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### Fasting for others' sins: what does it mean?

As the Church as a whole processes the information of the recent clerical abuse scandals, several of our church leaders have pointed out the importance of taking action, particularly taking up the act of fasting as penance for others' sins. See page 5 to learn what this means.

### Protecting God's Children

The program, which is a component of the VIRTUS Awareness Training program of National Catholic Services, is required for all clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children in our diocese. Read more about this program on page 14.

If you suspect sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, church worker or volunteer, **FIRST** call the LA. Child Abuse Hotline, (855) 452-5437 **and/or** your local law enforcement -- **THEN**, call the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Lee Kneipp, (318) 542-9805.

### Father Bruce Miller retires as Judicial Vicar

As of Aug. 31, Fr. Bruce Miller retired as the Judicial Vicar for the diocese. He remains pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Pineville and will continue to serve as a judge in the Tribunal for the Diocese of Alexandria. See page 10 for the story.



## Cabrini School dedicates new buildings

On Friday, Sept. 7, St. Frances Cabrini School blessed their new Incarnate Word Early Childhood Development Center comprised of six new classrooms which house the Pre-K and kindergarten programs. These buildings have freed up room at the school for their Junior High program which began last year. Pictured are Mrs. Ashley Meadows and her PreK 4 class.

## Our Response to Tragedy



### I am the VINE; YOU are the BRANCHES

(John 15:5)

Most Rev. David P. Talley  
Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria

*Bishop David Talley would like to share with you the letter he sent to the clergy of our diocese regarding the latest revelations concerning clergy sexual abuse:*

**(Sent on) August 24, Feast of St. Bartholomew, an Apostle of the Lord**

I have waited a bit to write to you, not knowing how to say what was in my heart. Like you, I have been shaken to the core these past few weeks, with the waves of horrible news accounts that tear at the heart of our love for Christ's Church and our respect for her ministers: a Cardinal, known to have sexually abused a child, a teen and seminarians; and, those 300 priests in Pennsylvania. Such evil.

On this Feast Day of one of the Twelve, I write you as a successor of those Apostles, as both your brother in Christ and as your Bishop, to offer us a way to remain a faithful community of Christ's love and service.

The first shockwave of evil we learned about involved a revered Cardinal. From what we have learned from many first hand sources, a priest of the Lord, Theodore McCarrick, who was first consecrated as an Auxiliary Bishop, then appointed Bishop of a Diocese, then made Archbishop and Cardinal of Washington D.C. was "promoted" through his decades of service, while he was behaving immorally, sinfully, by sexually tempting and sexually abusing young men who longed to serve the Lord as priests.

The seemingly unrepentant pattern of sinfulness is a tragedy for anyone, but especially for one who has dedicated his life to the chaste and celibate service of the Lord Jesus. **But what is more**

**troubling .... more threatening to Christ's Church ....** is that this young Bishop was "promoted" over a period of decades when according to so many accounts .... **his sinful behavior was known to so many** .... including seminary staff members and members of the Hierarchy. Why did no one speak out?

The second shockwave for me and us is the recently released Pennsylvania Grand Jury report. I read the entire report. It chronicles decades of true darkness, of evil, in the lives of priests. The report details this reality, that over three hundred priests of the dioceses examined by the Grand Jury had sexually abused over one thousand children and teens. THREE HUNDRED priests .... ordained to serve as instruments of Christ the Lord .... ONE THOUSAND boys and girls .... God's children and teens, our children and teens. Many of these boys and girls were introduced to alcohol and drugs and pornography by some of these three hundred priests .... for one purpose. I wonder, did no one see a change in the child's behavior? If they did, why did no one speak out? What is our response in faith to this horrendous news?

• Please don't close your eyes to the horror of sin. Our righteous anger is the exact response we should have as we recognize such evil. Remember that St. Paul

warns us that our struggle is with the powers and principalities of evil (Ephesians 6.12). But don't try and figure it out alone, these institutional and moral failures of Bishops and Priests. Both clergy and laity must seek anew the Heart of the Redeemer, with prayer and fasting (Mark 9.20-29), as we lift up the victims of sexual abuse and as we ask for healing and renewal of Christ's Church; as we work to change what must be changed, within ourselves and within the institutions of Christ's Church. These institutional changes must involve the input of lay leaders.

• Keep your ears and hearts open to anyone that might step forward as a victim of past or present abuse. Help them to find our established protocols here: [www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/safe-environment](http://www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/safe-environment). First, to contact the police or sheriff, then to contact our Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Lee Kneipp, 318-542-9805.

• Support the Safe Environment program in your parish and mission and school. Keep current with your VIRTUS training, if you serve in some capacity. Since the Church's "Dallas Charter" was implemented in June 2002, the number of reported cases of sexual abuse by clergy and church personnel has dropped dramatically. The overwhelming number of cases mentioned in the

Grand Jury report occurred before 2002. Though much needs to be done, our efforts of creating a Safe Environment in our parishes and missions and schools is working. We must be vigilant.

• The Diocese of Alexandria has an established Review Board which primarily consists of lay membership. The Board is committed to the protection of our children and teenagers. This Review Board meets regularly with me, to ensure that any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is fully and appropriately investigated. My Review Board joins me in the commitment to adhere to the Safe Environment protocols developed. We will not tolerate any diminishment of those safe-guards. There will be no cover-up of wrongdoing.

• Fridays are the traditional days for intentional prayer and fasting, as a penance for sinfulness and as a time of conversion of heart. I ask each of us to use the

Fridays in September as special days of prayer and fasting for the victim's healing and for renewal in the Church.

• During the month of September, I ask each Pastor and Administrator to offer a Mass of Healing, for the healing of victims of sexual abuse and their families, for the priests and deacons that serve in central Louisiana, for the whole Church and for the clergy that committed these terrible acts of evil.

In these difficult days let us remain connected to one another in faith, and to the Lord of Love, as branches on the Vine of Life (John 15. 1-5), as members of His Body .... as the Church. I am your brother in Christ and your Bishop, according to His Will, in the light and love of the Lord,

Most Reverend David P. Talley  
Bishop of Alexandria

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*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*  
(For The Greater Glory of God)

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See page 14 of this issue of the Church Today,  
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# Bread and wine to Body and Blood

This month's question regarding the liturgy of the Mass is on the Eucharist. Several of you want to know: "At what point during the Mass is the bread and wine changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus?"

At the offertory, after the altar has been set, we (the people of God) bring our gifts of bread and wine (and often monetary gifts) and offer them to the priest. The priest takes our offerings to the altar and we transition into "The Liturgy of the Eucharist". This begins with the priest holding the bread slightly above the altar and says: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life." The



## Embracing the Liturgy

By Deacon Richard W. Mitchell

same is done with the chalice (cup with wine). The priest then washes his hands asking the Lord to cleanse him from his sin, and then leads us to the preface and Eucharistic Prayer. During the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest who is in "Persona Christi" (meaning it is Christ saying the words through the priest) holds the bread slightly above the altar and says the same words spoken at the Last Supper found in

Matthew 26:26 and saying these words is the moment in Mass when the change occurs: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for THIS IS MY BODY, which will be given up for you." After saying those words, the priest genuflects in adoration because with those words it is no longer bread, but the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. He does the same with the chalice.

Now that you know "when",

the natural question next is "how are the bread and wine changed". We could probably take the rest of the Church Today pages trying to answer that one question. In short, the Church teaches us it occurs through the process of Transubstantiation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it as follows: "...by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood." (CCC 1376)

This "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Eucharist is the foundation of the Catholic Church. So the next time you are at Mass, listen for those beautiful words during the

Eucharist Prayer: "This is my body...This is my blood". And at those words, remember what the Apostle Thomas said when he saw that Jesus lives and was present in his midst: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). Knowing that Jesus continues to be with us and nourishes us through the sacrament of the Eucharist at Mass will surely help you Love the Liturgy!

Send your questions about the liturgy to [whydowe@diocesealex.org](mailto:whydowe@diocesealex.org)

## Looking back



### September 2017:

**MUCH NEEDED SUPPLIES** - Pictured to the left are Maxwell Moreau, Cole Churchman, Deacon Bill Travis, and Father Adam Travis, who helped unload a truck full of supplies collected from St. Martin Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishioners.

Last year, a number of parishes in the diocese collected donated items for Hurricane Harvey evacuees and victims of the resulting extreme flooding. The donated personal items, supplies and cleaning materials that were brought to the St. Joseph Catholic Center in Alexandria, were eventually sorted and distributed to the evacuees who were staying at local centers as well as other agencies throughout south Louisiana and Texas.

### HURRICANE PRAYER OF PROTECTION

Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season, and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.  
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to our help. Amen.

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## California archbishops call for 'penance, purification' to rebuild, renew church

(CNS) — Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said penance and purification is needed to rebuild the U.S. Catholic Church and respond to the abuse crisis.

He stressed the importance of strong procedures and protocols for addressing abuse claims, helping the victims and creating safe environments for all children and young people.

“Programs, protocols, and best practices are essential. But they are not enough,” he said in an Aug. 17 letter to the people of the archdiocese.

“We need to hold people accountable and we need to atone for these sins as a church,” he said.

He called it “a sad and confusing time for all of us” with the abuse allegations against Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, followed by the Pennsylvania grand jury report on a months-long investigation into abuse claims spanning 70 years in six Catholic dioceses in that state.

“I am praying for you and your families and for our young people; and for our bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians and religious,” he said. “I am praying most intensely for the victim-survivors of these crimes, and am trying to offer what small penance I can for everyone who has suffered abuse by pastors of the church.”

Archbishop Gomez also addressed what he sees as “the deeper crisis today in the church,” a spiritual and moral crisis.

“I believe we need to respond to this crisis with a new call to penance and purification and a new dedication to leading holy lives,” he said.

“Renewal of the church is first of all a duty for bishops and priests,” Archbishop Gomez said. “We need humble penance for what has been done by our brothers. We need to live with simplicity and integrity and be models of conversion and holiness.

“Now more than ever, I pray that every bishop and every priest will rediscover his love for Jesus Christ and burn with new desire to bring holiness and salvation to our people.”

He said priests, like all Christians, “are all called to holiness and to grow in our relationship with Jesus and to



A monstrance is seen in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

glorify God by our lives. But the priest above all is consecrated to serve ‘in the person of Christ.’ That is why the evil at the heart of these scandals is so terrible.”

