue of Catholic Digest

Sister Kateri Mitchell is pictured on page 19 of the March issue of Catholic Digest. In a story about St. Katherine Drexel, and the miracles attributed to her sainthood, Sister Kateri is pictured with Robert Gutherman and Amy Wall, the two miracle recipients obtained through the intercession of St. Katharine Drexel.

## Ukraine

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Father Chirovsky feels deeply that connection to the persecuted church, having been ordained by a priest who spent 18 years in a Soviet concentration camp. He recalls Cardinal Josyf Slipyj asking him to turn on the lights one day -- he could not bear the dark as it reminded him too much of his imprisonment in Siberia.

"Even worse than facing outright persecution is the demoralizing force of consumerism and materialism that has crept into our hearts in North America and Western Europe. I hate to say it, but it's like people have it too good and have forgotten what life is about," Father Chirovsky said.

Ukraine is diverse, he said. The diversity, he continued, is natural for any large country. Each region has its own history, "but all of the people saw themselves as Ukrainians."



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## Jan Tate to speak at CENLA Magnificat April 12

CENLA Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will host a brunch on April 12 at St. Mary's Assumption Church in Cottonport, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The event starts with a brunch, followed by a time for prayer, and then a testimony by a guest speaker.

Jan Tate, a native of New Orleans and lifelong Catholic will be the guest speaker.

Jan and Lloyd Tate have shared in the preparation of engaged couples for marriage in the Church for over 38 years. Jan graduated from Loyola University with a degree in Communications. Along with the Family Life Office for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Jan and Lloyd published their own *In Home Marriage Preparation* manual in 2002.

As a trained spiritual director for over 15 years and is on the staff of the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center in addition to being a wife, mother and grandmother, Jan finds herself called to honor the Lord by being part of the spiritual journeys of others. God has enabled Jan to serve Him by combining her two great passions in life: her Catholic faith and her Sacramental call to Matrimony.

Jan has been the speaker at



Jan Tate

Magnificat meals throughout the southeast and California, at the International Magnificat Conference, and at the Malta chapter.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and are on sale March 27-April 9. No tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase a ticket, call:

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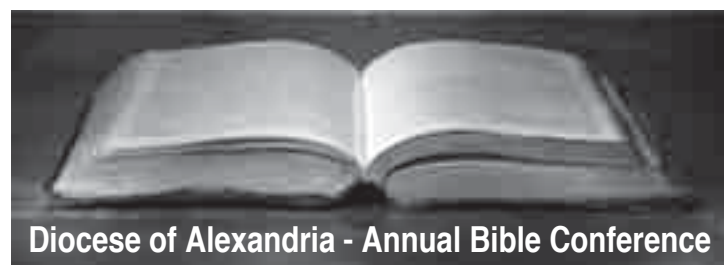
Or you may send a check or money order no later than April 9 and made payable to "CENLA Magnificat" to: Mary Wilson, 4569 Parhams Road, Jonesville, La. 71343

## Diocese of Alexandria to host 1st Annual Bible Conference April 4-5

Jeff Cavins, an inspiring national and international speaker and Bible teacher, will be the guest speaker for the 1st Annual Bible Conference April 4-5 at the Divine Providence Hall, located at 401 21st Street in Alexandria. The two-day Bible conference is sponsored by the Diocese of Alexandria's Office of Religious Formation and Training (ORFT).

Famous for his Bible Timeline Seminar, Jeff Cavins has traveled the world extensively speaking on biblical topics. Using a unique color-coded system, the Bible Timeline presentation is remarkably effective in assisting Catholics uncover the divine truths revealed in Holy Scripture, giving them an easy and engaging way to read and understand the Bible.

In the Bible Timeline Seminar you will learn how the key people, places, and events in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity. You will see how the events in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New Testa-



Jeff Cavins

ment. You will also gain a greater appreciation for the Scripture readings you hear during Mass.

The conference begins Friday, April 4 at 5 p.m. with registration from 5 -6:30 p.m. The Friday evening retreat titled, *The Way Love Feels -- A Deeper Look at the Cross of Christ*, will be presented by Jeff Cavins. Friday evening also includes Eucharistic

Adoration and Procession led by Fr. Jose Robles Sanchez, coordinator of Steubenville South.

Saturday's seminar will be held from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and includes the famous Bible Timeline presentation by Cavins. Paul Hood, youth director at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria, will lead the worship music for the weekend.

The conference will end with a Mass celebrated at 4 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria.

The cost for the two-day conference is \$45 per person and includes lunch and conference resources. To register, go to [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org) or call 318-445-6424, ext. 221.

