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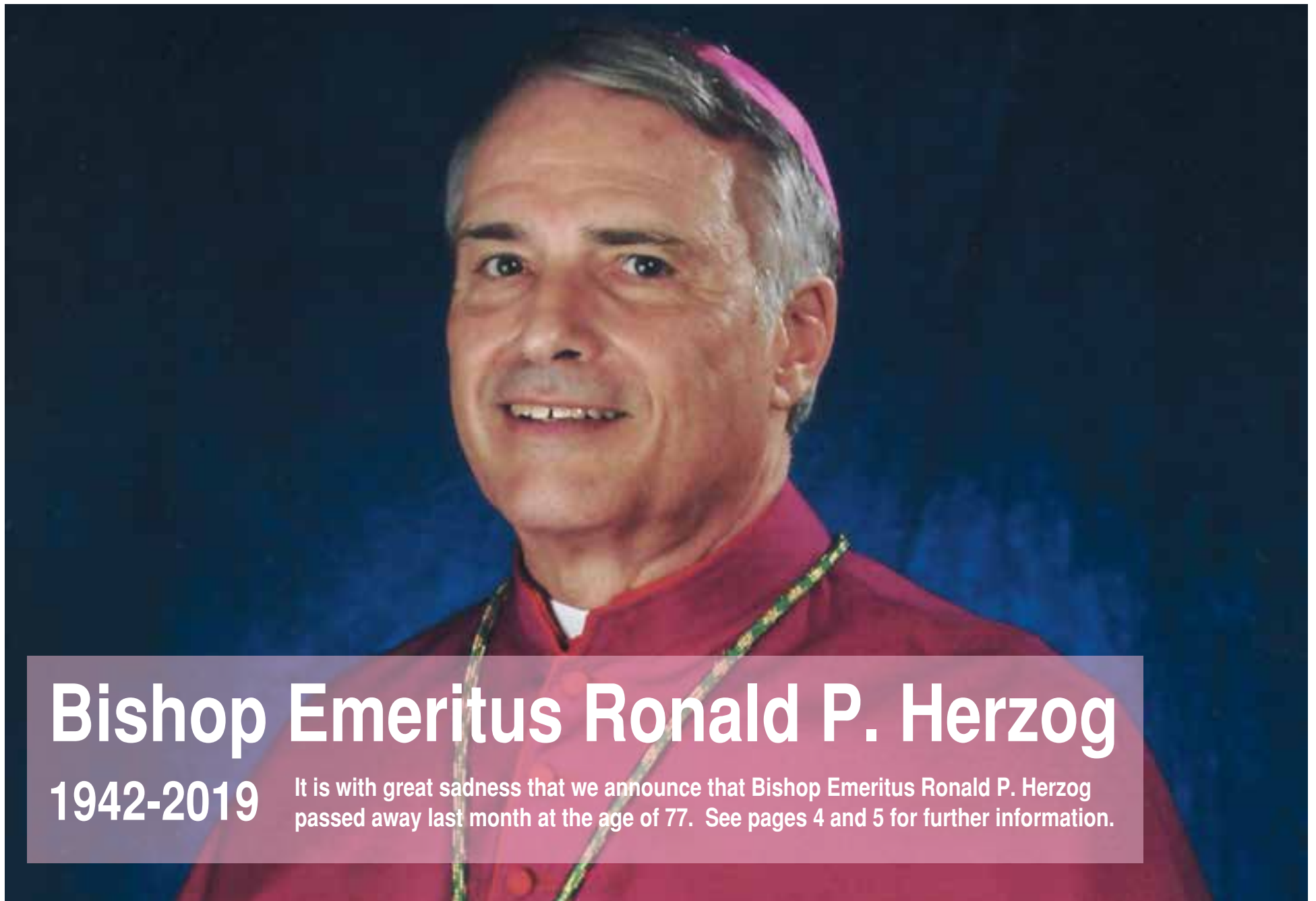
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## Bishop Emeritus Ronald P. Herzog

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It is with great sadness that we announce that Bishop Emeritus Ronald P. Herzog passed away last month at the age of 77. See pages 4 and 5 for further information.

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Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans was appointed apostolic administrator by Pope Francis on April 3, as our diocese awaits the appointment of a new bishop. See page 7 for more information.

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The Diocese of Alexandria has announced new priest assignments, to be effective July 1, 2019. See page 11 for the list of updated assignments.

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# Looking back



**May 2015:**

**Left: SISTER KATERI MITCHELL**, executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference, plans to welcome more than 900 participants to the annual National Tekakwitha Conference, July 22-26, 2015, in Alexandria for the first time.

**Today**

Sr. Kateri retired from her work of 20 years as executive director for the Tekakwitha Conference. Robert Barbry, II was named the new executive director in 2018, and plans to host the conference in Alexandria again in July, 2022. Visit [tekconf.org](http://tekconf.org) for more information.

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# Feast of the Month: St. Augustine of Canterbury

*By Emily Ann McCullough  
 Guest Contributor*

In 596 AD, Augustine and 40 monks under his care were sent by Pope St. Gregory on a mission to the people of the British Isles.

On their way they heard tales of the fierceness of the British islanders and the monks, terrified, began to speak of turning back. Augustine left them there and hurried back to Pope Gregory to explain the difficulty they were about to encounter. Gregory gave him greater authority and an encouragement that he took back to the frightened band of monks. They pressed on.

When they arrived in Britain, a message was sent to King Aethelberht asking for an interview. The king came after a few days. Augustine addressed the king through an interpreter, explaining that “the compassionate Jesus had redeemed a world of sin by His own agony and opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all who would believe” (Aelfric). Venerable Bede tells us that the king graciously allowed them to win “as many converts as you can to your creed”. He invited the missionaries to come to



Canterbury, a city half in ruins and uncivilized.

The now lionhearted monks entered the city gloriously bearing “the holy cross together with a picture of the Sovereign King, Our Lord Jesus Christ and chanting in unison this litany: “We beseech thee, O Lord, in the fullness of thy pity that Thine anger and Thy holy wrath be turned away from this city and from Thy holy house, because we have sinned: Alleluia!” (Bede) What a grand impression they must have made!

The building offered to them was near the old pagan temple, where they took up the Rule of St. Benedict with fervor. A church dedicated to St. Martin was also made available to them.

The courageous preaching of St. Augustine and his companions so affected King Aethelberht that he requested instruction himself and was baptized at Pentecost. Augustine hurriedly returned to Gaul to be consecrated as Archbishop and “On Christmas Day, 597, more than ten thousand persons were baptized” (Bede).

The Anglican Archbishops of Canterbury, to this day are designated as occupants of “The Chair of St. Augustine.”

This Saint, is the patron of England, and his feast day is May 28.

**Here are some ways to honor him:**

- Ask St. Augustine of Canterbury to pray for you

when fear is holding you back from something you believe God wants you to do.

- Confess your fears in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so you can gain grace to move past them.
- Design a banner that you imagine the monks might have carried as they valiantly entered the barbarian city of Canterbury, bringing the Gospel.
- Go to Mass on Tuesday, May 28, and pray for a greater gift of courage.

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**St. Augustine of Canterbury's  
 Feast Day:  
 Sunday, May 28**

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# USCCB president decries terrorist bombings in Sri Lanka on Easter

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops termed as "a great evil" the Easter terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka targeting the country's minority Christian community as worshippers packed three churches.

Sri Lankan government officials April 22 blamed the little-known Islamic group National Thowheeth Jama'ath for the bombings, which also were directed at three luxury hotels. Islamic State later claimed responsibility, but the claim could not be confirmed immediately. The multiple bombings left more than 300 people dead and over 500 injured.

"This great evil targeted these churches as they were packed full of worshippers who were celebrating Easter, the day in which Christians around the world celebrate the rising of the King of Peace from the dead," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston in a statement April 21.

He said the churches were St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Negombo, St. Anthony's Catholic Shrine in Colombo, the nation's capital, and Zion Church in the eastern city of Batticaloa, which is an evangelical church. The hotels that were attacked were the Shangri-La, Kingsbury and Cinnamon Grand, all in Colombo.

"We offer our prayers for the victims and their families. And we join with all people of goodwill in condemning these acts of terrorism," Cardinal DiNardo said. "This evil cannot overcome the hope found in our Savior's resurrection. May the



**SRI LANKA BOMBINGS.** A blood-stained statue of Christ is seen after a bombing at St. Sebastian Church in Negombo, Sri Lanka, April 21, 2019. At least 200 people were killed and hundreds more injured on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka when attackers unleashed an apparently coordinated series of bombings that simultaneously targeted Christian churches and luxury hotels. (CNS photo/Reuters)

God of hope who has raised his Son, fill all hearts with the desire for peace."

The majority of those killed and injured are believed to be Sri Lankan nationals, many of whom were attending church services. The government said those killed included at least 39 foreign nationals from the United States, United Kingdom, India, China, Japan, Australia, Turkey, Australia and other European countries.

In the United States, several Catholic Church leaders issued statements offering condolences and prayers for Sri Lanka the day of the bombings, including Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich.