“A sacred trust has been broken by men whom Jesus entrusted to be his representatives on earth,” he continued. “These priests have betrayed Christ and done violence to his children. The cruelty they have done casts a shadow on the priesthood and the vast majority of priests who are good and faithful servants of the Gospel.”

Archbishop Gomez said he understands the anger and frustration that people have against the church “and her leaders right now.” He said he feels “a deep sadness” and is “horrified that such crimes could be committed against innocent children of God.

He noted that as vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, he is on the Executive Committee, which has issued two statements so far. Among other initiatives, the committee has outlined a plan to have “substantial involvement of the laity” from law enforcement, psychology and other disciplines in investigating abuse and responding to it. Another component is “addressing the culture of clericalism that contributed to these abuses and failures in leadership,” he explained.

“What has happened is the

responsibility of bishops and priests. That is clear,” Archbishop Gomez said. “But the way forward will mean laypeople and clergy working together. ... We need to begin again right now, starting with those of us who are bishops and priests.

“All of us in the church need to commit ourselves again to the basic practices of our Christian life: personal prayer, the Eucharist and confession, the works of mercy, growing in the virtues,” he said and he urged Catholics to not “lose hope in the church.”

“In this moment, our Lord is counting on us. So please do not give in to discouragement,” the archbishop said. “Put your hope in God’s promise: Where sin increases, his grace will increase even more.”

In a letter to Catholics of his archdiocese, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone also emphasized that the archdiocese has strong policies and protocols for addressing abuse but that he would review them with archdiocesan officials.

But beyond that, he, like Archbishop Gomez, said that “what is called for at this time is penance in reparation for sins against faith and morals.”

“This is how we keep the righteous indignation that so many of us feel at this time from becoming an anger that divides the body of Christ,” he said.

He also decried the “spirit of raw ambition on the part of

some, who will stop at nothing to advance their careers and climb the ecclesial corporate ladder over investing themselves in serving the people of God. Such behavior on the part of church leaders is despicable, reprehensible, and absolutely unbecoming of a man of God.”

Archbishop Cordileone said he will designate a day “when together we will make an act of reparation, and how that will be conducted.”

In the meantime, he asked all Catholics in the archdiocese, including the priests, “to engage in prayer, penance and adoration

as an act of reparation for sins against chastity and the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, in accordance with Our Lady’s wishes.”

The archbishop invited all to join him in:

— Praying the rosary daily. (He urged families to pray the rosary together at least once a week.)

— Practicing Friday penance by abstaining from eating meat and one other additional act of fasting (e.g., another form of food or drink, or skipping a meal).

— Spending one hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at least once a week.

“While I pledge to attend to policies and their observance, we all must be engaged at this time on the spiritual level,” Archbishop Cordileone said. “Without prayer, penance and adoration in reparation for the horrendous sins rampant in our church for very many years now, any efforts of the temporal order will be meaningless.”

He also asked Catholics “to stay close to your parish priest.”

“Our priests make great sacrifices to serve their people with generosity and compassion. They are there for you, attentive to providing you pastoral care,” he said. “I am grateful to them for their labors in the Lord’s vineyard, and pray that the divine assistance may be with them as they minister to you during this time of crisis”

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# Fasting for others' sins: what does it mean?

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*"I turned to the Lord, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes."*  
(Daniel 9:3)

As the Church as a whole processes the information of the recent clerical abuse scandals, several of our church leaders have pointed out the importance of taking action, of continuously returning to prayer, and of taking up the act of fasting as penance.

The notion of doing penance and fasting for others is a tricky one, particularly when those others are fellow Catholics who have wronged us by their sin. But, as Christians, doing penance for others means that we bear the cross alongside Jesus, and offer

our innocent sufferings in union with His for the good of others. When deciding what to fast from as a specific form of prayer and penance, it's important to get to the heart of fasting itself. Fasting from meals or food is an obvious choice, and something that most of us are used to. However, for those who cannot fast from food (pregnant or nursing women, the chronically ill, those recovering from eating disorders, and so on), or those who feel called to a different form of penance, there are countless other ways to fast. When trying to decide on what to fast in reparation and repentance, ask yourself the following questions:

**What do I love?** A great place to start when praying about a fast is to look at the good things that we love – our

creature comforts. Those little moments of reprieve throughout the day that we likely choose without thinking. Dessert. Warm showers. Television. Alcohol. Phone games and apps. Social media. Driving above the speed limit. Our favorite chair in the comfort of our home. Consider giving those things up completely or limiting them to a set amount of time.

**What do I love more than God?** There are things in our lives that are morally neutral, and can be good in and of themselves. But do we place too much value on them? Do we use them as an escape from reality? Do they cause us to sin? The items listed above, and many more, are not evil things. But we can use them for evil when we place them above the things that Christ asks

of us. What can we fast from that inadvertently pulls us away from God and his people?

**What would make me uncomfortable?** What is something that we can do that would make us uncomfortable, that we can in turn offer to the Lord in penance and reparation? Maybe it would be finally getting back to the Sacrament of Confession. Putting a small pebble in our shoe. Reaching out to a friend or neighbor who we don't particularly love or even know with a simple gesture. Going out of the house without makeup. Waking up in the middle of the night for a Holy Hour. Sending a handwritten card to a priest, seminarian, or religious who has inspired us with their example or teaching. Practices like these remove us from our

selfishness, and bring us into the light of God and his community.

**How can I console the Lord?** Finally, consider ways to love Jesus. As deeply as our hearts are shattered over the abuse that has occurred and been covered up in our Church, Our Lord is infinitely more heartbroken, outraged, and betrayed. God gave each of us very unique hearts and spirits that can love Him in a way that no one else on earth can. Our own prayers of adoration and thanksgiving comfort Him. The Psalms are a good place to start if you're unsure of how to pray or what to say in moments of prayer.

Thank you for being the Church, and for fasting and praying for all of her members. We are praying, fasting, and acting right alongside you to bring healing and renewal.

# Feast of the month: Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guerin

FRANCISCAN MEDIA - Born into a military family in Bordeaux, Louis trained to become a watchmaker. His desire to join a religious community went unfulfilled because he didn't know Latin. Moving to Normandy, he met the highly-skilled lace maker, Zélie Guerin, who also had been disappointed in her attempts to enter religious life. They married in 1858, and over the years were blessed with nine children, though two sons and two daughters died in infancy. Louis managed the lace-



making business that Zélie continued at home while raising their children. She died from

breast cancer in 1877.

Louis then moved the family to Lisieux to be near his brother and sister-in-law, who helped with the education of his five surviving girls. His health began to fail after his 15-year-old daughter entered the Monastery of Mount Carmel at Lisieux in 1888. Louis died in 1894, a few months after being committed to a sanitarium.

The home that Louis and Zélie created nurtured the sanctity of all their children, but especially their youngest, who is known to us as Saint Thérèse of the Child

Jesus. Louis and Zélie were beatified in 2008, and canonized by Pope Francis on Oct. 18, 2015. The Liturgical Feast of Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guerin is July 12.

**Reflection**

In life, Louis and Zélie knew great joy and excruciating sorrow. They firmly believed that God was with them throughout every challenge that married life, parenting, and their occupations presented.

**Ways to observe this feast day**  
• Wear lace as a reminder to ask

for Zélie's intercession.

• Encourage parents. Send a text or letter of encouragement to some parents in your life who have supported you, or to new parents, encouraging them in their journey.

• Pray for your spouse. Today is a great opportunity to go out of your way to affirm your spouse, and express your gratitude to them, and to intentionally pray for them.

**Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guerin: Tuesday, September 25**

## Office of Life and Justice

The Office of Life and Justice has a new contact form on the Diocese of Alexandria website at [www.diocesealex.org/office-of-life-justice](http://www.diocesealex.org/office-of-life-justice).

Please use this form for any inquiries that do not need immediate response.

Any requests for assistance should be placed by phone, since email is not an expedient way to reach the Office personnel.

The Office of Life and Justice is located at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, and is typically open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon.

Please call 318-445-6424 ext. 225 for assistance or for more information on the services provided.

## QUIZ: Who Said the Following?

"Sometimes, when I'm in such a state of spiritual dryness that I can't find a single thought in my mind which will bring me close to God, I say an Our Father and a Hail Mary very slowly indeed. How they take me out of myself then; what solid satisfaction they give me then! Much more than if I'd hurried through them a hundred times over."

Was it:

- A. John of the Cross
- B. Thérèse of Lisieux
- C. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene
- D. Teresa of Avila



Answer on page 6

# 10 muestras para familias del Papa Francisco en 'Gaudete Et Exsultate'

Por Brenda tambor  
Encuentro Mundial de familias  
2018

Una nueva exhortación apostólica sobre el llamado a la santidad en el mundo de hoy fue publicada por el Papa Francisco el pasado lunes 9 de abril. Es una fuente maravillosamente rica de contenido para las familias. La exhortación se llama 'Gaudete et Exsultate' que se traduce como 'regocijarse y alegrarse'.

Muchos comentaristas han descrito este nuevo documento como una guía del cristianismo para el siglo XXI.

Pero, ¿cuáles son algunos de los puntos de comida para llevar a las familias? He aquí diez que me han golpeado como importante para las familias:

**1. la santidad es el rostro más atractivo de la iglesia.**

En *Regocijarse y Alegrarse*, el Papa Francisco nos invita a contemplar la santidad en los que nos rodean. Él dice: "me gusta contemplar la santidad presente en la paciencia del pueblo de Dios: en aquellos padres que crían a sus hijos con amor inmenso, en aquellos hombres y mujeres que trabajan duro para mantener a sus familias, en los enfermos, en los ancianos religiosos que nunca pierden su sonrisa. En su perseverancia diaria veo la santidad de la Iglesia militante. Muy a menudo es una santidad encontrada en nuestros vecinos de al lado, aquellos que, viviendo en medio de nosotros, reflejan la presencia de Dios. Podríamos llamarlos "la clase media de la san-

tividad". [GE 7]

**2. ¿ser Santo no significa que tengas que ser un obispo!**

El Papa Francisco dice que todos estamos llamados a ser santos al vivir nuestras vidas con amor y testificar en todo lo que hacemos. ¿él dice que ser Santo no significa que usted tiene que ser un obispo! También nos alienta a dejar que la gracia de nuestro bautismo lleve fruto en un camino de santidad. Él dice:

"Con frecuencia estamos tentados a pensar que la santidad es sólo para aquellos que pueden retirarse de los asuntos ordinarios para pasar mucho tiempo en la oración. Ese no es el caso. ¿Estás casado? Sea Santo amando y cuidando a su esposo o esposa, como Cristo lo hace por la iglesia. ¿trabajas para ganarte la vida? Sea Santo trabajando con integridad y destreza al servicio de sus hermanos y hermanas. ¿es usted padre o abuelo? Sea Santo pacientemente enseñando a los pequeños cómo seguir a Jesús." [GE 14]

**3. la santidad que el Señor te llama, crecerá a través de pequeños gestos.**

El Papa Francisco nos dice que si nos permitimos ser guiados por la gracia de Dios, podemos dar forma a la santidad que Dios nos ha dado por muchos pequeños gestos. Ofrece algunos ejemplos: "una mujer va de compras, conoce a un vecino y empieza a hablar, y comienza el chisme. Pero ella dice en su corazón: "no, no voy a hablar mal de nadie". Este es un paso adelante en santidad. Más tarde, en casa, uno de sus hijos quiere hablar con ella

acerca de sus esperanzas y sueños, y a pesar de que está cansada, se sienta y escucha con paciencia y amor. Ese es otro sacrificio que trae santidad. Más tarde, ella sale a la calle, se encuentra con una persona pobre y se detiene a decir una palabra amable a él. Un paso más". [GE 16]

Son las pequeñas cosas en nuestras vidas diarias de la familia que cuentan-el por favor, gracias y lo siento momentos y el dar a cada uno de nuestro tiempo.