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## Rite of Election: Sunday, March 9, 2014

### 38 Catechumens, 58 Candidates prepare for full Communion into the Catholic Church



**OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR, Alexandria.** Catechumens: Chase Butler, Briann Ranson, Stephen Kinder, Caleb Brevette, and Marina Moorehead. Candidates: Betty Powell, Sara Sanders, Kristy Lacaze, Melanie Baker, William Bates, Raquel Herrington, and Brett Hokamp.



**ST. FRANCES CABRINI, Alexandria.** Catechumens:



**MATER DOLOROSA, Plaquemine.** Catechumens: Jessica Dauzat, Natasha Lemoine, and Colton Dupuis.



**ST. RITA, Alexandria.** Catechumens:



**ST. MARY, Jena.** Candidates: Travis Craig and Kamra Craig



**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, Colfax.** Candidates: Trady Geisel and Pam Gilchrist.



**ST. PETER MISSION, Elmer.** Candidates: Marcus Hodnett and Joel Welch.





**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, Leesville.** Catechumens: Joe Vincent, Jennifer Brown, Robert Lancaster, and Carter Thompson. Candidates: Sarah Cole, Jefflyn Winstead, Jennifer Bordelon, and George Ludwig.



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, Tioga.** Catechumens:



**ST. FRANCIS & ANNE, Kolin.** Catechumen Carol Ryder. Candidate: Nicole Beck.



**ST. AUGUSTINE, Isle Breville.** Catechumens:



**SACRED HEART OF JESUS, Pineville.** Catechumen:



**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, Belledeau**  
Catechumen: Deborah Iles



**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL, Alexandria.** Candidates: Casey Carter, Darrell Dunlap, Sarah Fruge, and Lynn Glaze.



**SACRED HEART, Moreauville.**  
Emory Rachal



**ST. MARTIN, Lecompte.** Catechumen: Jerriot Ray Robinson



**MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS, Woodworth.** Catechumen: Kathryn Muntz



**HOLY CROSS, Natchitoches.** Catechumens: Michael Rush and Casey Jones. Candidates: Drew Chesher and Amber Viator.



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Deville.** Catechumens: Janel Pittman. Candidates: Laura Webb, Lucas Bryant



(top right)  
**OLPS 6TH GRADERS GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF MARDI GRAS.** The 6th graders from Our Lady of Prompt Succor show off the beads they collected during the annual Pre-K Mardi Gras parade held Feb. 27.

(middle left)  
**SACRED HEART'S (Moreauville) KREWE OF ROYALTY.** Ms. Barbara Lang, kindergarten teacher at Sacred Heart Moreauville, and carry the sign at the beginning of their school parade held Feb. 28.

(middle right)  
**SACRED HEART (Moreauville) PARADE.** pulls the wagon for



**LeGRAND BALL de MARDI GRAS.** Members of the St. Juliana Krewe of St. Peter Claver Council and Court #268 pose before their annual LeGrand Ball--de Mardi Gras. The theme this year was Mardi Gras in Africa. The Ball was held in February at the Alexandria Convention Hall.





(top right) **MARDI GRAS AT OLPS.** Fr. Dan O'Connor served as the Grand Marshall for the OLPS Mardi Gras parade held Feb. 27.

(top left) **LSU-A CATHOLIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION FLOAT.** Members of the LSU-A CSO ride on a float in the campus Mardi Gras parade.

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## Menard twin sisters are National Merit Scholarship finalists

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high school career as long as they continue to meet the high academic standards and other requirements set by the program.

Based on the performance of the student in these areas (academics and other requirements) 15,000 students are selected in their senior year as "finalists" and continue to advance in the competition.

At that time, an evaluation is made of the Finalist's academic record, information about the school's curricula and grading system, two sets of test scores, the high school official's written recommendation, information about the student's activities and leadership, and the Finalist's own essay.

This May, about half (8,000) will receive Merit Scholarships.

are the daughters of Eugene and Nancy Lessen of Alexandria.

plans to attend Texas A & M in Austin, Texas and plans to attend either Texas A & M or Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.



### Students of the Year

**STUDENTS OF THE YEAR.** A reception honoring the winners of the Diocese of Alexandria Students of the Year competition was held Feb. 24 at the St. Joseph Catholic Center. Pictured are (front row) , (St. Mary's Assumption School in Cottonport) winner in the 5th Grade Division; and (Alexandria Country Day School), winner in the 8th Grade Division. Row 2: Paul and Leslie Provence, parents of ; and Dr. Edwin and Mrs. Larissa Urbi, parents of . Back row: Nathan LaBorde, principal of St. Mary's Assumption School; Thomas Roque, superintendent of Catholic Schools; Nancy Rials, principal of Alexandria Country Day School; and Rev. Stephen Scott Chemino, vicar general for the Diocese of Alexandria. The winners of the district division competed in the regional division March 7 in Baton Rouge. Not pictured is , (Holy Savior Menard High School) winner of the 12th Grade Division.