"With profound sorrow, we

offer our prayers to the Christian community of Sri Lanka, and all those devastated by today's horrific acts of violence," he said.

"In solidarity with the survivors and their loved ones, we grieve the dead and pray for God to heal the wounded, comfort the mourners, and instill ever more deeply in all peoples a commitment to peace, which our creator fervently desires for all his children," Cardinal Cupich added.

Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, who is vice president of the USCCB, said he hoped the dead would know "the promise of the Resurrection. ... May God bring comfort to their families and their loved ones."

"Just when they were hearing the Easter message of peace, violence yet again forced itself onto the global stage," said Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, New Jersey, about churchgoers targeted by the terrorist group.

"We, in the Archdiocese of Newark, join our prayers with people of goodwill throughout the world, who have expressed solidarity with the victims of these attacks and in our condemnation of senseless violence manifested today," he added. "Despite these attacks, may we continue to proclaim the truth of the Easter Gospels -- the hope of new life is offered to all. We pray that truth be shown in Sri Lanka in these

difficult days."

"Violence against religious minorities has a long history in Sri Lanka," said Jim Winkler, president and general secretary of the National Council of Churches. "We pray these attacks will not result in a renewed cycle of violence and we express our hope that intensified interreligious engagement and cooperation may result from these attacks."

He noted that in the past six months, "three Abrahamic faiths" have suffered violence, with the attacks on the Pittsburgh synagogue, the New Zealand mosques and now these churches in Sri Lanka.

"In spite of these terrible crimes, Christ's resurrection, celebrated across the world, gives us the comfort of knowing that light penetrates the darkness, love prevails against hate, and life defeats the power of death," Winkler said in an April 22 statement.

Terrorist attacks like those in Sri Lanka "are the acts of those who reject the sanctity of life, human rights and religious freedom," Carl Anderson, CEO of the Knights of Columbus, said in a statement April 22. In addition to prayers, he said, the fraternal organization is sending \$100,000 to Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith of Colombo to use "in the rebuilding and repair of his Christian community in the aftermath of this act of terrorism."

Anderson said that "globally, it is well documented that Christians are the most persecuted religious group today. Now is the time for every country to take concrete steps to protect their minority populations, including Christians, and to stop this persecution and slaughter."

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## A message from the Diocese of Alexandria's Safe Environment Program

If you have reason to believe that a child is being abused or neglected and that the abuse is by a parent or caretaker, please call: Louisiana Child Abuse / Neglect Hotline at 1-855-4LA-KIDS (855-452-5437).

If suspected abuse is related to a diocesan/church/school program, or if abuse occurred by anyone acting in Church services, a report also should be made to the diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Dr. Lee Kneipp at 318-542-9805.

For updated information, news articles, and documents regarding ongoing activity and planning for securing and maintaining a Safe Environment for all, visit [www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/healing](http://www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/healing) (visit [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org) and look for "A Safe Environment For All" under the "Our Faith" tab). Here, you can find Bishop Talley's message for November 2018, as well as updates from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Also found on this page is the letter from Pope Francis to all Bishops in the United States regarding a meeting in February 2019 at the Vatican entitled "The Protection of Minors in the Church."

# Bishop Emeritus Ronald P. Herzog passes away

Bishop Emeritus Ronald Paul Herzog was born on April 22, 1942 in Akron, Ohio to Paul Herzog and Kathryn Donahue. His father, who was Lutheran, worked for Firestone in Akron for 24 years. His mother was Catholic.

As a young boy, he attended various parochial and public schools through the 8th grade. The Herzog family moved to Natchez, Mississippi in 1953, and in 1956, while Herzog was in high school, his parents moved to St. Benedict, Louisiana, where he entered St. Joseph Seminary.

After graduating from the junior college of St. Joseph Seminary, Bishop Herzog began his major seminary years at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, where he earned a bachelor degree in Philosophy, followed by four more years of Theology culminating in a Bachelor of Sacred Theology, granted in association with Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

On June 1, 1968, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson by Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. His first assignment was as associate pastor of Sacred Heart Church in D'Illerville, Mississippi.

Through the encouragement of the pastor of the adjoining parish who had returned to the diocese after serving as an Army chaplain, Bishop Herzog



**CHAPLAIN HERZOG.** Bishop Emeritus Herzog was commissioned in 1972 as a First Lieutenant in the Chaplain Corps, serving as the only Catholic chaplain in the Mississippi Guard during his 1990-1991 tour of duty.

requested permission to become a chaplain in the Mississippi Army National Guard, and Bishop Joseph Brunini allowed him to join.

After only four years of being a priest, Bishop Herzog was commissioned on July 25, 1972 as a First Lieutenant in the Chaplain Corps. During his nearly 30 years as a military chaplain, Chaplain Herzog served in different units in the Mississippi Army National Guard. His only active tour of duty was at Camp Shelby during Desert Shield/Desert Storm from November 1990 - January 1991. At that time he was the only Catholic chaplain in the Mississippi Guard.

He retired from the Mississippi National Guard on April 21, 2002 with the state rank of Brigadier General.

During his 30 years of duty, he received numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, the Magnolia Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Besides the National Guard, another love of Bishop Herzog's was music. Throughout college and theology, he participated in choirs and served as head cantor. In addition to serving as a chorus member and soloist for the Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus, he directed church choirs in several parishes as well as the Diocesan Choir. He served as a member or the chairman of several Boards of Directors

for community chorus groups and performing arts groups. At the time, he was one of only three Mississippians accepted through national audition as a member of the American Choral Directors Association National Community Honor Choir for the national convention in San Diego, California in March, 1977.

But his true passion was his role as a priest. He was named Domestic Prelate (Monsignor) on November 20, 1987 by Pope John Paul II.

As a priest, Herzog was an associate pastor of Sacred Heart Church in D'Illerville and associate pastor and pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Hattiesburg, and pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Joseph Church, St. Paul Church, St. Bernadette Church, Holy

Trinity Church, and Immaculate Conception Church, all in Mississippi.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Bishop Herzog was assigned many diocesan responsibilities some of which included Diocesan Director of the Office for Worship, Diocesan Tribunal Defender of the Bond, Past Chair of the Presbyteral Council, Former Dean of the Northern and Western Deaneries College of Consulters, and Secretary-Treasurer/President Elect of the Association of Priests for the Dioceses of Biloxi and Jackson.

After spending all of his 36 years as a priest in the church parishes of Mississippi, he was named 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria on October 27, 2004 and ordained a bishop in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on January 5, 2005 by Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes of New Orleans.

Bishop Herzog focused much of his episcopacy on seminarian education and communications.

In 2005, after Hurricane Katrina closed Notre Dame Seminary (where most of our seminarians were studying), Bishop Herzog arranged for the seminarians to transfer to the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio which was his alma mater, and where he had served on the Board of Directors.

Bishop Herzog ordained 16 men to the priesthood including Peter Faulk, Ryan Humphries, Joseph Bordelon, Luke Melcher, Blake Deshautelle, Anthony Catella, Irion St. Romain, Thomas Paul, Adam Travis, Martin Laird, Charles Ray, Dale Meade, Brian Seiler, Walter Ajaero, Joseph Desimone, and John Wiltse.

In 2007, Bishop Herzog organized the formation of the first class of permanent deacons in



**HERZOG ORDAINED BISHOP OF DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA.** After spending the majority of his priesthood serving in Mississippi, Bishop Herzog was ordained as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria in January, 2005.

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## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS for May

The Church in Africa,  
a Seed of Unity -  
That the Church in Africa,  
through the commitment of its  
members, may be the seed of  
unity among her peoples and a  
sign of hope for this continent.

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the diocese in more than 30 years. In February 2012, he ordained the first class of 15 permanent deacons.

Also in 2007, Bishop Herzog initiated "Taste of Faith," a benefit dinner designed to raise money for seminarian education. The bishop himself planned the menu and coordinated the preparations and cooking of the elaborate multi-course meal, with the help of the seminarians and later, deacons. This annual dinner has raised more than \$150,000.00 for seminarian education.

An active member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Herzog served on the USCCB Communications Committee for 10 years. In the area of communications, it was Bishop Herzog who made the bold decision to offer the Church Today newspaper free to every Catholic household in the diocese. Prior to that, the Church Today was distributed to those who paid \$20.00 a year subscription fee to receive the bi-monthly publication. The mailing list was about 1,200. In 2006, when the publication was offered free, the distribution list ballooned to more than 14,000 homes.

He also served as the episcopal moderator of the Diocesan Information Systems (DISC) Conference as well as the episcopal moderator of Radio Maria, and a long list of other state and national committees and boards.

Bishop Herzog was a 4th degree member and proudly served as the State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and was a Knight Commander of the

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem as well as a Grand Prelate of the Order of the Fleur de Lis. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of United Way of Central Louisiana, and was a member of the Downtown Alexandria Rotary Club and the Alexandria Lions Club.