**4. no es sano amar el silencio mientras huye de la interacción con otros.**

¿Con qué frecuencia vemos a las personas sentadas juntas pero en silencio porque han tratado de aislarse de los que aman? El Papa Francisco nos recuerda en este nuevo documento que el crecimiento de la santidad es un viaje en comunidad, codo con codo con los demás.

**5. la tecnología moderna y el consumismo a menudo no pueden dejar espacio para la voz de Dios.**

En *Gaudete et Exsultate* el Papa Francisco dice que la presencia de gadgets constantemente nuevos, la emoción del viaje y un sinnúmero de bienes de consumo a veces no dejan espacio para que la voz de Dios sea escuchada. Él dice que estas distracciones que son omnipresentes en el mundo de hoy también nos hacen tender a absolución nuestro tiempo libre y entregarla a placeres efímeros. Nos pide que seremos conscientes de esto y que nos centremos en cada minuto de nuestras vidas como un paso en el camino hacia

el crecimiento en santidad.

**6. No tengas miedo de la santidad o de ir contra el flujo.**

En regocijarnos y alegrarnos, el Papa Francisco nos dice que no debemos temer a la santidad o de ir en contra del fluir con nuestra fe que puede ser vista como contracultural. Él dice, "la santidad no le quitará nada de su energía, vitalidad o gozo. Por el contrario, te convertirás en lo que el padre tenía en mente cuando él te creó, y serás fiel a tu ser más profundo." [GE 32]

**7. Abrazar las Bienaventuranzas.**

En *Gaudete et Exsultate* el Papa Francisco nos lleva a través de las Bienaventuranzas una por una y nos ofrece formas prácticas de aplicarlas a nuestra vida cotidiana. Él dice, "las Bienaventuranzas son de ninguna manera trilladas o no exigentes, todo lo contrario. Vamos a escuchar una vez más a Jesús..... permitamos que sus palabras nos desarreglen, nos desafíen y exijan un cambio real en la forma en que vivimos." [GE 65, 66]

**8. No dejes que el sol se calme en tu enojo**

¿Cuántos de nosotros recibimos estas palabras de Consejo de padres y abuelos mientras nos estábamos preparando para el matrimonio? ¿Sé que ciertamente lo hice! En regocijo y alégrate el Papa Francisco dice, "si Dios es para nosotros, ¿quién está en contra de nosotros? (ROM 8:31) - esta es la fuente de la paz encontrada en los Santos. Tal fuerza interior nos hace posible en nuestro mundo acelerado, ruidoso

y agresivo, dar un testimonio de santidad a través de la paciencia y la constancia en hacer el bien. Necesitamos reconocer y combatir nuestras inclinaciones agresivas y egoístas y no dejar que se echen a la raíz". [GE 112, 114]

**9. La alegría cristiana suele ir acompañada de un sentido del humor.**

Esta comida para llevar del documento podría ser mi favorita. Hemos oído hablar al Papa Francisco sobre la alegría, la risa y el sentido del humor. En regocijarnos y alegrarnos, el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que Dios quiere que seremos positivos, agradecidos y sin complicaciones.

**10. Dios es la novedad eterna.**

El Papa Francisco nos dice que una comunidad que aprecia los pequeños detalles del amor, cuyos miembros se cuidan unos a otros, es un lugar donde el Señor resucitado está presente. Él dice, "Dios nos impulsa constantemente a salir de nuevo, a pasar más allá de lo que es familiar, a los márgenes y más allá. Así que, si nos atrevemos a ir a los flecos, lo vamos a encontrar allí.

¿Por qué no leer los pasajes del documento con su familia y discutir lo que el Papa nos está invitando a hacer-lo que se pone simplemente es-para regocijarse y alegrarse!

El Encuentro Mundial de Familias se celebró el 21-26 de agosto en Irlanda. Para obtener más información, visite [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

Quiz Answer:

B. Thérèse of Lisieux



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# October is the month of the Holy Rosary

*Mary in our Life*  
by Fr. William G. Most

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

“Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and

so powerful with heaven.

“If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he

ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended

the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

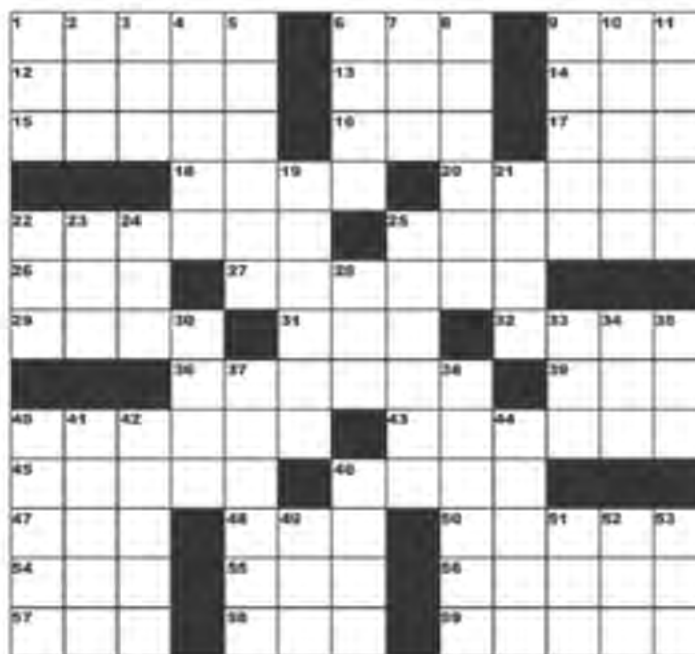
“Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers.”

The Diocese of Alexandria will participate in the Coast-to-Coast Rosary for Our Nation on Oct. 7.

**Avoyelles Deanery:**  
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St. Frances Cabrini Church  
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## The Cross Word

September 23  
and 30, 2018



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**Readings:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ja 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37 and Nm 11:25-29; Ja 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**ACROSS**

- 1 Tendon
- 6 'You fight & wage \_\_\_'
- 9 Brake system
- 12 Iranian's neighbor
- 13 Bull fight cheer
- 14 Millstone & cast into \_\_\_
- 15 Puzzle
- 16 Uncooked
- 17 'Do not cause little ones to \_\_\_'
- 18 Eve's husband
- 20 Proverb
- 22 'He does not \_\_\_ us'
- 25 Petition to God

26 'A \_\_\_ of water'

- 27 Illness
- 29 Am not
- 31 Cardinal color
- 32 Slant
- 36 The seventy \_\_\_
- 39 Before (prefix)
- 40 Researched essays
- 43 Engraved
- 45 Leases
- 46 Afloat
- 47 Cease
- 48 Sister for short
- 50 Freedom of the \_\_\_
- 54 Compass point
- 55 'End of season' acronym
- 56 Polish folk dance

- 57 Unhappy
- 58 Joshua's father
- 59 Mischievous

**DOWN**

- 1 Mr.
- 2 Wrath
- 3 Capture
- 4 Same as
- 5 The perfection of knowledge
- 6 Lives in Gehenna
- 7 Wing
- 8 A cup of water earns a \_\_\_
- 9 Test a metal ore
- 10 Light brown
- 11 Less crazy
- 19 Gives recognition
- 21 'Three \_\_\_ after his death'
- 22 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
- 23 French 'yes'
- 24 Licensed practical nurse
- 25 Priests' titles (Spanish)
- 28 Downwind
- 30 'Put the Just One to the \_\_\_'
- 33 Rate of speed
- 34 Before, poetically
- 35 Marry
- 37 Decrease
- 38 Dry grassy land
- 40 Two special ones stood in Eden
- 41 Reddish dye
- 42 Ceased
- 44 Christmas song
- 46 Association (abbr.)
- 49 Promissory note
- 51 Santa helper
- 52 Slide on snow
- 53 \_\_\_ Francisco

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## 10 takeaways for families from Pope Francis in 'Gaudete Et Exsultate'

The following is an English translation of the article on page 6.

By Brenda Drumm  
World Meeting of Families 2018

A new Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world was published by Pope Francis on Monday 9 April last. It is a wonderfully rich source of content for families. The exhortation is called '*Gaudete et Exsultate*' which translates as '*Rejoice and Be Glad*'.

Many commentators have described this new document as a guide to Christianity for the 21st century.

But, what are some of the takeaway points within it for families? Here are ten that have struck me as important for families:

### 1. Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis invites us to contemplate the holiness in those around us. He says:

"I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in

our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness". [GE 7]

### 2. Being holy does not mean you have to be a bishop!

Pope Francis says that we are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and bearing witness in everything we do. He says that to be holy does not mean that you have to be a bishop! He also encourages us to let the grace of our baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. He says:

"We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus." [GE 14]

### 3. The holiness that the Lord calls you to will grow through small gestures.

Pope Francis tells us that if we allow ourselves to be led by God's grace, we can shape the holiness God has willed for us by many small gestures. He offers some examples:

"A woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart:

"No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step." [GE 16]"

It's the little things in our daily family lives that count – the please, thank you and I'm sorry moments and the giving to each other of our time.

### 4. It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others.

How often do we see people sitting together but in silence because they have sought to isolate themselves from those they love? Pope Francis reminds us in this new document that growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others.