## Catechetical Quiz Bowl challenges students to learn the Bible

More than 50 top-notch Bible "scholars" in grades 6-8 participated in the 2nd Annual Catechetical Quiz Bowl held Feb. 22 at the St. Joseph Catholic Center in Alexandria.

Winner of the overall competition was Holy Savior Menard's 8th grade team made up of

The first place team received a cash award of \$500 and a trophy.

Coming in second place was a group of 6th graders from the CCD program at St. Anthony of Padua in Bunkie --

The second place team received a cash award of \$200 and a trophy.

According to Father Chad Partain, coordinator of the event, this year's students were "great."

"The students were prepared and well catechized," said Father Partain. "I was very impressed."

Equally impressive was the increased participation over last year's initial event.

Last year there were five



**CATECHETICAL QUIZ BOWL 2nd PLACE WINNERS.** -- 6th grade students from the CCD program at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Bunkie placed second. Members of the team were . (Photo by Karen Hemphill)

teams of four students each compared to 11 teams this year. A team is made up of four members -- students in grades 6-8 from Catholic schools in the diocese and from parish CCD programs.

Participating in this year's competition was St. Mary, Winnsboro; St. Mary Assumption School, Cottonport (2 teams);

Our Lady of Lourdes, Winnfield; St. Anthony of Padua School, Bunkie (3 teams); Holy Savior Menard Junior High (2 teams); Sts. Francis & Anne, Kolin; and Our Lady of Lourdes, Fifth Ward.

"While the turnout was great, we would love to see more and more students -- from every church parish and school -- par-



**CATECHETICAL QUIZ BOWL 1st PLACE WINNERS.** -- 8th grade students from Holy Savior Menard Junior High School won first place in the Quiz Bowl. Members of the team were . (Photo by Karen Hemphill)

ticipating each year," he said.

Students were given a list of 250 questions from the Bible to learn. Two teams at a time competed with each other in a "single-elimination" style of competition. With Father Chad as the moderator of the Quiz Bowl, he asked the questions and the first team member to buzz in with the right

answer, was awarded points. The team with the most points at the end, won the competition. Father James Ferguson and John Hines served as judges.

The cost to enter the competition was \$10 (per team), which included lunch. The event was hosted by the Office of Religious Formation and Training.



# New reading program proves to be successful at Cabrini School

## After only 3 months, 80 percent of K-2 students are now reading above grade level

The results are in.

After only three months of using the Super Kids Reading Program at St. Frances Cabrini School, 80 percent of the students in grades K-2 are now reading above grade level.

Compare that to the fact that 42 percent of that same group of students (K-2) were reading below grade level when initially tested in August, 2013; and you'll agree -- Super Kids Reading Program works!

Statistics show that students who do not read fluently by the end of 2nd grade struggle much more for the rest of their educational career and are less likely to pursue collegiate studies.

When the initial testing for reading aptitude was administered at the beginning of the school year, more than half of the students in grades K-2 were new to the school, according to Liz Hines, program director.

"This tells us that the program is successful with all stu-

dents," she said, "regardless of the initial reading level."

"I love the Super Kids program," said Mrs. Angelia Ducote, kindergarten teacher. "Super Kids gets to the heart of reading and writing skills."

"The program teaches the children to be thinkers and has a variety of lessons from hands on activities, to small groups, and even student-initiated activities where the children can be successful in reading and writing at just 5 and 6 years old."

"I like the Super Kids program because it is comprehensive, structured, and fun for the teachers and students," said Ms. Susie Palermo, 2nd grade teacher.

"The students are challenged on a daily basis, and I have seen so much progress in just the three short months we have been using the program, I cannot wait to see where my students are in May."

"My favorite part of Super Kids is learning about the characters," said 2nd grader



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(left picture) and with her teacher Jenny Jeanise, are part of the K-2 group of students at St. Frances Cabrini School who are currently using the Super Kids reading program. After only three months of using the program at Cabrini, 80 percent of the K-2 students are now reading above grade level.



"We learn how to read with them in the stories. I asked Ms. Palermo if I can just stay in second grade next year so I can keep learning about the Super Kids."

St. Frances Cabrini School is the first school outside of the Diocese of New Orleans to pilot the Super Kids Reading Program and Happily Ever After through the Rowland Reading Foundation.

Super Kids is a program that was initiated in the Diocese of Chicago as an effort to make Catholic Schools centers of reading excellence.