In February 2014, Bishop Herzog suffered a stroke that affected his left side. After several months in the hospital, the bishop underwent extensive physical and occupational therapy. Through the power of prayer and with the help of his fellow priests, diocesan employees, and friends, the bishop returned to daily work until Pope Francis accepted his retirement in February 2017. Still, Bishop Emeritus Herzog continued to visit the Chancery office on a weekly basis until he was recently stricken with illness.

Bishop Herzog passed away on Friday, April 12 at CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital. He is survived by members of his extended family, Bette Jean Lyons, Mary Elaine Lange, Marianne Bertsch, and Rev. Dr. Bill Lyons.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, April 22 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria, with Archbishop Gregory Aymond presiding. 4th degree Knights of Columbus and priests of the Diocese of Alexandria served as pallbearers.

Donations in memory of Bishop Herzog may be made to the Diocese of Alexandria Seminary Burse or the Priests' Retirement Fund.



**TASTE OF FAITH.** In 2007, Bishop Herzog initiated the "Taste of Faith" benefit dinner designed to raise money for seminarian education. In collaboration with the seminarians and deacons of the diocese, Bishop planned the menu, coordinated preparations, and cooked the multi-course meal. The annual dinner has raised more than \$150,000.00 for seminarian education.



**TALLEY APPOINTED COADJUTOR.** (Above) Most Rev. David Talley was appointed coadjutor Bishop of Alexandria in October 2016, and became the ordinary upon the retirement of Bishop Herzog at the beginning of 2017.



**CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE.** (Left) An active member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Herzog served on the USCCB Communications Committee for 10 years.

# Resurrection changes everything

Dear fellow disciple,

I sip my coffee when I read scripture in the mornings. Normally with a pen or pencil in hand, ready to mark something that I feel the Lord is saying that applies to my life.

Recently, I read Matthew 15:13, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.”

**Goodness, Lord,** I think to myself. *Is that what You’ve been doing?*

Everything that the Lord hasn’t planted in me, in us, will be uprooted. And, uprooting seems kind of intense – disruptive, messy, painful even.

Thinking over the past several weeks as my family and I have welcomed our newest addition into our home (Welcome to the world, baby Samuel Luca!), and even over the past several years as our diocese has shifted and changed,



## Letter from the Editor

Mrs. Cari Terracina

Publications Manager for the Diocese of Alexandria

there have been unplantedings, uprootings.

And yes, it’s been messy. And yes, it’s disruptive. And yes, oftentimes, it’s even painful.

**But, resurrection changes everything.**

And, as I continue to journey through this Easter season, and my family tries to find its new normal, and my daily work for the diocese continues, and I strive to let go of anything that the Lord has not given me - I’m reminded that in the uprooting, He makes me new.

So as scary, as painful, as messy as the uprooting may seem, I live and work with joyful anticipation, knowing that I have a home in the Lord’s field. He is tilling the hard and dry soil, and I am being watered, refreshed, and given nourishment by Him.

**I am now His.**

Every part of me that I planted myself – by my own sin or my own desires or even by my own good works – He has uprooted. And I am made new through Him.

**He is uprooting you, too.**

Where is it happening in your life? Pay attention to it.

Where is He making you new? **Let Him.**

Let Him give you fresh soil. New food, new light. Let Him restore your dark crevices, and your calloused heart. Let Him pull up the parts of you that need uprooting, and let Him pour mercy on your weary soul.

The uprooting is usually messy, but that’s okay. The Lord doesn’t mind the mess. He revels in our being made whole.

**After the long journey of**

**Lent, He is finally risen. It’s time for us to rise, too.**

We invite you to continue to journey with us, looking forward to an adjusted publication date putting the Church Today paper in your mailboxes at the end of each month with a focus on the entire next month ahead. We invite you to dive into these pages as we discuss the changes in leadership of our diocese, as well as upcoming events, and changes to diocesan clergy assignments. Then, please join us on our social media pages and website as we continue to build relationships with each other, as they are, as Bishop Talley once said, “a discernible sign of the Spirit among us disciples.”

To the uprooting and renewal,  
Cari and Joan

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Instagram at @cariterracina*

# The significance of the Paschal Candle

If you attended the Holy Saturday or “Easter Vigil” liturgy, you likely experienced the blessing of the fire and preparation of the Paschal Candle followed by the procession into the Church. If you did not attend that Mass, you surely noticed a large candle near the altar or ambo when you attended Mass on Easter Sunday. This leads to this month’s question regarding the liturgy: **“What is the significance of the large candle that is prominent at Mass during the Easter Season?”**

To fully appreciate the beauty of the symbolism surrounding this “large candle,” it is helpful to recall what happened on Good Friday. It is the day we commemorate the death of Jesus on the Cross. And if Jesus is the “Light of the World,” with his death, that light was extinguished and we were left in complete darkness. So it is at the Easter Vigil (which is not to begin until sunset or darkness) where we bless a new fire and a large candle that is called the “Paschal Candle.” It is the Paschal Candle which becomes a representation of Christ as “The Light of the World.”

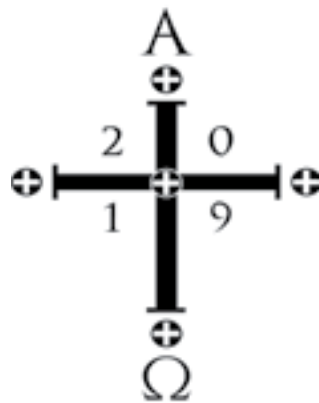


## Embracing the Liturgy

By Deacon Richard W. Mitchell

The Paschal Candle is used throughout the year so learning more about the preparation of the candle during the Easter Vigil will help us appreciate its significance. After the blessing of the fire, the priest uses a stylus to draw the “Alpha” and the “Omega” on the candle (see diagram on right) which are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This is done to indicate that Christ is the beginning and the end of all things. Next, the four numerals of the current year (2019) are traced into the candle because all time belongs to the Lord. Finally, five grains of incense and nails are inserted into the candle in the form of a cross to represent the Five Wounds of Christ. While these are inserted, the priest says: “By

The Paschal Candle



his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord, guard us and protect us. Amen.”

The candle is then lit from the new fire while the priest says: “May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.” This new “Light of Christ” is processed

into a dark Church and typically takes a prominent place in the sanctuary through Pentecost and then is likely placed near the baptismal font.

There are two other important liturgies that occur throughout the year where the Paschal Candle is typically used. The first is during baptisms. The priest or deacon will light the candle prior to the ceremony and once the baptism takes place, a “baptismal candle” is lit from the Paschal Candle and given to the newly baptized (or to the parent for the baby) with these words “Receive the light of Christ.” This is a representation that the newly baptized no longer lives in darkness but has been enlightened by Christ.

Another liturgy where you will typically see the Paschal Candle used is during a funeral liturgy. Here the candle is to remind us of the deceased person’s baptismal vows and of those words we recite in

the Creed when we say: “... I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.”

Now that you know that it is more than just a “large candle,” look for the Paschal Candle the next time you attend Mass, a baptism or a funeral. When you locate it, reflect on what and who it represents. If you do, you are surely to “Love the Liturgy.”



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## Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond named Apostolic Administrator of the diocese

Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, the metropolitan archbishop of the New Orleans Province, which encompasses the state of Louisiana, was appointed April 3 by Pope Francis as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria as the diocese awaits the appointment of a new bishop.

Archbishop Aymond will remain as archbishop of New Orleans and will continue to reside in New Orleans with regular visits to the Diocese of Alexandria.

“My family has deep roots in Avoyelles Parish, and I am privileged to serve you as you await a new Diocesan bishop,” said Archbishop Aymond. “I will be as present as I possibly can be to the clergy, religious diocesan staff, and the people of God in the Diocese of Alexandria. Please pray for me as I will pray for you.”

The archbishop concluded his first visit to the Diocese of Alexandria as Apostolic Administrator on April 15, meeting with clergy and Chancery staff.

Archbishop Aymond will



Archbishop Gregory Aymond

visit our diocese twice monthly, assuming the duties of Bishop David Talley, who headed the diocese from early 2017 until his recent appointment as bishop of Memphis. Please understand that due to time constraints and his primary responsibilities in New Orleans, Archbishop Aymond will not be able to visit the individual church parishes of our diocese, but know that he has our best interests in his prayers for us. We welcome his guidance as we wait for the Holy Father, Pope Francis to assign a new bishop for our diocese.

## How is an administrator chosen?

There are a number of ways in which the Holy See provides for the care of a diocese when a bishop leaves his post. An interim administrator is appointed after a diocesan bishop either dies, resigns, is re-assigned, or is removed from his ministry by the pope.

This appointment can happen in one of two ways: through the appointment of a diocesan administrator by the College of Consultors, or a direct appointment of an “apostolic administrator” by the Pope.

Every diocese is required to have a college of consultors, which is composed of between six and twelve diocesan priests chosen by the bishop for a five-year term. The college is to meet

no more than eight days after the episcopal see becomes vacant, in order to elect a “diocesan administrator.” This administrator then takes charge of the diocese until the Pope names a new bishop.

Canon law also allows for the Pope to provide for the diocese by directly appointing an administrator. In this case, he is known as an “apostolic administrator,” although his function is the same as that of a diocesan administrator elected by the college of consultors.