### 5. Modern technology and consumerism can often leave no room for God's voice.

In *Gaudete et Exsultate* Pope Francis says the presence of constantly new gadgets, the excitement of travel and an endless array of consumer goods at times leave no room for God's voice to be heard. He says that these distractions which are omnipresent in today's world also make us tend to absolutize our free time and give it over to ephemeral

pleasures. He asks us to be mindful of this and to focus on each minute of our lives as a step on the path to growing in holiness.

### 6. Do not be afraid of holiness or of going against the flow.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad* Pope Francis tells us we should not be afraid of holiness or of going against the flow with our faith which can be seen as countercultural. He says, "Holiness will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self." [GE 32]

### 7. Embrace the Beatitudes.

In *Gaudete et Exsultate* Pope Francis takes us through the Beatitudes one by one and offers us practical ways to apply them to our daily lives. He says, "The Beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. Let us listen once more to Jesus....let us allow his words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live." [GE 65, 66]

### 8. Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

How many of us received these words of advice from parents and grandparents as we were preparing for marriage? I know I certainly did! In *Rejoice and Be Glad* Pope Francis says, "If God is for us, who is against us? (Rom 8:31) – this is the source of peace found in the saints. Such inner strength makes it possible

for us in our fast paced, noisy and aggressive world, to give a witness of holiness through patience and constancy in doing good. We need to recognise and combat our aggressive and selfish inclinations and not let them take root." [GE 112, 114]

### 9. Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humour.

This takeaway from the document might be my favourite. We have heard Pope Francis speaking before about joy, laughter and a sense of humour. In *Rejoice and Be Glad* Pope Francis reminds us that God wants us to be positive, grateful and uncomplicated.


### 10. God is eternal newness.

Pope Francis tells us that a community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another, is a place where the risen Lord is present. He says, "God impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond. So, if we dare to go to the fringes, we will find him there."

Why not read passages of the document with your family and discuss what the Pope is inviting us to do – which put simply is – to Rejoice and Be Glad!

The World Meeting of Families was held Aug. 21-26 in Ireland. For more information, visit [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

To read *Gaudete Et Exsultate* online at no cost, visit Apostolic Exhortations at [w2.vatican.va](http://w2.vatican.va).



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**MEET OUR SEMINARIANS.** Above: The seminarians take turns introducing themselves at the supper held at Christ the King Church in Simmesport for the Avoyelles Deanery event on July 5. Seminarians pictured from left to right: Thomas Kennedy, Grant Rabalais, Derrick Rials, John Mohn, Matthew Bonner, John Upton, Jacob Cass, and David Keran.

## What is a Seminarian burse?

A seminary burse is a "named" portion of the seminary endowment trust fund. Burses are commonly "named" either by the person or persons who established them, or in memory of a priest or deceased loved one.

**How do seminarian burse contribute to the diocese's ongoing seminary formation?** Money donated to the seminary fund remains as untouched principal, while interest from the fund is used to pay for the diocese's annual cost of seminary formation. Currently, the interest from the fund pays about 20 percent of this expense, while the remainder is supplemented by funds raised during the Annual Diocesan Appeal, assessments from the parishes, and grants.

**When is a seminarian burse complete?** Typically, a burse is completed when its balance reaches \$15,000.00. This amount represented the total cost of educating a single seminarian back when the practice was first established, although today that cost has risen exponentially. Once a burse has reached \$15,000.00, a new burse may be opened if those who established the original wish to continue their donations.

**Who can establish and contribute to a seminarian burse?** Anyone is capable of establishing a burse and naming it as desired, and anyone can contribute simply by specifying the designated burse name when the contribution is made. Contributions may be mailed to the St. Joseph Catholic Center "Seminary Burse" at P.O. Box 7417, Alexandria, LA 71306.

**How is a seminarian burse established?** Anyone who is interested in establishing a new seminarian burse may contact the Business Office at 318-445-2401 ext. 215.

Each month the Church Today publishes a list of donors and receipts, and together we will watch the burse grow. It is our hope that each will attain the value of at least \$15,000.00.

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## Father Bruce Miller retires as judicial vicar Remains pastor of Sacred Heart

The Diocese of Alexandria announces the retirement of Father Bruce Miller from the position of Judicial Vicar of the Office of the Tribunal, effective Aug. 31.

A luncheon was held in Father Miller's honor on Aug. 30 at the St. Joseph Catholic Center and was attended by many of his fellow priests, friends, co-workers and canon law colleagues from across the country. Bishop David Talley expressed his appreciation and thanked Father Miller for his many years of dedicated service to the diocesan tribunal.

Fr. Miller has served as Judicial Vicar for the diocese since 1986, overseeing the Tribunal's operations and processes.

Born and raised in Alexandria, he is a 1969 graduate of Bolton High School. Father Miller was ordained a priest in 1977 and received his canon law degree from Catholic University in 1986.

During Miller's tenure as Judicial Vicar, he strived to organize and establish the Tribunal of the Diocese of Alexandria and introduced the clergy and laity to the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

He played a critical role in helping the Diocese to adapt to more recent significant changes, including the most recent update in procedural norms called *Mitis Iudex*, implemented in 2017 which further modified Pope Francis' new procedures that allowed a "declaration of invalid marital consent," (or commonly known

as an annulment) to require only a single judgment followed by a 15-day waiting period before individuals are free to marry.

As Judge, he has adjudicated 2,456 marriage cases in service to the faithful of the Diocese of Alexandria.

Among his many accomplishments: he translated into English the Apostolic Letter, *Moto Proprio*, of Holy Father Francis, *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*, for the benefit of the clergy and faithful of the English speaking world. He created a nationally recognized Marital Consent Inventory to facilitate the establishing of grounds to be used in tribunals for the adjudication of marriage cases. He was elected president of the Canon Law Society of America in 2015, and served with distinction both in the United States and in discussions at the Holy See. He has conducted countless canonical seminars and in-service teaching events for the benefit of the clergy and the laity, and has won the respect and esteem of canon lawyers, clergy, and laity throughout the Province of New Orleans and across the nation.

This past calendar year, the Office of the Tribunal heard 100 cases, the largest number ever. There are two reasons for this accomplishment: first, 2017 being the first full year in which the new *Mitis Iudex* procedural norms were implemented; and, secondly, Fr. Peter Faulk returned from



**FATHER BRUCE MILLER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION** for the gathering of colleagues at a luncheon held in his honor on Aug. 30. Father Miller retired as the Judicial Vicar for the diocese. He remains as pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Pineville and will continue to serve as a judge in the Tribunal for the Diocese of Alexandria.

Rome after receiving his degree in canon law and joined Fr. Bruce Miller and the Tribunal staff of Fr. Jim Ferguson, Defender of the Bond; Dr. Lee Kneipp, Clinical Psychologist; Ms. Pat Thomas, Moderator of the Tribunal; and Ms. Kathy Cole, transcriptionist.

Upon his return, Fr. Peter Faulk was appointed Adjutant Judicial Vicar which meant that he would become the judicial vicar upon Fr. Miller's retirement from that position and therefore, has subsequently been appointed as judicial vicar for the diocese.

As of this summer, the Tribunal was operating with no backlog of cases, an extraordinary accomplishment due in large part to the team that Fr. Miller formed during his many years as Judicial

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**CIRCA 1984.** Father Bruce Miller conducted a workshop during which vendors were invited to demonstrate their hardware and software which eventually led to the selection of a diocesan-wide parish and school customer relations management software system (CRM) as it is now known.

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**NOW JUDICIAL VICAR EMERITUS.** A recent photo of Father Bruce Miller busy in his Tribunal office carefully reviewing case files.

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Vicar.

Fr. Miller stated that he has much more time now to devote to his parish and sees there is much work to do and is looking forward to it.

Representatives from the Office of the Tribunal would like to remind those within the

Diocese that the services offered through the Tribunal are offered completely free of charge.

Those services include: adjudicating cases related to the invalidity of marriages by judicial personnel and directed by the Judicial Vicar, as delegated by the executive authority of the Bishop. All judicial functions of the Tribunal are done in accordance

with Church Law (Canon Law) such as the issuing of permissions and dispensations so that faithful Catholics can participate fully and vigorously in the life of the Church.

In addition, the new procedures implemented in 2017 are permanent, and reduce the time that cases take, which currently is approximately six months. All should also be reminded that the reasons why marriages are declared invalid have not changed, only the procedures used in arriving at such a judgment.

Specific forms and information concerning the entire annulment process can be found on the Diocese website at [www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese-tribunal-marriage-annulments](http://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese-tribunal-marriage-annulments).

"We celebrate the many years of service by which Fr. Miller organized and directed the Diocesan Tribunal with remarkable precision and an untiring pursuit of excellence. His professionalism,

talent, organizational and administrative prowess made him a known and influential figure in Church circles on a national and international level, even unto being consulted by the Roman Rota, the Apostolic Signatura as well as other Vatican offices. His leadership and accomplishments give us an example of a priest who is, as the Italian saying goes, 'a true son of the Church'."



**Father Peter Faulk, JCL, JV**  
Judicial Vicar

## CHILDREN

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The office is also responsible for processing criminal history checks on all clergy, religious, and laity who have contact with minors. According to Delrie, when an adult wants to volunteer for a school, church, or other organization within the Diocese, that person must first speak to the Pastor, principal, or coordinator of that program, receive a background check form to complete and return to the Safe Environment Office, and attend a VIRTUS Safe Environment training before they are allowed to begin volunteering.

Delrie explains that background check forms must be completed and signed by the Pastor or Principal, and submitted to the Safe Environment Office at the number on the form. Individuals must also register online for a VIRTUS training, held once every four to eight weeks, and remain up to date with all training bulletins. The Diocese undergoes a paper audit yearly, and an on-site audit every three years to confirm compliance with these procedures. Additional information concerning the Safe Environment program for the Diocese of Alexandria, including upcoming VIRTUS training dates, can be found at [www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/safe-environment](http://www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/safe-environment).

The diocesan Review Board works hand-in-hand with the Bishop's Office as well as the Office of Safe Environment to ensure that all protocols are in place to protect and provide for victims. The Review Board and Office of Safe Environment encourage any victims of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, church worker, or volunteer for the Diocese of Alexandria to make a report with their local law enforcement. "We hope there aren't any more victims, but if there are, we want them to have the strength and courage to come forward," states Gremillion. Anyone aware of allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, church worker, or volunteer of the Diocese of Alexandria is encouraged to report these allegations first to their local law enforcement or to Louisiana Child Abuse hotline, then to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Lee Kneipp.