# Supplemental math program is also very successful at Cabrini School

## After only 3 months, 40 percent of entire student body is above grade level in math

After only semester of integrating a supplemental math program into the curriculum this fall, 40 percent of the entire student body at St. Frances Cabrini School is now above grade level in math.

An innovative new math online program called "Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces" (ALEKS) was implemented into the curriculum this fall and

allows students to work at their own pace using iPads.

Since there are not enough iPads for every student at St. Frances Cabrini, a classroom set of iPads travels around the school throughout the day to accommodate all classes.

ALEKS is used as a supplement to the classroom curriculum, and counts as 50 percent of the students math time and math grade.



uses an iPad for math.

tor at Cabrini School. "Currently, 40 percent of our student body is working above grade level in mathematics on the ALEKS program and we have one student who is currently working two grade levels above his age."

"After teaching mathematics for 34 years, I have never seen a math program that helps students be more independent and work at their own pace," said Mrs. Stickell, 4th grade teacher.

"The students are able to discover math in a new way and make mistakes. The ALEKS program not only recognizes their mistakes, but helps them to fix it, step by step," she said.

Even principal Joe Wiedeholt is impressed with the program and its results.

"ALEKS is so user friendly and can be accessed by students, parents and teachers at school or at home, as well as during the school year and summer months," said Weiderholt.

"When I walk into a classroom during ALEKS time, every child is engaged on his/her own level. What kid doesn't like technology; It's fun!" he added.

To supplement both new curriculum programs (Super Kids Reading program and ALEKS online math program), St. Frances Cabrini School offers free after-school tutoring two days per week.

According to Hines, students come to the after-school tutoring and to complete their homework, get help with assignments, study for tests and work on ALEKS.

This program is supported by faculty, staff and retired teachers from the parish who volunteer.

Teachers have noticed an increase in homework completion, preparation for tests and increase in grades for those who attend the tutoring program.

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# Heaven's Chefs Food Tasting Fair

## St. Mary's Assumption, Cottonport attracts great food, great chefs

Great food and good company was shared by everyone at the annual Heaven's Chefs Food Tasting Fair held Feb. 8 at St. Mary's Assumption School in Cottonport. Teams of chefs prepared a variety of different cuisines

including Greards and Grits, Avoyelles Paella, Bar-B-Q Ribs, New Orleans Muffulettas, Vanilla Petit fours with Homemade Buttercream Frosting, Baklava, Stuffed Jala-

peno Peppers, Shrimp and White Beans, Homemade Caramel Cake with Roasted Pecans, Deviled Crab Cakes and many other spectacular dishes.



**HEAVEN'S CHEFS TEAM #1.** Todd and Colleen Armand, and Carmel and Emeric Dupuy.



**HEAVEN'S CHEFS TEAM #2.** Kelly and Scott Armand, Terry and Tina Armand, and Irma Andress



**HEAVEN'S CHEFS TEAM #3.** Monica Sprinkle, Vanda Clark, Kathe Joffrion and Nancy Barrere



**HEAVEN'S CHEFS TEAM #4.** Linda Coco, and Scotty and Becky Scott



**HEAVEN'S CHEFS TEAM #5.** Father Jose Robles Sanchez and Sharon, Pappy and Blaine Juneau



**HEAVEN'S CHEFS TEAM #6.** Dodi Brouillette, Sue Welch, Dale and Priscilla Brouillette, and Luke Welch (in back)

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## “Good morning, Minions!”

### IHM parishioner Gene Dupuis paints Minion priest to resemble Fr. Rickey

By Jeannie Petrus  
CT editor

Ask any 4-year-old what a Minion is, and they can quickly tell you about the cute little yellow creatures on the popular 3D animated film *Despicable Me* and *Despicable Me 2*, from Universal Pictures and Illumination Entertainment.

But 67-year-old Gene Dupuis, a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in



Tioga didn't have a clue what a Minion was, even after hearing Father Rickey Gremillion greet his parishioners every day with a “Good morning, Minions!” as he prepared for the 8 a.m. daily Mass.

“What the heck is a ‘minion’ and why are you calling us minions?” Dupuis finally had to ask.

“Minions are these cute little creatures on *Despicable Me*,” said Father Rickey. “I’m a big fan of the films, and an even

bigger fan of Minions. I use the word as a term of endearment for “my friends.”

Father Rickey gave Dupuis a copy of the first movie (*Despicable Me*) to introduce him to the world of Minions.

“I watched the movie with my grandkids and absolutely loved it (as did the grandkids),” he said. “It’s a very cute movie and I can see why Father Rickey fell in love with the Minions.

Even though all Minions

look very much alike, they each have a unique quality about them that sets them apart from the others. That’s when Dupuis had the idea to make a unique Minion to resemble Father Rickey. After Dupuis began the painting, his wife Linda suggested that he add one of the stained glass windows in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church to add some color.