An administrator is a caretaker and protector of the diocese. The apostolic administrator has the authority to govern a diocese during the period of time

between bishops, and is subject to the same obligations, and possesses the same powers as a diocesan bishop. However, there are certain limitations on the power of an elected administrator. These limits often require the administrator to seek the consent of the College of Consultors before taking certain actions, including issuing letters authorizing the ordination of deacons or priests for the diocese. The administrator is also prohibited by canon law from naming pastors of parishes.

In the current case, Archbishop Aymond was appointed by Pope Francis, and, because of that, is apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria.

### ARCHBISHOP GREGORY M. AYMOND VISITS THE ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CENTER OFFICES.

Archbishop Aymond made his first visit on Monday, April 15, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria. During his visit he met with diocesan staff, including superintendent of Catholic Schools, Thomas Roque, Sr.



### Upcoming Retreats

The following ACTS retreats will be offered:

- June 6 - 9
- Cenla ACTS for Women**
- Contact Les Glankler at 318-664-5269 or [www.cenlaacts.org](http://www.cenlaacts.org).

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# Pregnancy Center expands into Avoyelles parish

The effort to promote life and protect unborn babies in Central Louisiana just got stronger with the opening of the Avoyelles Pregnancy Center on April 9.

The site, a 600-sq.-ft. facility located at 115 Ferdinand Street, Suite 3, in Marksville, is a satellite site of the Cenla Pregnancy Center, opened in Alexandria less than two years ago. This pro-life ministry center is the first of its kind in Avoyelles parish.

The Avoyelles center currently operates Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., offering an array of services including free pregnancy tests, post-abortive Bible study resources, consultation from trained client advocates, educational classes, a boutique in which they can earn credits to acquire maternity and baby items, as well as community referrals to help mothers find a doctor to care for them, insurance coverage, and public assistance when needed. Center leaders at the Avoyelles parish site hope to also provide ultrasound services soon to determine how far along a woman's pregnancy is, if the pregnancy is in the uterus, and if there is a heartbeat.

Heidi Peavy, RN, who served as office manager at the Cenla Pregnancy Center since its opening in December 2017,



will serve as the Director of the Avoyelles Pregnancy Center. "Many of the women think they have no other option other than abortion, and we are here to make sure they know that there is another option," Peavy said. "We are ready to give them all the resources available that let the pregnant women know they can choose life."

The opening of the center in Avoyelles Parish fulfills a dream of Claire Lemoine, director of the Cenla Pregnancy Center. "It's incredible to think the Lord has allowed us to expand our services after only 15 short months of being open in Alexandria."

The Cenla Pregnancy Center has served more than

225 women since its opening. "This will raise awareness of the services we offer and will help expecting mothers who may not have the transportation to travel all the way from near Marksville to Alexandria."

"Saving babies is the most important reason we exist, and we anticipate what God will do when this new center opens its doors," says Lemoine. According to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, 30 women in Avoyelles Parish had an abortion in 2018. By opening a pregnancy in Marksville,

ministry leaders hope to better serve those women in need of resources and support in the Avoyelles area, ridding them of the need to look outside of their own community for assistance.

"We noticed that 90% of our clients were from Rapides Parish, and we saw that 30 mothers in Marksville and in Avoyelles Parish had an abortion last year," says Brian Gunter, Cenla Pregnancy Center's Board President.

"We weren't serving them at our Alexandria office. So we're opening Avoyelles Pregnancy Center as a way to reach those women and to help them. We want this service to

be here in their community so that they don't have to drive all the way to Alexandria, right here in Marksville, Avoyelles Pregnancy Center can help them."

Heidi Peavy can currently be reached at heidi@cenlapc.com or by calling 318-314-3061. One-time or recurring financial gifts can be donated through [www.cenlapc.com](http://www.cenlapc.com).

**CENLA PREGNANCY CENTER TO SERVE AVOYELLES.** (Below) Ribbon cutting ceremony was held on April 9 for the new Avoyelles Pregnancy Center now open and located in Marksville.



## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A CHILD IS BEING ABUSED:

If you have reason to believe that a child is being abused or neglected, and that the abuse is by a parent or caretaker, please first call the Louisiana Child Abuse / Neglect Hotline at 1-855-4LA-KIDS (855-452-5437) and/or your local law enforcement agency. If suspected abuse is related to a diocesan/church/school program, or if abuse occurred by anyone acting in Church services, a report should then also be made to the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Lee Kneipp, Clinical Psychologist at 318-542-9805.

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION RESOURCES

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website has been updated with new materials to help support the prevention of child abuse. Materials are free to utilize and reproduce as needed.

Visit [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection) to download materials.

Thank you for all that you do to protect and heal in our diocese!

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## Fr. Peter Faulk nominated to serve as Adjunct Professor of Canon Law



Fr. Peter Faulk, JCL, JV

Fr. Peter Faulk, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Alexandria has been nominated to serve as an Adjunct Professor of Canon Law at the Pontifical Institute of Canon Law of the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

This responsibility will entail Fr. Faulk being an academic consultant for the structuring of the curriculum of the new founded Institute, as well as the opportunity to lecture at the Canon Law Institute in Slovenia in person. He will also be able to contribute academic papers as a member of the Institute.

Father Peter told the Church Today "It is an honor to be asked by the Faculty of the University of Ljubljana to participate as one of its founding members of the Institute of Canon Law. Part

of the great legacy of the Church universal is its vast contribution to the world of education and culture. It will be an honor to be a part of this higher-education institution."

The University of Ljubljana was founded in 1810 as a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The new founded Pontifical Institute of Canon Law is a component of the University's Faculty of Theology.

Some notable graduates of the University of Ljubljana are the psychoanalytic philosopher Slavoj Žižek and the First Lady of the United States Melania Trump.



**DEACONS AND DEACON ASPIRANTS.** The quarterly Deacons' Social was held on Saturday, March 16. The deacon aspirants were invited and were able to attend Mass celebrated by Bishop David Talley. Pictured front row, left to right: Dr. Tom Neal, Notre Dame Seminary instructor, Alex Mangini, Fidel Andrade, Chad Thibodeaux, Roger Christopher. Second row: Jody Byrd, Ken Primeaux, Bishop Talley, Deacon Richard Mitchell, Reggie Ducote, Jason Lavergne, Les Glankler, Doug Moreau, Sam Jones, Kenny Sayes, Mark Guidry, Lee Moreau. Not pictured: Marc Barrett.

## Father Frederick Lyons dies

Fr. Frederick James Lyons, a priest of the Diocese of Alexandria, passed away on Wednesday, March 13, at his home in Alexandria.

Born on June 25th, 1924 in New York, New York, the son of Frederick Lyons and Hanorah Gallagher.

Fr. Lyons completed his M.A. degree in theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and earned a M.S. degree from Fordham University in New York. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Alexandria on May 10th, 1952. After serving 37 years in active ministry, Fr. Lyons retired in 1989.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at the Maryhill Chapel on Monday, March 18 with Fr. James Ferguson as the main celebrant.

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## GET TO KNOW OUR PRIESTS, DEACONS, RELIGIOUS, AND SEMINARIANS

**We asked our Priests, Deacons, Religious, and Seminarians:**

*What is your favorite book? Why?*

**Father Ryan Humphries, St. Edward the Confessor, Tallulah:**

Evelyn Waugh was a British military man and commando in World War II. He wrote a dozen novels or so on his experiences in war and the changing English society. His greatest work is called *Brideshead Revisited*. It's the story of an aristocratic family and a young man named Charles Ryder who becomes entangled with them over the course of about 25 years. Like *Downton Abbey*, at first it seems boring and unreliable, and then, as if by magic, the incredible writing and story and characters draw you in. The story explores uplifting and joyful themes of youth and beauty and art and love and passion and heavier themes of disappointment, the problems of excess wealth, addiction and depression. The story is funny and sad and poignant and, in an almost hidden way, religious. The book is wonderful. The BBC miniseries is an incredibly faithful retelling. The audiobook narrated by Jeremy Irons never leaves my iPhone.

**Deacon Ted Moulard, Holy Ghost, Marksville:**

My favorite book is *Introduction To The Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales because it explains in detail and under any circumstance how not to sin and how to avoid the temptations of sin in order to lead a Holy Life.

**Check back here and on the diocese website each month for a new Q&A with our priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians!**

## Parish Spotlight: St. John the Baptist Church, Cloutierville Established 1816

When the United States was still a very young country, missionary priests served the early inhabitants of the Cane River area and they were mostly from Los Adaes or Nacogdoches, Texas.

According to Cane River National Heritage Center, plantation owner, Alexis Cloutier owned much of the land that today makes up the town of Cloutierville. The area was known as *riviere aux Cannes* (Cane River).

He constructed the first chapel there where the people could worship and receive the sacraments. The church was blessed on November 19, 1816 and dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

He laid out the village of Cloutierville and had it designated a town by the Louisiana state legislature in 1822.

In 1850, Father George Guy was appointed the first resident pastor.