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# Summer is a time for celebrations!



**BISHOP TALLEY MOVES INTO BISHOP'S RESIDENCE.** In an amazing sign of Christ-centered fellowship and service, many from the ACTS retreat community as well as several others from around the Diocese undertook the challenge of moving Bishop Talley's belongings from the Cathedral, where he had been living, and into the Bishop's residence in Alexandria. **Pictured above left:** members of the ACTS retreat community pose together on moving day. **Pictured above right:** The pre-cleaning crew who prepped the Bishop's residence to be ready for the moving crew.



**MASS OF HEALING.** On Sunday, Sept. 2, Bishop David Talley celebrated a Mass of Healing at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Bishop's homily focused on the Lord's goodness and our need to lift up in prayer those children, teens, and adults who have been sexually abused by clergy.

**KC INSTALLATION (Echo).** The Knights of Columbus Council #9294 of St. Frances de Sales in Echo celebrated their installation and family night on Saturday, Aug. 4. Pictured above left: Derek Guillory was awarded Knight of the Year. Pictured above right: Ronald and Janis Lacombe were awarded Family of the Year.



**T-BALL TOURNAMENT.** On Aug. 10-11, St. Mary's Assumption (Cottonport) Parent/Teacher Organization and St. Joseph School (Plaucheville) Eagle Nation Athletics hosted the first Teaming Up To Fly High T-ball Tournament and Jambalaya Cook-off. The tournament was open to three age groups for a total of 17 teams.

**CABRINI SCHOOL BLESSES NEW BUILDING.** St. Frances Cabrini School (Alexandria) has been committed to providing a quality Catholic education in the Alexandria area for the past 70 years, and hopes to continue this tradition for many more years to come. The new Incarnate Word Early Childhood Development Center is a longtime dream that has finally become a reality, consisting of six new classrooms housing the Pre-K and kindergarten programs. An open house was held on Sept. 7 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. In the past five years, the school has doubled in enrollment with over 290 enrolled this year.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.** Forty-two members of the Knights of Columbus were exemplified into the Fourth Degree on Aug. 11. Knights from the northern section of the State met in Alexandria for the ceremony, sponsored by Msgr. Piegay Assembly, St. Francis Cabrini Church, Alexandria. The Fourth Degree is the highest rank in the Knights of Columbus and is the Patriotic arm of the organization. **Pictured above:** Sir Knight Mike Menou, Faithful Navigator of the Natchitoches Assembly, Dr. Nick Governale, newly installed member and Sir Knight Bobby Scott, also of Natchitoches.



**KC INSTALLATION, ST. RITA CHURCH (alexandria).** The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Msgr. Piegay Assembly #328 of St. Rita Church installed their new officers on July 15. Installation of elected officers occurs every two years and at that time, they also select someone to honor as "Clergy of the Year". This year they chose to honor Bishop David Talley. **Pictured above:** Faithful Navigator, Mr. Richard Murray, presented Bishop Talley with the award.



**NEW ST. MARY'S SCHOOL COACH.** Trent Friedel introduced the new head football coach for St. Mary's School, Natchitoches, to members of the Knights of Columbus at their monthly family social. Mr. Aaron York spoke of his personal history, how he ended up in Natchitoches, and his plans for the team. **Pictured above:** Trent Friedel, Fr. Luke LaFleur, Aaron York, and Grand Knight Michael Yankowski.



**SAINT MARGARET MISSION (Gorum) CELEBRATES 140 YEARS.** St. Margaret Mission Church in Gorum celebrated its 140th anniversary as a parish on Aug. 19. Fr. Dan Cook celebrated Mass, with Deacon Bill Endris proclaiming the Gospel and offering the homily.



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL MASS (Natchitoches).** St. Mary's School, Natchitoches welcomed students back to school on Aug. 14. **Pictured:** Varsity athletes, spirit group members, and coaches attended Mass on Friday morning at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, as a standing tradition for athletes on game days. Friday night, the school hosted its annual steak supper and football kickoff scrimmage.



**KNIGHTS DONATE TO WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER (Natchitoches).** The Natchitoches Knights of Columbus Council #1357 is a Diamond Sponsor of the Women's Resource Center and their Annual Gala Fundraiser. Serving women in this area since 1989, the Knights support their pro-life efforts and pregnancy medical help. **Pictured left to right:** Joe Roque, KC Trustee and Women's Resource Center Board member; Jason Methvin, KC Advocate; Dr. David Thibodaux, KC Member; Sheryl Hatcher, Women's Resource Center Executive Director; John Scott, KC Member; and Mike Menou, Navigator of the KC Fourth Degree.



**SAINT PETER CLAVER CELEBRATION, ST. JULIANA (Alexandria).** North Central District V Knights and Ladies Auxiliary celebrated St. Peter Claver at St. Juliana on Sunday, Sept. 9 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. St. Juliana Council and Court #268 hosted the event. Celebrant was Fr. Jose Robles Sanchez, pastor. Following the Mass, a luncheon was held, with guest speaker Lady Michelle C. Jackson. Theme: "Rediscovering God's Call to: Unity and Friendship Through Claverism". **Pictured left to right:** Fr. Jose, Paul Desselle, Jr. (District V President), Corey Jean-Louis (LA State Deputy), Reginald Berry ( LA State Conference President), Vincent White (LA State Conference Secretary) and Charles Scott (District V Board Member).

## Diocese renews commitment to Protecting God's Children

By Cari Terracina  
Publications Manager

Protecting God's Children, a comprehensive safe environment program for adults designed to prevent child sexual abuse, continues in all schools, churches, and organizations throughout the Diocese of Alexandria. As the church as a whole continues to process the information of the recent clerical abuse scandals, Bishop Talley, diocesan clergy, and other leaders in the diocese have renewed their attentiveness to meeting the challenges that past sinful and criminal behavior have created.

The VIRTUS program which is a component of The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc., is required for all clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children. Through ongoing training, employees, volunteers, and concerned adults learn about the nature, extent, and impact of child sexual abuse, and the five steps necessary to prevent it:

- Know the warning signs;
- Control who has access to children;
- Monitor all programs;
- Be aware of your children;
- Communicate your concerns.

In addition, the Diocese has established policies and procedures designed to provide for the safety of children, the wellbeing of the community, and the integrity of

the Church to include:

- **Engaging the services of a victim's assistance coordinator.** The Diocese of Alexandria's victim's assistance coordinator is Dr. Lee Kneipp, Clinical Psychologist, who can be reached at (318) 542-9805.

- **Implementation of a safe environment program.** The Diocese of Alexandria has implemented the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults program, as well as the recently renamed Empowering God's Children program in all schools, churches, and organizations throughout the diocese.

- **Expanding the role of the diocesan Permanent Review Board.**

- **Distribution of the code of Pastoral Conduct and the Diocese of Alexandria Child Sexual Abuse Policies** to all employees and all volunteers who work with children.

- **Requiring criminal background checks** as part of the application and screening process for employees and volunteers who work with children.

"Bishop Talley has been proactive since his initial arrival in the Diocese, working to ensure that all allegations are reviewed, and the Diocese is in complete compliance with all Safe Environment policies," said Chad Gremillion, chairman of the Diocese of Alexandria Review

Board. The main role of the Review Board, says Gremillion, is to ensure that all allegations are investigated and to ensure that the Diocese is in compliance with all Safe Environment policies according to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The Charter, established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002, is a comprehensive set of policies used to address allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse. The Charter was most recently

revised in June of this year, and directs action in all of the following manners:

- Creating a safe environment for children and young people;
- Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors;
- Making prompt and effective response to allegations;
- Cooperating with civil authorities;
- Disciplining offenders;
- and providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem continues to be effectively dealt with through the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection and the National Review Board.

According to Gremillion, the

Review Board meets once every three months, and is composed of lay members as well as clergy. Bishop Talley presents information concerning any allegations or Safe Environment policies, and the Review Board makes recommendations to the Bishop. There are currently no cases or allegations under review.

Pam Delrie serves as the Coordinator of the Safe Environment program for the Diocese, providing educational resources for children, clergy, religious, and laity (employees and volunteers) in the prevention and recognition of child abuse.

See CHILDREN, page 11

### Promise to Protect - Pledge to Heal

If you or a family member has been abused or victimized by a member of Catholic clergy or a representative of the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility of hope, help, and healing.

How to report sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric or church worker/volunteer of the Diocese of Alexandria:

First, call your local law enforcement agency.  
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# Evangelizing, caring for others at core of deacons' vocation, nuncio says

By Peter Finney, Jr.  
Catholic News Service

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — The core vocational work of permanent deacons is to evangelize and care for others, not to perform office duties, the apostolic nuncio to the United States said July 22 to more than 1,300 deacons attending the 2018 National Diaconate Congress in New Orleans.

In his post-Communion remarks at the opening Mass of the five-day gathering, Archbishop Christophe Pierre noted that St. John Paul II had declared that the “service of diaconal ministry finds its identity in evangelization.”

“Not (in) doing office work,” but in “evangelizing,” Archbishop Pierre said.

The opening Mass was celebrated in a ballroom holding 2,200 seats. Of the 18,500 permanent deacons in the U.S. — who represent more than half the worldwide total — 1,300 permanent deacons were attending the July 22-26 conference, along with their wives and children, for a record total of 2,800 attendees.

“I’m quite amazed to see so many deacons and wives of deacons,” the nuncio said, as his message from the altar was displayed to the far reaches of the room on two oversized video screens.

Recalling the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the permanent diaconate in



**2018 NATIONAL DIACONATE CONGRESS, NEW ORLEANS.** The diocese was well represented at the 2018 National Diaconate Congress held in New Orleans on July 22-26. This year, the Congress celebrated the 50th anniversary of the renewal of the Order of Diaconate as a permanent ordained ministry of the Catholic Church in the United States. The theme this year was “Christ the Servant: Yesterday, Today and Forever.” The 2018 Congress was planned by NADD with support of the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations and the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Pictured are: Father Dan O’Connor, Bishop David Talley, Deacon Richard Mitchell and his wife Nicki, Deacon Gary Schupbach and his wife Diane, Deacon Bill Endris and his wife Florence and Deacon Bill Aldridge and his wife Renee.

the Latin-rite church by Blessed Paul VI through his 1968 “*motu proprio*” (on his own initiative) titled “*Sacrum Diaconatus Ordinem*,” Archbishop Pierre lauded the permanent deacons for their humble service of charity, proclaiming the word and leading

the faith community in prayer.