The result -- a delightful portrait of a Minion priest titled “Father Rick GreMinion.”

## Talented artist blends love of art with faith and other interests

By Jeannie Petrus  
CT editor

After painting the Minion priest resembling Father Rickey Gremillion at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Tioga, Gene Dupuis received a lot of praise from fellow parishioners about his artistic talent. But actually, Dupuis has left a life-long trail of his many talents around the country, mixing his love of art, his faith, airplanes, and country music.

Dupuis, a lifelong Catholic, grew up in New Orleans and then spent three years in the US Army, serving most of that time in Germany. During that time, his family re-located to Marksville after suffering the loss of their home from Hurricane Betsy in 1965. Once discharged from the Army, Gene went home to Marksville, and began attending LSU at Alexandria where he met his wife, Linda, married now for 46 years.

One of his first jobs after he married was as a DJ at KALB Radio. “I hosted ‘Geno’s Country Corner,’ first as a one-hour program, then a two-hour program, and finally the daily program was

extended to five hours,” he said. “For 15 years, I had the greatest job in the world -- doing what I really LOVED to do. It gave me the opportunity to meet so many country legends -- Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Jr., George Jones, and Jerry Clower, the Statler Brothers, -- and to promote pure classic country at a time when country music “wasn’t cool” to the rest of the country. But I loved it.”

Soon after, Gene found a 20-year career within the Gas Distribution Field, working first for Louisiana Intrastate Gas Corporation, and then retiring from the City of Alexandria Gas Department. During these years, Gene continued to create and market his artwork, particularly aviation art.

This led to numerous friendships with England Air Force Base A-10 pilots for whom he did many paintings, not only on canvas, but on their actual A-10 Warhog planes.

“I was fascinated by the A-10s,” he said. “They are powerful machines, loaded with precision and special tactical equipment.”

The original oil painting of



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PAINTING BY IHM PARISHIONER GENE DUPUIS.** Gene Dupuis and his wife Linda, stand in front of the painting of the Immaculate Heart of Mary that hangs in the foyer of IHM church. Gene, who painted the beautiful IHM image, is a talented artist who enjoys blending his love of art with his Catholic faith, his love of airplanes and country music.

two of these A-10 pictures hang in the USAF Art Museum in Dayton, Ohio. One of his greatest honors was when the Wing Commander of the 23rd Tactical

Fighter Wing at England AFB, presented him with a plaque making him an official “Honorary Flying Tiger.”

A USAF colonel once asked him to paint a picture of the A-10’s on a special mission in Afghanistan. Dupuis penciled in a sketch of the drawing on the canvas and waited to hear from the colonel for further instructions.

One day while in his art studio, and after no response from the colonel, he felt a strong urge to change the image on the canvas to a portrait of the Blessed Mother as the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

“I felt a strong ‘urging’ to paint the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the church, since there were no painted images of Her anywhere in IHM Church,” he said. “I presented the painting to the church, where it now hangs in the entrance foyer” he said.

Other works of art by Dupuis include two Natchitoches Christmas Posters and three Mansura Cochen-de-lait Posters that were done jointly with another local artist, along with several floor-to-ceiling murals of Louisiana Nature Scenes at the Booker T. Fowler Fish Hatchery Welcome Center in Woodworth, LA. These were done in the 1990’s and early 2000’s.

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**GRANDPARENTS MASS AT HOLY SAVIOR MENARD.** Holy Savior Menard students welcomed their grandparents to the school's annual Grandparents Mass. Usually held during Catholic School's Week, this year's Grandparents Mass was postponed until March 26 due to weather forcing school closures during this year's Catholic Schools Week. After Mass, a special reception was held for the grandparents and their students to attend.

## Young Adult Conference to be held March 28-30

The annual Crossroads Young Adult Conference will be held March 28-30 at Maryhill Renewal Center for young people ages 18-40.

The Ministry Team includes Father Marc Noel, liturgy; Julianne Stanz, director of New Evangelization from the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisc., keynote speaker; Paul Hood, host; Kelly Pease Lombardi, worship leader; and Fr. Keith Ishmael, Holly Carbo, and Mandi Chapman, conducting workshops.

The cost is \$65 per person after March 1. For more information, go to [www.diocesealex.org/crossroadsconference](http://www.diocesealex.org/crossroadsconference), or email [lnoe@diocesealex.org](mailto:lnoe@diocesealex.org), or call 318-445-6424, ext 207.