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH BUILT IN 1816.** The first chapel was built on land donated by Alex Cloutier. The hand-hewn timbers were put together with pegs. Unfortunately, no photos exist of the succeeding church built by Fr. Beckers which had twin towers.

### Yellow Fever

In 1853, Cloutierville was devastated by the yellow fever epidemic. Father Guy became ill, but recovered, however, the town of Cloutierville lost half of its population. Most of the victims were buried in a mass grave in the Church cemetery.

Father Jean Marie Beaulieu arrived in August 1856 and remained for 41 years. His

missionary work among the people of the area was so successful that the church had to be enlarged in 1870. He died in September 15, 1897 and is buried behind the church.

### Civil War

St. John the Baptist Church was not immune to the troubles brought on by the Civil War: high taxes, scarcity of food, and foraging by troops of personal



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, CLOUTIERVILLE.** The current church building.

and church property were rampant.

It was during Father Becker's pastorate (21 years) that the church was remodeled. Twin towers were added, as well as the columns on the front and stucco was applied to the outside walls.

In 1962, the church was again remodeled, but burned in June of 1985. After rebuilding, Bishop John C. Favalora dedicated the new church building on November 2, 1986.

St. John the Baptist Church is the mother church for two Missions: Holy Rosary Chapel, Emmanuel, which was staffed by the Dominican Fathers from 1935 to 1976 and Holy Family Chapel at Monet Ferry (near Chopin, LA).

### Today's St. John the Baptist

Today's St. John the Baptist Catholic community looks forward every year to an Easter Sunrise Service at Holy Rosary Chapel; a May Fair in the spring and a Mini-Fair in the fall that follows blessing of the graves on All Souls Day.

The town of Cloutierville holds an annual Mardi Gras parade and after the parade, townspeople gather at St. John's for a street dance and party at the church hall that may last into the wee hours of the night.

At Christmas, St. John's and its two missions, Holy Rosary and Holy Family Chapel have a large Christmas party.

The church also has a strong choir as well as a devoted altar society.

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# Clergy Assignments effective July 1, 2019



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**Fr. Peter Faulk, JCL, JV**  
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**Fr. Albi Mulloth**  
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**Fr. Bruce Miller, JCL**  
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**Fr. Abraham Palakkattuchira**  
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**Fr. John Wiltse**  
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Cottonport

## Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.  
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.  
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.  
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.  
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.  
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.  
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



**Fr. James Ferguson, JCL**  
Promoter of Justice  
for the Diocese of Shreveport  
in addition to his current  
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**Deacon Tommy Robichaux**  
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# Celebration of Life



**VISITATION FOR BISHOP EMERITUS HERZOG.** Knights of Columbus served as pallbearers to transfer Bishop Herzog's casket into the cathedral as Bishop Herzog's family and Bishop David Talley look on.



**CLERGY PROCESSION.** Clergy of the diocese and visiting clergy and bishops processing into St. Francis Xavier Cathedral for the funeral Mass for Bishop Emeritus Ronald Herzog on April 22, 2019.



**READING.** Rev. Dr. Bill Lyons, cousin of Bishop Herzog, reads the first scripture reading.



**HOMILIST.** Father Bruce Miller delivered the homily, as per Bishop Herzog's request.



**FUNERAL MASS.** St. Francis Xavier Cathedral funeral Mass for Bishop Emeritus Ronald Herzog on April 22, 2019 with Archbishop Gregory Aymond, presiding.



**VISITING PRELATES.** Visiting bishops attending were Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs of Houma-Thibodaux, Auxiliary Bishop Fernand Cheri of New Orleans, Bishop Michael Duca of Baton Rouge, Archbishop Emeritus John Favalora of Miami and Bishop David Talley of Memphis. Also in attendance: Abbott Justin Brown of St. Joseph's Abbey in Covington and Father Peter Mangum, Administrator of Shreveport.



**FORMER BISHOPS OF ALEXANDRIA.** Three former bishops of Alexandria: Bishop Sam Jacobs, Archbishop John Favalora and Bishop David Talley.



**FUNERAL MASS.** Book of the Gospels lay on Bishop Herzog's casket and his crozier placed near the Paschal Candle.



**END OF MASS.** Clergy of the diocese bid Bishop Herzog farewell as they join the procession out of the cathedral. Father Craig Scott takes his turn blessing the covered casket with holy water.



**END OF MASS.** Priests of the diocese serve as pallbearers as they carry Bishop Herzog's casket out of the cathedral. Interment was at Maryhill Renewal Center's Priest Cemetery. (Photo courtesy of Terry Dickson, Gulf Pine Catholic, Diocese of Biloxi)

The Diocese of Alexandria celebrates the life of Bishop Emeritus Herzog, as well as new life in our parishes during the Easter season! Join us here and at [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org) to celebrate new clergy assignments and parish activities throughout the diocese!

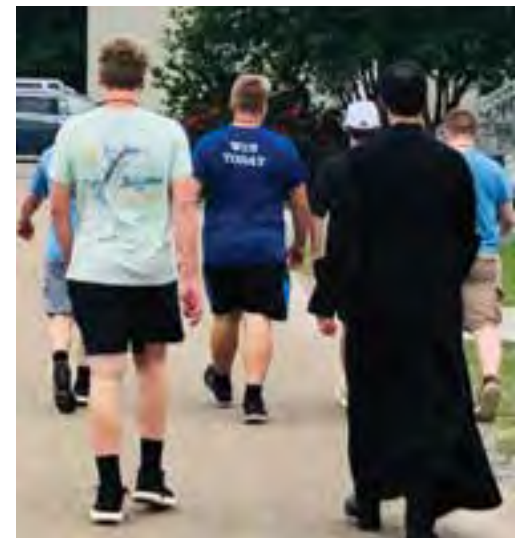


**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, NATCHITOCHEs.** We congratulate several St Mary's School (Natchitoches) students who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion. Pictured with Father Blake Deshautelle and Father Luke LaFleur



**EASTER EGG HUNT.** Kids enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt following Easter Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria.

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND.** (Below) Father Luke LaFleur accompanied several students from St. Mary's, Natchitoches for a Come and See weekend at St. Joseph's Seminary in Covington, April 12-14.



**TROOP 6 CELEBRATES 50 YEARS.** (Left) Boy Scouts of America Troop 6, chartered by St. Frances Cabrini Church, Alexandria, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special Mass of Thanksgiving on March 31.



**BISHOP DAVID TALLEY.** Most of the diocesan Chancery staff and many of our clergy and others from Alexandria attended the installation of Bishop David Talley as Bishop of the Diocese of Memphis on April 2 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. (Photo courtesy Sandi Tarver)



**LSUA WORLD RELIGION PANEL DISCUSSION.** LSUA hosted a panel of speakers on March 13, discussing the topic "Is There Life After Death?" with views from Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Speakers included Imam Mounir Bourkisa (Islamic Center of Cenla), Rabbi Canto Raina Sirotz (Congregation of Gemiluth Chassodim), Pastor Gary Baldwin (New Life Community Church), and Fr. Adam Travis (St. Martin's Catholic Church).

# Being Catholic in the Workplace

By Kim Lyons

The majority of us are among the population of people who “hold jobs,” particularly, jobs where we are called to engage with other humans in the form of customers, patients, the general public, colleagues, co-workers, bosses, subordinates, the list goes on and on, and stay at home moms are not exempt. We all struggle with finding balance and learning to remain peaceful while we juggle life. The good news is that with the Lord, it is possible.

In my most recent job, at a local faith based hospital, living out the catholic faith was a simple and welcomed aspect of the job, with mass offered daily, opening prayer/reflection at the beginning of meetings, and symbols of the faith throughout the organization. Unfortunately, not everyone is afforded this same opportunity in the workforce. So how do we live out our Catholic faith in the everyday work life? Truly it is quite simple. Here are several tips for identifying the best ways for you to Be Catholic in the Workplace.

## The Golden Rule:

In today’s world and in many professions, we have lost our focus on how to treat people, all people, with respect. As Christians, we are called to approach everyone with a kind heart and treat others the way you would like to be treated. Many people, Christians alike, view this as our prescription to “be nice.” While this is good, and prompts us to think about the general tasks we can do for others such as holding



**BEING A LIVING EXAMPLE OF THE FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE.** Sharing Christ with others can feel awkward and even a bit unnatural, but there are several ways we can outwardly live out our Catholic faith in our places of work.

doors, smiling and greeting people as you pass, and remembering coworkers’ birthdays, there’s a deeper approach focusing on “the practice of dealing with others as we would have them deal with us on a regular basis” that opens the door to a more radical and challenging approach in how we go about our work. We’ve all encountered a disgruntled customer service representative, a rude salesperson, a snippy secretary, or a demanding boss and wondered why they couldn’t treat others or us better. Consequently, we have probably all had days we might not want to deal with ourselves. These are the moments, the people, the situations where we are challenged to live out the Golden Rule and “deal

with one another with kindness, compassion and respect.