He echoed Pope Francis’ remarks that defined permanent deacons as “pioneers of the new civilization of love.”

“This is Christ’s call, isn’t it?” Archbishop Pierre asked. “Don’t forget, the job is Jesus’. Otherwise, it is your job, your work, right? No. The work is Christ’s. It is one thing to serve at the altar. It is another to be an evangelizing force in the world.

“In my travels throughout the United States, I’ve seen how permanent deacons continue to serve through their hard work and generous service. Deacons have been able co-workers with their bishops, priests and laity in many dimensions of ecclesial life, especially the apostolate works.”

Archbishop Pierre praised the deacons for their works, especially in hospital ministry. He also said the church as a whole must do more to prepare couples for marriage and to enrich the marriages of those already married.

“We should invest more in marriage preparation,” he said.

Archbishop Pierre offered the personal greetings of Pope Francis and said the permanent diaconate has “flourished” in the last half-century, “particularly here in the United States, where nearly 18,500 permanent deacons carry out their threefold diaconal ‘munera’ of word, charity and liturgy.”

He asked the deacons and their wives to reflect on the words of dismissal at Mass, often spoken by the deacon — “Go forth, the Mass is ended”; “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord”; “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life”; “Go in peace.”

“Share the peace of Christ with all those you meet — your family first — your friends and even your enemies,” Archbishop Pierre said. “Be instruments of the gift of peace. Thank you and thanks be to God for you and your service to the church and for all those who have supported you.”

In his homily at the opening Mass, New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond stressed

the deacon’s role in being the “conscience” of the church in matters of service to the poor and disenfranchised.

“All Christians are called to charity by their baptism, but deacons lead us as a church in the works of charity,” he said. “We look to you in some ways as the conscience of the church. We ask you to find those who are in need and to invite us to serve them. And when we forget them or fail to be people of charity as a church, we ask you to be our conscience and to call us back to what God asks.”

**The Diocese of Alexandria was well represented at the 2018 National Diaconate Congress held in New Orleans this past July. Bishop Talley also accepted fifteen men to begin their discernment and formation for the diaconate, with formal formation beginning mid-August.**

For more information concerning the Diaconate Program, please contact Deacon Richard Mitchell at 318-445-2401 x 206 or [dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org).

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## Six Tips for a Healthy and Happy Marriage

By Kate Wicker  
Visit her blog at  
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CNA - Six-and-a-half years ago I was a blushing bride dreaming of her happily ever after. After enduring a rigorous marital boot camp at my church's Pre-Cana program, I thought I knew a lot about love and marriage.

I knew squat.

I admit I still know fairly little, but I like to think I've learned a thing or two. So today, I'm sharing my tips for a healthy and happy marriage. No oversized stuffed animals bearing red hearts required.

### 1. Keep a sense of humor.

For our sixth anniversary, my husband Dave and I took what we thought was going to be a relaxing trip to the beach to celebrate our marriage. First mistake: We brought our little ones with us. Turns out the kids' idea of relaxing is a bit different than our own. The baby boycotted sleep, and three-year-old Madeline decided to revert back to her pre-potty training ways, resulting in a stomachache and a clingy and needy preschooler.

On the way home, the baby started sobbing, even though we'd just stopped so I could nurse her, and Madeline was saying she was hungry -- again. I smiled in spite of it and said to Dave, "Happy anniversary! Don't you feel so refreshed and eager to start your work week?" We both burst out laughing. Then we started singing silly songs as a family and both kids and parents stopped fussing and were happy.

Dave and I have learned to laugh at silly stuff, things

we can't control (antsy babies, constipated preschoolers) as well as more serious things. Sometimes laughing -- even through the tears -- is all you can do when life deals you a rotten hand. It's all in how you play the cards, so we always try to keep smiling poker faces.

### 2. Be forgiving of each others' wrongs and failures.

I'm not perfect, and neither is Dave. We're two imperfect human beings trying to perfect our love for one another, which means we fail -- sometimes a lot. I've learned to not sweat the small stuff and to even overlook it most of the time. Does it really matter that Dave still doesn't know where the colander goes and that I have to hunt for it a little longer? If I can't find it, then doesn't that mean he unloaded the dishwasher for me?

At the end of the day, we've had to learn to love and to accept one another as we are and to leave any big changing that needs to be done in God's hands.

### 3. Recognize that marriage has its ups and downs.

I'm a hopeless romantic. Always have been. I like to be spontaneous when it comes to love and to read Shakespearean love sonnets, to listen to the likes of Air Supply, and to be surprised with notes or flowers for no other reason than "just because I love you."

This is all well and good, and sometimes it happens. But in the context of a marriage with kids and more kids, this isn't always possible. Sometimes spontaneous love fests just ain't gonna happen. So we schedule at-home date nights and hope the kids will stay in bed long enough for us to gaze



**NO MARRIAGE CAN FAIL IF JESUS IS INVITED TO BE AT ITS CENTER.** This young couple attended a recent event at St. Rita Holy Family Center with their two boys. A strong marriage not only helps you succeed in other areas of life, but when their parents love each other and frequently show that love, it helps kids to feel more loved and secure.

into one another's eyes for a few seconds -- or to watch our latest Netflix selection.

Marriage isn't always rosy and romantic. It's downright hard sometimes. Some days I feel like a crazy, lovesick teenager -- and others I feel completely stressed or exhausted or both. Romantic love is wonderful, but it's not enough to sustain a marriage. As Mother Teresa said, it's not real love until it hurts. "True love" is really about making the decision to put someone else's needs above your own.

Love is ultimately a decision. (Never thought a romantic, touchy-feely person like myself would ever say that.) I have made the decision to love Dave for better or worse. Thankfully, there's been a lot more of the "better" for us.

### 4. Always put your marriage first.

Marriage needs to take

priority over work and your kids. This sounds like a no-brainer, but it's so easy to let your dearly beloved take the backseat when you're worn out from caring for kids all day. Similarly, some men (and women, too) can get so wrapped up in their work and future ambitions that they have little time for their spouses. But the best gift you can give to your marriage -- and to your children -- is to love your spouse and to put him or her first. A strong marriage not only helps you succeed in other areas of life, but when their parents love each other and frequently show that love, it helps kids to feel more loved and secure.

### 5. Be cheerful when your spouse comes home from work.

This is a tough one for me. I'm often more than ready for reinforcements when Dave comes home after a long day, and I'm

tempted to hand off the kids and beat a hasty retreat. Other days I'll immediately start venting about how tough my own day was. But what I strive to do is to greet Dave like Christ when he comes home each evening. I try (although I frequently fail -- and he loves me in spite of it; see tip No. 2) to rein in the impulse to emotionally dump on him, and instead to give him a hug and to ask, "How was your day?" This helps to set the tone for the entire evening.

### 6. Never underestimate the power of prayer and the sacraments.

The best thing I can do when my marriage feels like it's hurting -- or even when we're basking in bliss -- is to have confidence in the graces I receive through prayer and the sacraments. No marriage can fail if we invite Jesus to be at its center.

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# Fall Fairs and Festivals

**• Oct. 12-14: St. Augustine Church, Isle Breville**

St. Augustine Church will host their Annual Fair Creole cuisine, culture, and history. Festivities begin with a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 12 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and music by DJ Butchie Wutchie. Saturday and Sunday events include music by DJ Doc Couty, kids games, country store, bingo, Creole foods including chicken gumbo, turkey dinners, meat pies, hot tamales, home-baked goods and more. For more information, call the church at (318) 379-2521 or Chad Nelson at (318) 663-8585 or depnelson@yahoo.com, or Dianne Moran at (318) 471-4339.

**• Oct. 5-7: Holy Ghost/St. Richards Fall Fair**

Holy Ghost Church/St. Richards Chapel, Marksville, will hold their Fall Fair Oct. 5-7. Activities include: Country Store/Garage Sale Friday through Sunday, October 5-7; Red beans & rice dinner with fried chicken, corn bread and coleslaw at \$7.00 per plate Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Gift Bingo after 4:00 p.m. Mass (Cash and a variety of new gifts). Sunday, Oct. 7, Pork & chicken dinners, Cake and Sweet Sale, Special Bingo at 3:00 p.m. Raffle drawing will be immediately following the Bingo Games.

**• Oct. 13-14: St. Joseph School Fair, Plaquemine**

Begins Saturday, Oct. 13 after 4:30 p.m. Mass with fun jumps and an obstacle course (\$5 wristbands are required), kids games, burgers, tornado potatoes, boudin, cracklins, funnel cakes, fried oreos and more, 50 cent Bingo, KC fish fry at \$7 per plate, live music and more until 11:00 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 14 doors open at 9:00 a.m. for more kids fun and games, cochon de lait dinner at \$9 per plate begins at 10:00 a.m., live music, raffle, prizes, and more. until 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ashley DeSoto at (318) 922-3401 or adesoto@sjsplaquemine.org.

**• Oct. 20: A Taste of Creole, Alexandria**

St. Juliana Church will host the 13th annual Taste of Creole Night on Friday, Oct. 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Church Activity Building, 900 Dasptit St., Alexandria. Join us for a night of Creole food tasting, entertainment, and fun for the whole family. For more information, call (318) 445-6700.

**• Oct. 26-27: Cabrini Fest, Alexandria**

Cabrini Fest will be held Oct. 26 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. and Oct. 27 from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Games, booths, rock wall, zip line, talent show, bingo, music and more! The Halloween Glow Run will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26. Kids wear costumes and receive glow necklaces to run! For more information, call Liz Hines at 318-448-3333.

**• Oct. 27: Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Alexandria**

Its time for the annual OLPS Fall Fest! Gates open at 10:00 a.m. with fun and games for all ages! Don't forget to check out the Silent Auction and Sweet Shoppe in the Divine Providence Center, along with the entertainment and Talent Show at the main stage throughout the day. We will also have plenty of food cooked by the OLPS Knights of Columbus for lunch. The day will come to a close when we give praise and thanks at outdoor Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Visit [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org) for updated fair dates and information.

## Grandparents Have Special Role in Families: Evangelizing

By Dan Russo  
Catholic News Service

WAVERLY, Iowa (CNS) -- Now more than ever, grandparents have an essential role in their families, particularly when it comes to passing on the faith to future generations.