## OLPS Confirmation students to host Stand for Life March 29

Confirmation students from Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in conjunction with the Louisiana Right to Life, will host a "Stand for Life" rally on Saturday, March 29 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Participants will gather at the law offices of Vilar & Elliott, 3709 Mason Drive (between McAllister's Deli and Julia's Mexican Restuarant), to pray and hold signs. At 2 p.m., speakers from "Silent No More" will speak. Lily of the Valley will also be available to provide information for people struggling with life decisions. Refreshments will be provided at 3 p.m.

Stand for Life is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes for our nation, for an end to abortion, and to bring the message that all human life is



precious and must be protected.

The public is invited to join us on March 29 and to stand in honor of the lives that have been lost to abortion and to all those who have been hurt by it.

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## St. Rita celebrates wedding anniversary Mass for couples



Rev. Craig Scott celebrated a special Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. for all married couples who celebrated significant anniversaries in 2013.

Each couple will receive a Papal Blessing from the Vatican for their anniversary.

**60 YEARS OR MORE.** Couples celebrating 60 years or more are Luke and Barbara Difulco, 61 years; (Father Craig Scott); Joe and Constance Nasello, 67 years; and Joseph and Shirley Brouillette, 60 years.



**40 YEARS.** Couples celebrating 40 years of marriage in 2013 are Darrel and Cindy Campbell, Roy and Frankie Carver, Edwin and Nancy Hadley, and Danny and Terrie Coombs. Not pictured is Joe and Jean Serio.



**25 YEARS.** Couples celebrating 25 years of marriage in 2013 are Vince and Ashley Meadows, and Tim and Theresa Brocato.



## Class of '64 plan 50-year reunion for Providence, Menard alumni

Save the date and pass the word around that the Class of 1964 from Menard Memorial High School and Providence Central Academy plan to get together on Saturday May 3 for their 50 year Reunion.

The day begins at 8 a.m. with a golf tournament at Alexandria Golf and Country Club. Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria, followed by a Celebration with Friends from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Alexandria Golf and Country Club.

Cost is \$50 per person (\$100 a couple, and/or \$50 per guest).

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# Two movies titled 'Noah' to be released March 28

## Hollywood version, starring Russell Crowe, criticized for its 'liberal interpretation'

by Jeannie Petrus, editor  
Compiled from various reports

It seems that the theological themes depicted in Darren Aronofsky's upcoming film *Noah*, has some critics concerned that maybe Hollywood went too far in re-creating the familiar bible story for the Big Screen.

So much to the extent that a 30-minute film, *Noah: the Last Days*, by evangelist Ray Comfort, was produced in protest of the \$125 million Hollywood movie *Noah*, which stars Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson and Anthony Hopkins, opens March 28. *Noah: the Last Days* will be released on the same day (March 28) on YouTube and DVD.

In addition, Hollywood's Paramount Pictures has decided to add an "explanatory message" to future marketing materials letting prospective viewers know that "artistic license has been taken."

A recent panel moderated by National Religious Broadcasters CEO Jerry Johnson included Hollywood filmmaker and media consultant Phil Cooke and John Snowden, who was a biblical adviser for the "Noah" film.

All three acknowledged that there has been contention over the film and expressed varying levels of support for the motion picture.

"[The 'Noah' team was] adamant that a biblical consultant



**HOLLYWOOD VERSION OF NOAH.** Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe has urged Pope Francis to watch his biblical epic "Noah," but Christian evangelist and award-winning filmmaker Ray Comfort says the "sensational" film cannot be called a "biblical adventure." Comfort has produced his own version of "Noah." The \$125 million Hollywood version will be released in theatres March 28, the same day that Comfort will release his 30-minute film on YouTube and DVD.

come in," Snowden said. "They always wanted to honor what they were reading in the text, so they never ... had an agenda to mock anything. They were actually very proactive ... the fact that they literally built the ark to spec is notable."

Cooke admitted there are some questionable elements in the film – tidbits and pieces of the storyline that some Christians might see as extra-biblical.

"One thing you'll find in this

film, certainly the Noah story is very short ... you have to figure out what happened to the boat ... they do fill in stuff," said Cooke.

Johnson noted that environmental sin is a theme that might be a turn-off to some.

"Noah's character is conflicted about whether or not human beings should survive," he added. "I think he borders on looking crazy and it's hard to match that to the Genesis text ... I just think it's overdone."

Rather than lambaste the film, Johnson said that "Noah" should serve as an opportunity for Christians to share their faith.

"Why don't we turn it into something evangelistic?" he asked.

The general sentiment from the panel was that it would be wise for Paramount to put a disclaimer before the film that denotes that "Noah" was inspired by the story, but that it does not stick strictly to the biblical account.