## Living out the faith:

There are several ways we can outwardly live out our faith, but one of my favorites is making the Sign of the Cross and blessing each meal. Whether I’m sitting at my desk, sitting at home with my husband and kids, eating in public, eating in a breakroom or in any area where others might witness this, I pray that this act serves as a testament to my commitment to my catholic faith. Pausing to show gratitude to our Lord for the blessing of this meal in essence reveals a portion of our gracious hearts to one another. Blessing your meal can often lead to an opportunity to evangelize. When

eating with friends, co-workers, etc., tell them you are about to pray for your meal and ask them if there is anything you can pray about for them. Most people do not mind being prayed for and this encounter can easily turn into an opportunity to share Christ.

Quiet moments can easily be incorporated into any setting, and are highly effective in workplaces that are difficult to outwardly express our catholic faith. For example, if you are in a position that leads others and/or leads regular meetings, asking everyone to take a moment of silence to gather our thoughts before beginning, can be a powerful moment where you, the leader, can silently pray for the meeting and those present in the room.

Identifying your God given gifts and talents is another way we can all bless others in the workplace. Each one of us is a member of the Body of Christ, given specific gifts and talents to be utilized in conjunction with others’ for the greater good of all mankind. Living out your faith by sharing these gifts and talents in the workplace may open doors to other opportunities and supports you to always do your absolute best in the workplace, not just doing the bare minimum in our jobs.

## First Impressions - a heart for Jesus:

Think back to the last time you experienced a “first day on a job.” During those first few days did you find yourself meeting new people, reflecting on first impressions, learning the workplace, and pretty quickly discovering those co-workers who would become your “friends.” What was it about those few people that you were drawn to? More importantly, think now about new hires into your work life. As they go through the first few weeks, do you stack up? What’s their first impression of you? For me, the ability to connect with people is not only something that comes easily, but it’s something I love to do. Approaching people as though I’m encountering Jesus is one of my goals in life, but that’s not always easy. Our past experiences, other’s responses to us and the busyness of our days often prohibit our hearts from being the “first impression” we desire from others and ourselves.



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**Surrounded by Catholic Signs and Symbols:**

Part of our rich catholic heritage includes a tremendous number of signs and symbols. While the cross is the most famous and widespread Christian symbol, it is interesting to note that the cross has been around long before the advent of Christianity, used as an instrument of public humiliation and used to punish criminals who were put to death on a cross. The Easter story however, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, has made the cross one of the most recognized icons in the world. The crucifix symbolizes the sacrifice and atonement for our sins and is a powerful symbol of Catholicism, representing the focal point of the Catholic belief, that Jesus died on the cross to redeem humanity. If you are looking for an outward symbol of our Catholic faith for your workspace, a crucifix is a great option. I would recommend having it blessed and hanging it in a prominent location, where all who enter will see the power of the cross.

Aside from the crucifix, there are many other items one can use in their work space to indicate they are followers of Christ, such as the Dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, the Fish, one of the oldest Christian symbols used historically by Christians to identify themselves often in times

of persecution, or even the Fleur-de-lis, a very common item in our Louisiana culture often interpreted as the flower symbolizing the virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus or to depict the Holy Trinity.

What about sacred objects in a secular setting, you may ask. Some workplaces may prohibit or are hostile to any public display of spirituality. In these instances, creativity is the key. Wearing a medal or other Christian jewelry, keeping books on your desk that are indicative of your faith, carrying a pocket card, rosary or other item, or keeping items in your car if necessary are ways to not only show signs, but also serve as daily reminders of prayer.

**Make a daily effort to find opportunities to Evangelize:**

Sharing Christ with others can feel awkward and even a bit unnatural when you feel like you are forcing a conversation onto a co-worker or even a friend. To overcome this, we must recognize the power of prayer especially as it relates to God opening doors for the Gospel. Praying every day for the Lord to provide opportunities to share the good news is a powerful tool. You will be amazed at how many encounters will come your way, with little to no effort. Evangelization can look like many things, but one of my favorites, since I'm an extrovert, is relational outreach. Some of

the best conversations can happen over a cup of coffee. For those of you with high stress super busy days, it may look like a brief conversation in an elevator, right after a big meeting or at the copy machine. Don't let them slip by because you may be the only Jesus people encounter each day.

There are a multitude of blessings and challenges to being catholic in the workplace. I find it extremely beneficial to identify likeminded people, often in the same season of life, to connect to and share in this journey we call life. Whether this be in the workplace, or just in everyday life, Jesus calls us to communal life with him and with one another, as the Body of Christ. St. Frances of Assisi says, "Preach the Gospel at all times, when necessary, use words." How will you preach the gospel today?

*Kim is a member of our local community, wife to John, stay at home mom of four amazing kids, Amelie, Tripp, Patrick, and Anna Cate. She loves connecting with people, running, volunteering, and sharing the Gospel. She is passionate about her faith, discipleship, and learning what it means to do this thing called life in Christ.*

## Parish Confirmations

- May 1 – St. Alphonsus Church, Hessmer
- May 8 – St. Paul the Apostle Church, Mansura
- May 9 – St. Mary's Assumption Church, Cottonport
- May 10 – Holy Cross Church, Natchitoches
- May 19 – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tioga
- May 24 – St. Joseph Church, Colfax
- May 25 – Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches
- May 26 – St. Juliana Church, Alexandria
- May 31 – Mary, Mother of Jesus Church, Woodworth

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**James 5:1-2, 5**

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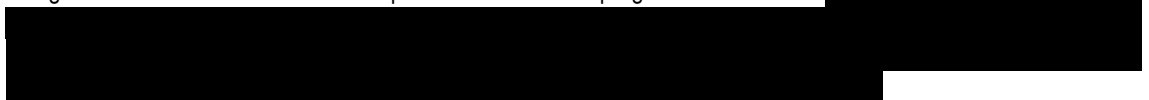
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**SAINT ANTHONY SCHOOL FAIR (Bunkie).** (Above) St. Anthony of Padua School hosted their Spring Fair on April 6. Activities included a large craft show, 5k run, kickball tournament, games, and bingo.

**SAINT MARY'S ASSUMPTION SCHOOL WINNERS.** (Above right) The Catholic Daughters educational winners were announced at the St. Mary's Assumption Church, Cottonport, Children's Mass on March 15. Each year the Catholic Daughters of Court Padre Pio #2141 sponsors the national program for students.



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**Look for a special edition of the Church Today paper this July, celebrating 50 years of news in the Diocese of Alexandria!**

**Maryhill Wish List Update**

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has donated time, money and items from the Maryhill Wish List!

Now that immediate needs have been met, we are regrouping and will be back later to let you know about some new and exciting projects for the future!

**?? Catholic Trivia ??**

**Who said the following:**  
*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people, and hallelujah is our song."*

**Was it:**

A. St. Augustine      C. Henry Knox Sherrill  
B. Pope John Paul II      D. St. Rose of Lima

**Answer on page 19.**

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# Spanish ACTS Retreat for Women

Dear friends of ACTS,

Praise God! The Spanish ACTS Retreat for Women was a great success. Building on the good work from the Spanish ACTS Retreat for Men in January, I can already see new life and healing taking root.

On behalf of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, and the Hispanic community of Forest Hill: THANK YOU to all who helped to make this retreat a reality. Special thanks to the Cenla ACTS chapter and to the ACTS teams from Midland - Odessa, TX, and Hobbes, NM.

May God bless each of you for your love of the Lord and your efforts in his mission.

In Christ,  
- Fr. Adam Travis

Queridos amigos de ACTS,

Alabado sea Dios! El retiro de ACTS en español para mujeres fue un gran éxito. Siguiendo el buen trabajo del retiro para hombres en enero, ya puedo ver la nueva vida y un amor más fuerte por nuestro Señor Jesús.

En nombre de la Misión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y la comunidad hispana de Forest Hill: GRACIAS a todos los que ayudaron a hacer de este retiro una realidad. Un agradecimiento especial al capítulo ACTS de Cenla y a los equipos ACTS de Midland y Odessa, TX, y Hobbs, NM.

Que Dios los bendiga a cada uno de ustedes por su amor al Señor y sus esfuerzos en su misión.