"We had to realize that while society doesn't value grandparents, God does," said Crystal Crocker, to a group of about 120 people at St. Mary Church in Waverly, Iowa. "You're needed. You still have a job to do."

Crocker, director of the Office of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, was the keynote speaker at a daylong conference Aug. 25 called "Grandparenting: Leaving a Legacy of Faith" -- the first event of its kind in the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Crocker is known for spearheading one of the first diocesan ministries in the nation focused on grandparents. She realized it was necessary to reach out to the elder members of the church because of the unique wisdom they can provide their families.

"You have to be a spiritual grandparent," urged Crocker. "Our goal is to get our children and grandchildren to heaven."

She spoke to the conference participants in the morning and afternoon on God's call to grandparents and on passing on a legacy of faith. The day also featured Mass with Dubuque Archbishop Michael O. Jackels and three breakout sessions that focused on tough questions facing grandparents such as: What do you do if your adult children have stopped practicing their faith?

Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison, two pioneers in grandparenting ministry in the archdiocese, were joined by other archdiocesan church leaders: Mary Pedersen, director of Adult Faith Formation, and Matt Selby, director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, in leading breakout sessions. The Aitchisons have written a six-session small group program for grandparents called "The Grand Adventure: A New Call to Grandparenting," based on their experience with



**GRANDPARENTING: LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH.** Deacon Gary Aitchison and his wife, Kay, pose Aug. 25 with a photo of their grandchildren. The couple spoke about a ministry for grandparents they started at St. Cecilia Parish in Ames, Iowa, during a conference called "Grandparenting: Leaving a Legacy of Faith," at St. Mary Church in Waverly. (CNS photo/Dan Russo)

the Christian Family Movement.

"Fifty-four percent of Americans over 50 are grandparents," said Deacon Aitchison.

"We like to think that grandparents are blessings and anchors to our grandchildren," his wife added.

In his homily, Archbishop Jackels shared some of his own experiences with family members who are not practicing the faith, saying that he could identify with many at the conference as one of six children who were raised Catholic.

"I'm the only one who still goes to church," he said.

He encouraged people to show people the truth and power of Jesus' love by their own actions.

"The wagging finger doesn't work so well with adult children," said the archbishop. "The most effective thing is the example, the imitation of Christ."

Some of the attendees, like Jill and Dean Rowell of St. Isidore Parish in Springville, were brand new grandparents.

"We have a 3-month-old grandson," said Jill. "Our son did have his baby baptized, but they

aren't actively attending Mass, so we're hoping to hear some ideas on how to encourage him and our grandson in faith and knowing God."

During his session, Selby, a convert to Catholicism from evangelical Protestantism, offered guidance on reaching out to adult children and other family members.

"Don't blame yourself," said Selby. "There's free will involved. You've got to recognize their free will and don't beat yourself up."

He and Crocker offered several practical "do's and don'ts," when reaching out to adult children and other family members who are not practicing their faith.

Both speakers emphasized the importance of prayer, fasting and sacrificing for children and grandchildren. They also offered this tip: Let parents be parents.

"Let the parents discipline and you can come in and be the consoler," said Crocker. "Understand that it's tough to be a parent. You can continue to influence, but you no longer have control. We can't change people. God can change them."

# Fall Confirmations

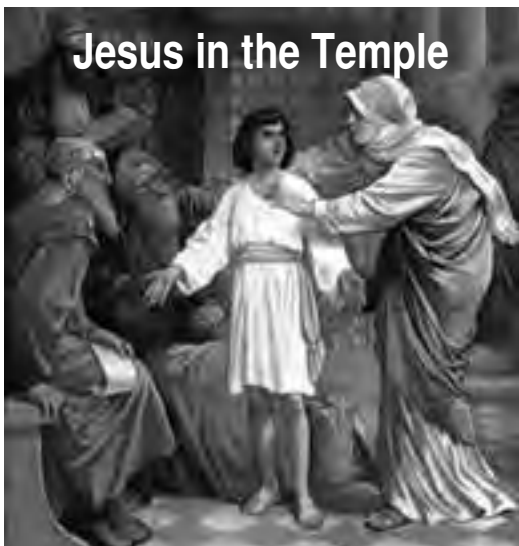


**CONFIRMATION, ST. JULIANA CHURCH (Alexandria).** Four Parishioners were confirmed by Bishop David Talley on Sunday, Sept. 2 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Fr. Jose Robles Sanchez, pastor and Deacon Richard Mitchell assisted.



**CONFIRMATION, NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Campti).** Four were confirmed by Bishop David Talley on Sunday, Sept. 9.



### Jesus in the Temple

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**CAMPUS MINISTRY AT LOUISIANA COLLEGE AND LSU-ALEXANDRIA.** Above left: Students gather at Louisiana College for a meeting with Fr. Walter Ajaero and campus Minister Lynn Ray. Above right: Students gather at the LSU-Alexandria Catholic Student Organization "Welcome to the Center" dinner.

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# SEEK2019 inspires desire to *Encounter Something More*

DENVER — The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) will host SEEK2019: *Encounter Something More* Jan. 3-7, 2019, in Indianapolis. SEEK is a five-day event where people gather to ask the big questions about life, love and true happiness. Registration is now open at [www.seek2019.com](http://www.seek2019.com).

College students from across the country will be challenged and inspired through the Collegiate Track by nationally-recognized speakers who will discuss hot topics relevant to young adults on campus. Chaplains and campus ministers will participate in the Campus Ministry Track to receive insight and encouragement to create dynamic and fruitful college campus ministries. SEEK2019 will include daily opportunities for Mass, adoration, confession, reflection and discernment. Highlighted entertainment will be comedian Michael Jr., along with Sarah Kroger and FOCUS Collective.

“SEEK2017 allowed the Lord



**JANUARY 2016 HOLY CROSS CSO (Natchitoches) STUDENTS** and a group from Monroe, travelled to San Antonio for the Jan. 3-7 biennial SEEK conference.

to bring me closer to the love in His most Sacred Heart,” said Jonathan Hare, a student of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. “The speakers gave me tools to grow closer to Christ. The talk by Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V., changed my life. We take many things for granted. SEEK helped me open my eyes to finding joy in small things, like walking to class or talking with a friend.”

Keynote speakers for SEEK2019 include Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V., Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Leah Darrow, Jason Evert, Jennifer Fulwiler, Dr. Scott Hahn, Curtis Martin, Dr. Edward Sri and Chris Stefanick.

Many other world-renowned Catholic speakers will share on current faith issues, including Archbishop Charles Chaput,

O.F.M., Bishop James Conley, Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Crystalina Evert, Matt Fradd, Paul J. Kim, Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Lila Rose, Sarah Swafford, George Weigel and Emily Wilson.

FOCUS events have welcomed more than 61,000 attendees since the inaugural National Conference held in 1999, where 25 students came together. Nearly 13,000 attendees came to SEEK2017, including students and chaplains from more than 500 campuses. Close to 300 priests concelebrated daily Mass, and priests heard more than 5,000 confessions over the course of the five-day event.

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) was founded in 1998 and invites college students into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship and friendships in which they lead others to do the same. Tens of thousands of students have been

involved with FOCUS, who after graduation have the opportunity to move into parish life to continue their missionary work. Within this number, 732 have made decisions to pursue Catholic religious vocations. FOCUS missionaries are typically recent college graduates who devote two or more years of their post-collegiate lives to reach out to peers on campus. To learn more, visit us at [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org).

**For more information on campus ministry events for college students, contact:**

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## Keep your Catholic faith alive! Sign up today for Religious Education Classes

### Catechism (CCD) Classes:

Catechism class (or CCD: Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) is a parish-based religious education program for Catholic children (grades K-12) attending public schools. These classes not only educate children about Jesus and the Catholic faith, but prepare children to receive the sacraments, and are considered by Vatican officials to be vital to children's development as Catholics.

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The sacrament of Confirmation is conferred on baptized individuals who have the desire to deepen and strengthen the union between God and their soul through the powers of the Holy Spirit, as was once granted to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Generally, Confirmation classes begin for students who are entering the 10th grade.

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. The RCIA process involves a number of stages punctuated by liturgical rites to aid and assist the potential convert toward the final rite at the Easter Vigil, at which time they will become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The entire process takes several months, but participants are invited to proceed at a pace that suits them individually.


### Volunteer to help!

At most churches, CCD, First Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA education are provided by both members of the clergy and lay staff. Parishes are almost always in need of qualified persons to teach these classes. To volunteer, you must be a practicing Catholic with a strong background in the Catholic faith. All volunteers in the Diocese of Alexandria must be certified in the VIRTUS Safe Environment program. Resource materials are provided for volunteers as well.

To sign up for any of the above religious education classes, or to volunteer to help, please contact your church parish office or your nearest Catholic church. Contact information for all churches can be found at [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org).

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## Brother Andre' Lucia, FSE dies Served 50 years in Plaquemine

Brother Andre' Lucia, FSE, passed away on Sunday, August 19, at the Riviere de Soleil Community Care Center. He spent 50 of his 53 years of religious ministry in Plaquemine. Prior to that time, he served at Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen, Don Bosco Boys Home in Cottonport at St. Mary School in Cottonport, and St. Anthony School in Bunkie.

He was born Rodney Anthony Lucia, but most knew him as Brother Andre' - the name he assumed when he joined the Brothers of the Holy Eucharist at the age of 17. Brother Andre' was a graduate of Warren Easton High School, received his Bachelor's Degree from St. Mary's Dominican and his Master's Degree from Loyola

University of New Orleans. The New Orleans native arrived at St. Joseph in March, 1967, after the Brothers of the Holy Eucharist assumed operation of the school. He loved the faculty, staff, and students at St. Joe's, and they were all such a big part of his life.

Lucia became the elementary principal in 1980, and overall school principal in 1985. In 2001, he was appointed the school's president when Brother Augustine Brian Kozdroj became principal.

All services were held Thursday, August 23 at Mater Dolorosa Church in Plaquemine. Brother Andre is interred at Metairie Lake Lawn Cemetery in New Orleans.



### SR. ANITA BIANCHINI, OLS RETIRES

Bishop David Talley celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Rita Church on Sunday, June 3 to celebrate Sister Anita Bianchini, OLS. Sister Anita celebrated her 80th anniversary of Religious Life this year, as well as her 99th birthday!



### SR. KATERI MITCHELL RETIRES

On Sept. 1, friends and colleagues gathered to wish Sr. Kateri Mitchell farewell as she retired from 20 years as Executive Director of the National Tekakwitha Conference. Sr. Kateri is a member of the Sisters of Saint Anne and member of the Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne (adjacent to New York State and Quebec Province).