*"My intent . . . was to make sure everyone who sees this impactful film knows this is an imaginative interpretation of scripture, and not literal."* -- Dr. Jerry A. Johnson, CEO of National Religious Broadcasters

Johnson explained his decision to push for such language:

"Because of the quality of the production and acting, viewers will enjoy watching main themes from the Noah story depicted in a powerful way on the big screen," Johnson said in the statement. "However, my intent in reaching out to Paramount with this request was to make sure everyone who sees this impactful film knows this is an imaginative interpretation of scripture, and not literal."

As a result, the trailer, the movie's official website and all print and radio spots, among other advertisements, will contain the following caveat:

"The film is inspired by the story of Noah. While artistic license has been taken, we believe that this film is true to the essence, values, and integrity of a story that is a cornerstone of faith for millions of people worldwide. The biblical story of Noah can be found in the book of Genesis."



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# Life, death, and resurrection of Jesus comes to Big Screen

*Son of God* is a 'must see' for adults, teens, and families during Lent

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- As the first wide-release film in nearly 50 years to focus on the life of Jesus as a whole, "Son of God" (Fox) represents an epochal event for believing moviegoers.

Though not the most powerful mass media treatment of its subject -- that accolade continues to belong to Franco Zeffirelli's 1977 television miniseries "Jesus of Nazareth" -- director Christopher Spencer's reverent but uneven screen version of the Gospel story ranks as a worthy revival of the Hollywood biblical epic.

The screenwriters, led by Nic Young, find an efficient entree into their narrative by entrusting it to an aged St. John the Evangelist (Sebastian Knapp) during his exile on the island of Patmos. This is theologically helpful because the opening lines of the Beloved Disciple's Gospel, as recited here, describe the Incarnation, a mystery without which all that follows could easily be misconstrued.

Early scenes leading up to and including the Nativity will remind at least some viewers that "Son of God" is an outgrowth of last year's highly successful miniseries on the History cable channel series, "The Bible." The new footage that follows is at its best in its portrayal of the events that culminated in the crucifixion of Jesus (Diogo Morgado).

Thus Judas (Joe Wredden),



**'SON OF GOD'.** Diogo Morgado stars in a scene from the movie "Son of God." The movie which is an outgrowth of last year's highly successful TV mini-series on the History Channel, tells the story of Jesus from his birth, death, resurrection, and touches on the growth of the Church after his resurrection. Son of God is currently playing in theatres nation-wide. (CNS photo/Fox)

Caiaphas the high priest (Adrian Schiller) and Pontius Pilate (Greg Hicks) are all assigned believable motives, while Morgado succeeds in blending messianic vision with very human pain in a thoroughly compelling way -- one that accords, moreover, with the scriptural account.

Catholic viewers will also appreciate the unqualified acknowledgement of St. Peter (Dar-

win Shaw) as the leader of the Apostles as well as scenes highlighting Mary's (Roma Downey) closeness to her son. And, though the portrayal of the Last Supper seems somewhat noncommittal as to the meaning of the Eucharist, a rough-and-ready celebration of the sacrament is shown to be the chosen moment for the Lord's first post-Resurrection appearance to the Twelve.

As for the ministry and preaching that precede the Passion -- during which Jesus draws the disapproving attention of Simon the Pharisee (Paul Marc Davis) -- there are moments that range from the moving to the awkward.

Morgado brings the requisite gravity to bear in announcing that the passage from the Prophet Isaiah he has just read aloud in Naz-

areth's synagogue has now been fulfilled. But the story of Lazarus' death and revivification is truncated -- and drained of much of its impact -- by the absence of any hint of Jesus' previous friendship with him and with his mourning sisters.

Despite such shortcomings, as produced by Downey, Mark Burnett and Richard Bedser, Spencer's picture offers some solid catechesis and an easy introduction to the Lord's earthly biography. That's all the more valuable given the erosion in religious literacy our society has experienced since the appearance of "Son of God's" most recent -- yet far distant -- predecessor, George Stevens' 1965 Gospel drama "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

In that context, and despite its unflinching treatment of the Redeemer's sufferings, "Son of God" is probably acceptable for older teens.

The film contains strong gory violence. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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To purchase a ticket, contact Rhonda Burnaman at (318) 445-6443 ext 2102 or e-mail at [Rhonda.Burnaman@stmarys-rtis.org](mailto:Rhonda.Burnaman@stmarys-rtis.org).