Saludos en Cristo,  
- Padre Adam Travis

## The Cross Word

May 5 and 12, 2019



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Readings: Acts 5: 27-32; 40b-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 and Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Rev 7: 9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

### ACROSS

- 1 Divine Comedy has 100 of these
- 6 Short-term memory
- 9 Droop
- 12 King Saul's uncle
- 13 Men's neckwear
- 14 Unwell
- 15 Jesus had this ready for breakfast
- 16 Rosary month
- 17 Cow sound
- 18 Flow out slowly
- 20 House coverings
- 22 The "Living Creatures & (these)"

- 25 Nephilim
- 26 "Under the earth and in the \_\_\_"
- 27 Singe
- 29 Musical repeat
- 31 Bullfight cheer
- 32 Mormon state
- 36 Israel's river
- 39 "Until the end of the \_"
- 40 "\_\_\_ from me, Satan"
- 43 Jesus is "leader & \_\_\_"
- 45 Deflect
- 46 Misprint
- 47 Neither's partner
- 48 Sin
- 50 Slice

- 54 Dekagram (abbr.)
- 55 "To the right!"
- 56 Acclaim
- 57 Congressional vote
- 58 \_\_\_ Maria
- 59 Greek 'D'

### DOWN

- 1 Taxi
- 2 Reduced (abbr.)
- 3 Compass point
- 4 Frustrate
- 5 "Strict \_\_\_"
- 6 "\_\_\_ teaching in that name"
- 7 Twitching
- 8 System of measurement
- 9 Peter's name
- 10 In the air
- 11 Polish
- 19 Convoy
- 21 Hawaiian island
- 22 Escudo
- 23 Popular Pope name
- 24 Father
- 25 Oily
- 28 "When you are \_\_\_"
- 30 Open
- 33 Thai
- 34 Gone by
- 35 Possessive pronoun
- 37 St. Juan de \_\_\_\_\_
- 38 Dozed
- 40 Fop
- 41 Bring to mind
- 42 In Pamphylia
- 44 "My sheep hear my \_\_\_"
- 46 "...hanging him on a \_\_\_"
- 49 Pastor (abbr.)
- 51 Annex
- 52 Tabby
- 53 Arrival

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## Wanting what Jesus is doing

By Laura Kelly Fanucci  
Catholic News Service

"I want some of that -- what Jesus is doing."

My young son tugged at my elbow, pointing to our pastor who stood at the front of the church, praying with each person who came forward for the sacrament, anointing their heads and hands with the oil of the sick.

"I want some of that," he insisted. "What Jesus is doing!"

I could have chuckled at his request, a classic "kids say the cutest things" comment during Mass. He was only 2 at the time, young enough to confuse the priest in flowing robes with pictures of Jesus in his children's Bible. But his words kept me wondering, even after I explained what he was seeing.

Could his eyes -- the clearer, childlike eyes of faith -- catch what mine couldn't?

A theology professor of mine used to teach this wise maxim to his Scripture classes: "If it happened back then, it's happening now." Meaning that we should keep our eyes open wide to see God at work in the world today. We need to remember that the Bible tells not ancient history but ever-present reality.

What was Jesus doing in Scripture? Healing the sick. Forgiving sinners. Teaching the crowds. Comforting the grieving. Preaching good news.

Everything God continues to do in our world today.

What if we approached each Mass, each Scripture story and each moment of prayer with this same longing and eagerness? "I



**CHILDLIKE FAITH.** It often takes the witness of others, even children, to open our eyes to the work of God in our midst.

want some of that -- what Jesus is doing." My son's words have remained with me over the years, a refrain for seeing the world with eyes of faith. His recognition of the holy and his desire for Jesus remind me to look from his level.

God works through our ordinary lives in moments so small we can miss them. Cooking breakfast for the ones we love. Washing feet. Sweeping the floor. Sitting with a sick child. Holding a baby.

Jesus did (or taught about) these ordinary actions, weaving them into his parables and preaching. The same moments that fill my days as a parent. The same tasks I've watched my friends do over and over, in small or heroic ways in their own homes.

Washing children's feet at bath time after long days as a nurse and raising money to give

other children access to clean water.

Cooking hot breakfasts for their family on a tight budget and baking a year's worth of pastries as a gift for a parish fundraiser.

Sweeping floors three times a day with toddlers underfoot and launching letter-writing campaigns to sweep the church clean from abuse scandals and cover-ups.

Sitting up long nights with kids with special needs and sitting down to dinner with other mothers to help them know they aren't alone.

Waiting to hold a baby after multiple miscarriages and welcoming foster children into an already full home.

When I look at my friends' lives, I want some of all of this -- what Jesus is doing, in and through them. Picture the friends you know who nudge you closer to God. Friends whose ordinary love and service for neighbors

How do they spur you on toward a life that could make a toddler tug at a parent's sleeve, point and say, "I want some of that -- what Jesus is doing"?

Over the years, I have come to marvel at the mysteries of God at work in the world, but only because others taught me to see. They believe in the abundant presence of God. They model the Christian life in quiet, common ways.

But it took a child to lead me. To see God in the work of their hands.

*Fanucci is a mother and writer. She is the author of several books, including "Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting," and blogs at [www.motheringspirit.com](http://www.motheringspirit.com).*

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**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS COURT NOTRE DAME #1452, OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CHURCH**, hosted a very special day for the seniors of the church and community on March 20. The Joy Ministry (Just Older Youth) is a special group that meets every month for special prayer and fellowship. This day was a Lenten Morning of Reflection with Fr. Luke LaFleur as guest speaker. Fr. LaFleur reflected on the life of St. Joseph, in honor of his feast day, March 19th. Mass was celebrated and the sacrament of reconciliation was held. Breakfast and lunch was provided by the CDA Court Notre Dame, led by Chairwoman, Sharon Vandersypen. Members of the Court provided over twenty dishes and desserts. This project is part of the Circle of Love Spiritual Enhancement for our church community. Pictured left to right: Donna Young, Nora Penney, Norene Diegelmann, Susan Singleton, Suzanne Evans, Sharon Vandersypen, Linda Gauthier, Debra Newton, Tina Hebert, Elsie Campbell, Helen Feduccia, Mary Bush, Joy Broussard, Regent Marlene Sawrie. Not Pictured: Rose Walker, Bea Jones, Muriel Beach, Marilyn McGraw, Joan Lanus.

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 His pain was terrible, but it gave us another chance.

His arms stretched out, and His hands were nailed,  
 His feet were pierced, and I know He yelled.

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## Catholic schools to maintain 5-day school week

In response to the School Board Meeting held in Avoyelles Parish in March and their approval of a 4-day school week, the pastors, principals, superintendent and Catholic Schools Office staff met to discuss the effects of this decision on Catholic schools. The consensus was that those Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Alexandria located in the civil parish of Avoyelles, will maintain a 5-day school week for the 2019-2020 school year.

Thomas Roque, Sr., superintendent, stated that “decreased instructional minutes will have an adverse

effect on our students” and maintained that “this is not what we want for our students.” Bishop David Talley charged Diocese personnel to do what is in the student’s best interest and to “put at the forefront of the decision made, student academic advancement and faith formation.”

Pope John Paul II’s belief that “Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the conviction that the truths contained in that vision liberate student in the most profound meaning of human freedom.”

### MENARD RELIGION DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS THE DIDACHE BOOK SERIES.

(Right) Several years ago, Holy Savior Menard High School instituted the Didache book series for use by its religion department. Recently, teacher Mandi Chapman had the opportunity to hear the writer of the text *Understanding the Scriptures* (9th grade textbook), theologian Dr. Scott Hahn. To the right, is a picture of members of the 9th grade holding the freshman textbook, which was sent to Hahn to share with his wife, 6 kids, and 18 grandkids.

See more photos from Catholic Schools please visit [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org).

## Coach Wally Smith retires

Coach Wally Smith, who has been a part of Holy Savior Menard Cross Country for 33 years, has decided to hang up the running shoes. He will still teach at Holy Savior Menard, but has decided to pass coaching duties on to someone else.

From 1988 through 2017, the teams under his leadership accomplished the following: 11 Girls Cross Country State Championships, 2 Boys Cross Country State Championships, 1 Girls Track State Championship and numerous girls and boys state runner up trophies and individual state champions.



**MENARD SENIOR WINS FULL SCHOLARSHIP.** Congratulations to Holy Savior Menard senior, [redacted] for winning LSUA’s first ever 4-year Mulder Scholarship. The Mulder Scholarship is for incoming LSUA freshmen and covers up to \$80,000 of tuition, room and board, books and supplies and living expenses. Over 60 applicants—some from outside the United States applied for the scholarship. Pictured: LSUA Board with [redacted] her parents and presenters.



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**OLPS SCHOOL EASTER PLAY.** 1st grade students from Our Lady of Prompt Succor School (Alexandria) performed the annual Easter Play on April 17. The entire school joined in singing at the end of the performance.



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN NATCHITOCHEES.** (Above) Over 70 high school students from St. Mary's School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes volunteered to help at stations during the Red River Games of the Louisiana Special Olympics on Tuesday, April 16 at Northwestern State University campus. The St. Mary's students assisted the special athletes during their competitions.



**CABRINI STUDENTS WIN CATECHETICAL QUIZ BOWL.** Students from St. Frances Cabrini School won first place at the Catechetical Quiz Bowl, held March 30. The annual Quiz Bowl was held for students from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades with a total of 13 teams competing, and included questions from the books of Genesis and Matthew. The team winning first place received \$500 cash and a trophy.

**LSUA CSO HELP HOMELESS WOMEN.** (Below) Students from the Catholic Student Organization at LSU-A participated in an Ipsy Drive on March 15. The women collected Ipsy makeup bags, and filled them each with feminine and hygiene products to give to the homeless women in the Alexandria community.



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## Men's Monthly Nocturnal Adoration, Cabrini - May 2

The Men's Monthly Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Alexandria on Thursday, May 2 beginning at 7:00 a.m. All men of good-will are invited to participate. Call Michelle at 318-445-4588 to sign up for an hour.