From 1998-2017, she served as the longest serving Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference, a Catholic Native American association. In 2014, she moved its national center from Great Falls, MT to Alexandria, LA, where it secured a permanent home.

### Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, a religious association of the Roman Catholic Church composed primarily of lay persons and accepted diocesan clergy, meets every second Saturday of the month at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville. "Discalced Carmelite Seculars come from all walks of life, from every level of education and from every type of work," said Deacon Bill Travis, one of its members. "We are Catholic laypersons over the age of 18 (married or unmarried) or ordained diocesan priests or deacons." They practice contemplative prayer while living lives of charity in their common occupations, and profess a promise to the Order to live according to the Rule of St. Albert and the OCDS Constitutions and to live a life of chastity, poverty, and obedience, and to live the beatitudes according to their lay state of life. Anyone interested in more information, is invited to join the Secular Order on any second Saturday of the month at Maryhill Renewal Center, or to call Mary Jo McCoy, president, at (318) 481-9638 or (318) 346-6860.

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**St. Mary's Greco Bowl – Sept. 19**

The annual St. Mary's Greco Bowl, hosted by Chef John Folse, will be Sept. 19 from 6:00-9:30 p.m. at Los Pinos Events Center in Forest Hill. The event will feature a cooking demonstration and live and silent auction with charity auctioneer Chuck Mutz. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Residential Training School. Tickets \$75 per person. Please contact 318-445-6443 or [www.stmarysalexandria.org](http://www.stmarysalexandria.org) for more information.

**Red Mass – Sept. 21**

The Red Mass honoring our judicial officials, attorneys and others in the field will be held Sept. 21 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Beginning Experience - Sept. 21-23**

Hope for a new beginning for divorced, widowed, or separated people. Register now for a weekend away toward a lifetime of change at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville, LA on Sept. 21-23. This program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. Cost is \$185.00, which includes two nights' lodging and meals. To register or for more information, call Pam at 318-201-5205 or Anna at 318-452-2678.

**CENLA Magnificat Brunch - Sept. 22**

CENLA Magnificat will host a brunch from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Merci Beaucoup Restaurant on Church Street in Natchitoches. Guest speaker will be Dcn. Jeff Chapman who will share his testimony. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for open seating. Must pre-register. For more information or to make a reservation, contact CENLA Magnificat at [cenlamagnificat@gmail.com](mailto:cenlamagnificat@gmail.com) or visit the CENLA Magnificat website.

**Celebration of Life Fundraising Gala - Sept. 27**

The Women's Resource Center/Pregnancy Help Medical Clinic will hold its annual fundraiser gala Sept. 27 at the Natchitoches Events Center. Keynote speaker will be Gordon Douglas. Tickets \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance, no sales at the door. Call (318) 357-8888 or text (318) 527-0010 for more information.

**Holy Ghost/St. Richards Fall Fair - Oct. 5-7**

Holy Ghost Church/St. Richards Chapel, Marksville, will hold their Fall Fair Oct. 5-7. Activities include: Country Store/Garage Sale Friday through Sunday, October 5-7; Red beans & rice dinner with fried chicken, corn bread and coleslaw at \$7.00 per plate Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Gift Bingo after 4:00 p.m. Mass (Cash and a variety of new gifts). Sunday, Oct. 7, Pork & chicken dinners prepared by the Barbeque Men and Women. Cake and Sweet Sale, Special Bingo at 3:00 p.m. The raffle drawing will be immediately following the Bingo Games.

**DIOCESAN BRIEFS****Annual Pro-Life Chain - Oct. 7**

Join pro-life citizens in Alexandria in this peaceful public witness against abortion. We will gather under the Riverfront Center next to the Jackson Street Bridge from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. We will be joined during the event by a volunteer musician. Bring your whole family and some clean aluminum cans as a donation for the Cenla Pregnancy Center. For more information, contact Donna Domzalski at (318) 445-7525.

**Bishop's Golf Tournament - Oct. 8**

Bishop's Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Monday, Oct. 8 at Oakwing Golf Course in Alexandria. The 4-person scramble format includes green fees, cart, mulligans, range balls, refreshments, door prizes, lunch and dinner. Lunch begins at 11:00 a.m. and tee off time is 12 noon. Team sponsorship is \$540. Other sponsorship levels are available. For more information or to purchase a sponsorship, please contact Sandi Tarver at (318) 445-6424 ext. 209 or [starver@diocesealex.org](mailto:starver@diocesealex.org).

**White Mass - Oct. 12**

The annual White Mass will be held at 12:05 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral with Bishop David Talley. The White Mass is offered to give thanks for God's healing power and guidance to those within the medical professions. Invited are doctors, nurses, healthcare administrators, therapists, and other trained medical professionals. All faiths are welcome and encouraged to attend. A reception will follow in Xavier Hall. RSVP's are encouraged to help plan the reception. Contact Arlene Ryder at (318) 445-1451.

**St. Augustine Church Fair - Oct. 12-14**

St. Augustine Church will host their Annual Fair featuring a taste of Creole cuisine, culture, and history. Festivities begin with a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 12 at 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., and music by DJ Butchie Wutchie. Saturday and Sunday events include music by DJ Doc Couty, kids games, country store, bingo, Creole foods including chicken gumbo, turkey dinners, meat pies, dirty rice, hot tamales and home-baked goods and Carnival foods including burgers, candied apples, funnel cakes. Visitors are welcome to join in the celebration of Mass: 5:00 p.m., Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. St. Augustine Catholic Church, 2262 Hwy 484, Natchez, LA. For more information, call the church at (318) 379-2521 or Chad Nelson at (318) 663-8585, [depnelson@yahoo.com](mailto:depnelson@yahoo.com) or Dianne Moran at (318) 471-4339.

**Flame of Love Conference - Oct. 12-14**

This year's Flame of Love Conference will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette. Speakers will be Father James Blount, SOLT; Hector Molina, CEO of Casting Nets Ministries; Deacon Larry Oney, president of Hope and Purpose Ministries; Most Rev. Sam Jacobs, Bishop Emeritus of Houma-Thibodaux. Pre-registration is required. There will be no on-site registration. Cost is \$149 per person, non-refundable and includes all sessions and all meals. Deadline to register online is Sept. 24. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by Sept. 19. For more information or to register, go to [www.flameoflove.us/conference](http://www.flameoflove.us/conference).

**St. Joseph School Fair - Oct. 13-14**

The fun begins in Plaucheville Saturday, Oct. 13 after 4:30 p.m. Mass with fun jumps and obstacle course (\$5 wristbands required), kids games, burgers, tornado potatoes, boudin, cracklins, funnel cakes, fried oreos, homemade cakes, Carlos Smith's famous eggrolls, Bingo (50 cents per card), evening KC fish fry at \$7 per plate, live music and more until 11:00 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 14 doors open at 9:00 a.m. for more kids fun and games, cochon de lait dinner at \$9 per plate begins at 10:00 a.m., live music, raffle prizes, and more. It all wraps up at 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ashley DeSoto at (318) 922-3401 or [adesoto@sjsplaucheville.org](mailto:adesoto@sjsplaucheville.org).

**A Taste of Creole - Oct. 19**

St. Juliana Church will host the 14th annual Taste of Creole Night on Friday, Oct. 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Church Activity Bldg. (900 Daspit St., Alexandria). Join us for a night of Creole food tasting, entertainment, and fun for the whole family. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more information, call (318) 445-6700.

**OLPS School Fall Fest - Oct. 27**

Gates will open at 10:00 a.m. for the Our Lady of Prompt Succor Fall Fest in Alexandria with fun and games for all ages! Don't forget to check out the Silent Auction and Sweet Shoppe in the Divine Providence Center, along with the entertainment and Talent Show at the main stage throughout the day. We will also have plenty of food cooked by the OLPS Knights of Columbus for lunch. The day will come to a close when we give praise and thanks at outdoor Mass at 4:00 p.m.

**Women's Catholic Charismatic Conference Oct. 27**

A Women's Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held Oct. 27 at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria. Facilitator will be Fr. Harold Imamshah. Registration required. Cost is \$35 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, contact Diane at [dianeardoyn@yahoo.com](mailto:dianeardoyn@yahoo.com) or (318) 419-1547.

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PRAY FOR FR. S. CHEMINO	PRAY FOR FR. D. COOK	PRAY FOR FR. D. CORKERY	PRAY FOR FR. J. CUNNINGHAM	Beginning Experience -- Maryhill Renewal Center		PRAY FOR FR. B. DESHAUTELLE
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Celebration of Life Gala Natchitoches Events Center	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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<b>OCTOBER 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Illuminated Rosary 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pro-Life Chain 2:00-3:00 p.m. Jackson Street Bridge, Alexandria
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				<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> PRAY FOR FR. J. HASIEBER	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> PRAY FOR BISHOP EMERITUS R. HERZOG	PRAY FOR MSGR. R. HOPPE
				Holy Ghost Church/St. Richard's Chapel Fall Fair -- Marksville		
<b>8</b> Bishop's Golf Tournament 12 noon OakWing Golf Course	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Illuminated Rosary 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville	<b>12</b> White Mass 12:05 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> PRAY FOR FR. R. HUMPHRIES	PRAY FOR FR. B. IBE	PRAY FOR FR. H. IMAMSHAH	PRAY FOR FR. G. KROSFIELD	St. Joseph School Fair -- Plaquemine		
				St. Augustine Church Fair -- (Isle Brevelle) Natchez, LA		
				Flame of Love Conference -- Lafayette		
				PRAY FOR FR. P. KULIGOWSKI	PRAY FOR FR. P. KUNNUPURAM	PRAY FOR FR. S. KWEBUZA
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Illuminated Rosary 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville	<b>19</b> A Taste of Creole 6:00 p.m. St. Juliana Church Activity Building, Alexandria	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
PRAY FOR FR. M LAIRD	PRAY FOR FR. P. LAPALME	PRAY FOR FR. L. LAFLEUR	<b>FEAST of ST. LUKE</b> PRAY FOR FR. R. MATHEWS	PRAY FOR FR. D. MEADE	<b>OLPS Fall Fest</b> Alexandria	PRAY FOR FR. A. MESSINA



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**4:30PM** Survivor Happy Hour

Registration Opens/Festivities Begin  
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**6:00PM** Race Begins

**6:45PM** Closing Ceremony

**7:00PM** Post-Race Tailgate



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