## Beginning Experience

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## Willwood's Married Couples Retreat

St. Joseph Abbey, Covington. Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the St. Joseph Abbey's Christian Life Center in Covington, La. The theme for the retreat is "Joy" and it will begin on Saturday at 9 a.m. and will end on Sunday at 1 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Faith & Marriage ministry of the Willwood's Community call (504) 830-3716 or visit [www.faithandmarriage.org](http://www.faithandmarriage.org)

## Abbey Youth Fest

The 2014 Abbey Youth Fest will be held March 22 at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College in St. Benedict, La. The Abbey Youth Festival is an apostolic service of Saint Joseph designed to provide young people with an opportunity to experience a day of prayer and faith formation with an exposure to the Benedictine tradition. Its focus is evangelization and vocational discernment by means of Liturgy, prayer, worship, music and education appropriate for Catholic young people. The cost is \$35. To register, go to [abbeyyouthfest.com](http://abbeyyouthfest.com)



**ST. LOUIS CHURCH, Glenmora ERECTS STATUE OF OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR.** Father Binochan "Bino" Palippambil, pastor of St. Louisia Church in Glenmora, recently blessed a statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor which was placed in the church yard by the Rosary Society. Pictured are Mark Reitzel, Alma Reitzel, Keith Boone, Rita Westbrook, Donna Boone, Laurel McNicoll, Dale Daly, Julia Tweedle, and Father Bino.

## Training for 'Start a Heart' Cenla

Hands Over Hearts, a consortium of healthcare organizations in Central Louisiana (including Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital), will present free training classes for 'Start a Heart Cenla', on Saturday, April 5 at the Alexandria Riverfront Center. Training sessions will be 2 hours in length and begin at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Participants will be taught 'hands only' CPR for adults, conventional CPR for children and infants, how to relieve choking in both adults and infants, how to use an AED, and how to recognize the signs of a stroke. Participants and volunteers can register at [www.startaheartcenla.org](http://www.startaheartcenla.org) or by phone at 877-477-7637.

## 'Waiting for Eli' author to speak

Chad Judice, author of "Waiting for Eli" and "Eli's Reach", will be speaking at St. Martin Catholic Church in Lecompte on Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to all denominations. Mr. Judice will share the story of his son, Eli, born with spina bifida. This story of faith, hope, and the power of prayer has a strong pro-life, pro-love message. Books will be available for purchase and signing following his hour-long presentation. For more information, please contact Donna Robinson at 318-613-1719.

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PRAY FOR FR. C. OGBONNA	PRAY FOR BISHOP R. HERZOG	Lenten Missions: • 5:30 p.m., Bible Study, SFX Cathedral, Alexandria • 6:00 p.m., Lenten Reflections St. Anthony of Padua, Bunkie • 6:30 p.m., Adult Faith Series St. Joseph, Marksville	Lenten Missions: • 6:00 p.m., Scripture Study, St. Frances Cabrini, Alexandria  PENANCE Service 6:30 p.m. St. Rita, Alexandria		Start A Heart 8:00 a.m.-12 noon Alexandria Riverfront Center	5th Sunday of Lent
		PRAY FOR FR. R. OWUAMANAM	PRAY FOR FR. B. PALLIPPARAMBIL	Diocesan Bible Conference -- Alexandria FIRST FRIDAY PRAY FOR FR. J. PALLIPURATH	FIRST SATURDAY PRAY FOR FR. J. PARDUE	PRAY FOR FR. C. PARTAIN
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Chad Judice, author "Waiting for Eli" 6:30 p.m. St. Martin Church, Lecompte  PRAY FOR FR. T. PAUL	PRAY FOR FR. G. POOKKATTU	Lenten Missions: • 6:00 p.m., Lenten Reflections St. Anthony of Padua, Bunkie • 6:30 p.m., Adult Faith Series St. Joseph, Marksville  PRAY FOR FR. R. RABALAIS	Lenten Missions: • 6:00 p.m., Scripture Study, St. Frances Cabrini, Alexandria  PRAY FOR FR. C. RAY		Magnificat Brunch 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. St. Mary's Assumption Church Hall, Cottonport  PRAY FOR FR. J. ROBLES-SANCHEZ	6th Sunday of Lent   PALM SUNDAY PRAY FOR FR. E. RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Funeral Mass for Msgr. Roland Bordelon 11:00 a.m. St. Peter Church, Bordelonville	Chrism Mass 11:00 a.m. St. Francis Xavier Catherdral, Alexandria	Lenten Missions: • 6:30 p.m., Adult Faith Series St. Joseph, Marksville  PENANCE Service 6:30 p.m. OLPS, Alexandria	Lenten Missions: • 6:00 p.m., Scripture Study, St. Frances Cabrini, Alexandria			
Holy Week -- End of Lent						
PRAY FOR FR. J. ROY	PRAY FOR FR. J. RYAN	PRAY FOR FR. C. SCOTT	HOLY THURSDAY PRAY FOR FR. R. SHOURY	GOOD FRIDAY PRAY FOR FR. P. SIERRA-POSADA	HOLY SATURDAY PRAY FOR FR. L. SKLAR	EASTER SUNDAY PRAY FOR FR. S. SOARES



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