## St. Mary's School Spring Fling - May 4

Join us for St. Mary's School annual Spring Fling Family Festival on May 4 on the Riverbank in Downtown Natchitoches. The fun begins at 9:00 a.m. with games and prizes, inflatables for the kids, character dance party and food trucks! At 5:30 p.m. we'll have a Rubber Duck Derby and then 5:45 Cane River Soul will perform. Armbands are \$20 purchased in advance or \$25 at the gate (admission is \$5 beginning at 1:00 p.m.). Also available for extra charges: Zip Line, Unicorn Rides, Video Game Truck. Sponsored by Cane River Waterway Commission. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's School. For more information call (318) 352-8394.

## Annual Mass of Renewal for Deacons - May 11

The Annual Renewal Mass for Deacons will be Saturday, May 11 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria at 10:30 a.m. Please encourage your parishioners to come and support their deacons at this special celebration. For more information, please contact Deacon Richard Mitchell at 318-445-6424, ext. 206 or email [denrmitchell@diocesealex.org](mailto:denrmitchell@diocesealex.org).

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations - May 12

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38; Luke 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. Find more resources at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

## Catholic High School Graduations - May 12-15

- May 12: Holy Savior Menard Baccalaureate  
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
- May 13: St. Mary's School, Natchitoches Graduation  
7:00 p.m., St. Mary's School, Natchitoches
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## DIOCESAN BRIEFS

### 4th Annual Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Fair - May 17-19

Join us for the 4th Annual Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Fair in Pineville! Activities will include Friday Crawfish boil, 5K/1 Mile Fun Run, games and concession stand, Sunday chicken dinner. Bidding for the silent auction will open on Friday evening and continue until closing bids and announcement of winners at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be 3 raffle drawings for \$500 each, one each day of the fair. For more information call 318-445-2497.

### Sacred Heart 5K/1Mile Fun Run - May 18

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Pineville is having their 4th Annual 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run on May 18 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Those interested in participating can go to [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) and search for Sacred Heart Parish to register. Or go to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Facebook page or website <http://jesusinpineville.com/> and access the signup website there. For more information, email [SacredHeartRace@outlook.com](mailto:SacredHeartRace@outlook.com).

### Crawfish Boil, St. Michael the Archangel, Leesville - May 18

The Knights of Columbus Council #4156 of St. Michael the Archangel, Leesville will have a Crawfish Boil on May 18 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Get 3 pounds of crawfish, one corn, and one potato for \$15 and 5 pounds, plus 2 each of corn and potatoes for \$25. All proceeds benefit the Diaconate Program.

### Jubilee Anniversary Mass for Priests - May 29

The annual Jubilee Mass for Priests celebrating ordination anniversaries will be held Wednesday, May 29 at 12:05 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Archbishop Gregory Aymond will be the main celebrant and the homilist will be Msgr. Steve Testa. All priests of the diocese are invited to concelebrate. Please bring an alb. Vesting will take place in the Rectory. All clergy and seminarians should be vested by 11:45 a.m. in order for pictures to be taken on the front steps of the Rectory. A luncheon will be served in Xavier Hall immediately following the Mass.

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - May 30-June 7

Join Radio Maria U.S. on a Marian 2019 pilgrimage to Medjugorje on May 30 to June 7. Pilgrims have been flocking to Medjugorje since 1981. The last three Popes supported Medjugorje through comments and actions. Receive the life-changing fruits of the Queen of Peace, daily Mass, Rosary and much more for \$2,600. Priest Director, Fr. Emilio Garraud, will be our spiritual director for this pilgrimage. For more information, contact Kathie at 318-640-4570, or Carla at 1-888-408-0201.

### Steubenville South High School Youth Conference - June 21-23

Registration for Steubenville South Youth Conference, to be held June 21-23, is now open. Go to [www.steubenvillesouth.com](http://www.steubenvillesouth.com) for more information.

### Men's Silent Retreat - August 22-25

A men's silent retreat for the Diocese of Alexandria will be held at the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau the weekend of August 22-25. Retreat silence supports our listening to God's gentle and loving voice within. For more information or to register, contact Jason Lavergne at 318-446-0217 or [jasonlavergne@aol.com](mailto:jasonlavergne@aol.com).

### Position Available: Director of Religious Education

St. Mary's School, Natchitoches, is seeking a Director of Religious Education/High School Religion teacher for 2019-2020. We are eager to welcome a faithfilled Catholic who is in good standing with the Church and willing to lead others to a spiritually healthy and dignified life of fulfillment. Applicants must have a sound knowledge of Catholic teaching, especially regarding the challenging social issues of today. Classroom experience, as well as adequate theological training and/or a college degree will be greatly valued and given extra consideration. Dedication to working with the Pastor and school administration is vital. Finally, we are eager for applicants who are willing to engage in active ministry outside of the classroom to achieve this goal. Please send resume to: Father Blake Deshautelle, 145 Church Street, Natchitoches, LA 71457 or call 318-352-3422.

### Position Available: Lunchroom Tech Substitutes

Now currently accepting applications for Lunchroom Technician Substitutes for each of our 8 schools. Applications are available from the Child Nutrition Office at the St. Joseph Catholic Center or online at [www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/catholic-schools/](http://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/catholic-schools/) For more information or to pick an application call Child Nutrition at (318) 445-6424, ext. 232 or 234.

## Church Today News Deadlines

**Next issue: May 27**  
**Deadline for news:**  
**Friday, May 17**

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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<p><b>Confirmation</b> St. Alphonsus Church, Hessmer</p>	<p><b>National Day of Prayer</b></p> <p><b>Men's Nocturnal Adoration</b> 7:00 p.m. (ends 7:00 a.m. next morning) St. Frances Cabrini Church, Alexandria</p>		<p><b>Spring Fling</b> 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's School, Natchitoches</p>	
PRAY FOR FR. J. O'BRIEN	PRAY FOR FR. D. O'CONNOR	PRAY FOR FR. C. OGBONNA	PRAY FOR FR. A. PALAKKATTUCHIRA	FIRST FRIDAY PRAY FOR FR. B. PALLIPPARAMBIL	FIRST SATURDAY PRAY FOR FR. J. PALLIPURATH	PRAY FOR FR. J. PARDUE
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
		<p><b>Confirmation</b> St. Paul the Apostle, Mansura</p>	<p><b>Confirmation</b> St. Mary's Assumption, Cottonport</p> <p><b>VIRTUS Training</b> 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria</p>	<p><b>Confirmation</b> Holy Cross Church, Natchitoches</p>	<p><b>Annual Mass of Renewal for Deacons</b> 10:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria</p>	<p><b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b></p>
PRAY FOR FR. C. PARTAIN	PRAY FOR FR. T. PAUL	PRAY FOR FR. G. POOKKATTU	PRAY FOR FR. R. RABALAIS	PRAY FOR FR. C. RAY	PRAY FOR FR. T. REYNOLDS	MOTHERS DAY PRAY FOR FR. J. ROBLES-SANCHEZ
<b>National Teacher Appreciation Week</b>						
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<p><b>St. Mary's School Graduation</b> 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's School, Natchitoches, School Gymnasium</p>	<p><b>Holy Savior Menard Graduation</b> 7:00 p.m. Gwinn Auditorium, Louisiana College Campus</p>	<p><b>St. Joseph High School Graduation</b> 7:00 p.m. Mater Dolorosa Church, Pineville</p>			<p><b>Sacred Heart Fun Run</b> 8:00 a.m.: Sacred Heart Church, Pineville</p> <p><b>Crawfish Boil</b> 12:00 p.m. St. Michael the Archangel, Leesville</p>	<p><b>Confirmation</b> Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Pineville</p>
PRAY FOR FR. E. RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ	PRAY FOR FR. J. RYAN	PRAY FOR FR. C. SCOTT	PRAY FOR FR. B. SEILER	<b>Parish Fair -- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pineville</b>		PRAY FOR FR. L. SKLAR
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
				<p><b>Confirmation</b> St. Joseph Church, Colfax</p>	<p><b>Confirmation</b> Minor Basilica, Natchitoches</p>	<p><b>Confirmation</b> St. Juliana Church, Alexandria</p>
PRAY FOR FR. I. ST. ROMAIN	PRAY FOR MSGR. S. TESTA	PRAY FOR FR. J. THOMAS	PRAY FOR FR. A. THOMPSON	PRAY FOR MSGR. J. TIMMERMANS	PRAY FOR FR. A. TRAVIS	PALM SUNDAY PRAY FOR FR. A. VARGHESE
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>2</b>
		<p><b>Jubilee Anniversary Mass for Priests</b> 12:05 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria</p>		<p><b>Confirmation</b> Mary, Mother of Jesus, Woodworth</p>		
MEMORIAL DAY PRAY FOR FR. V. VEAD	PRAY FOR FR. N. VIVIANO	PRAY FOR FR. G. VOLTZ	PRAY FOR FR. J. WILTSE	PRAY FOR FR. J. XAVIER	PRAY FOR FR. K. ZACHARIAH	PRAY FOR FR. A. AELAVANTHARA



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