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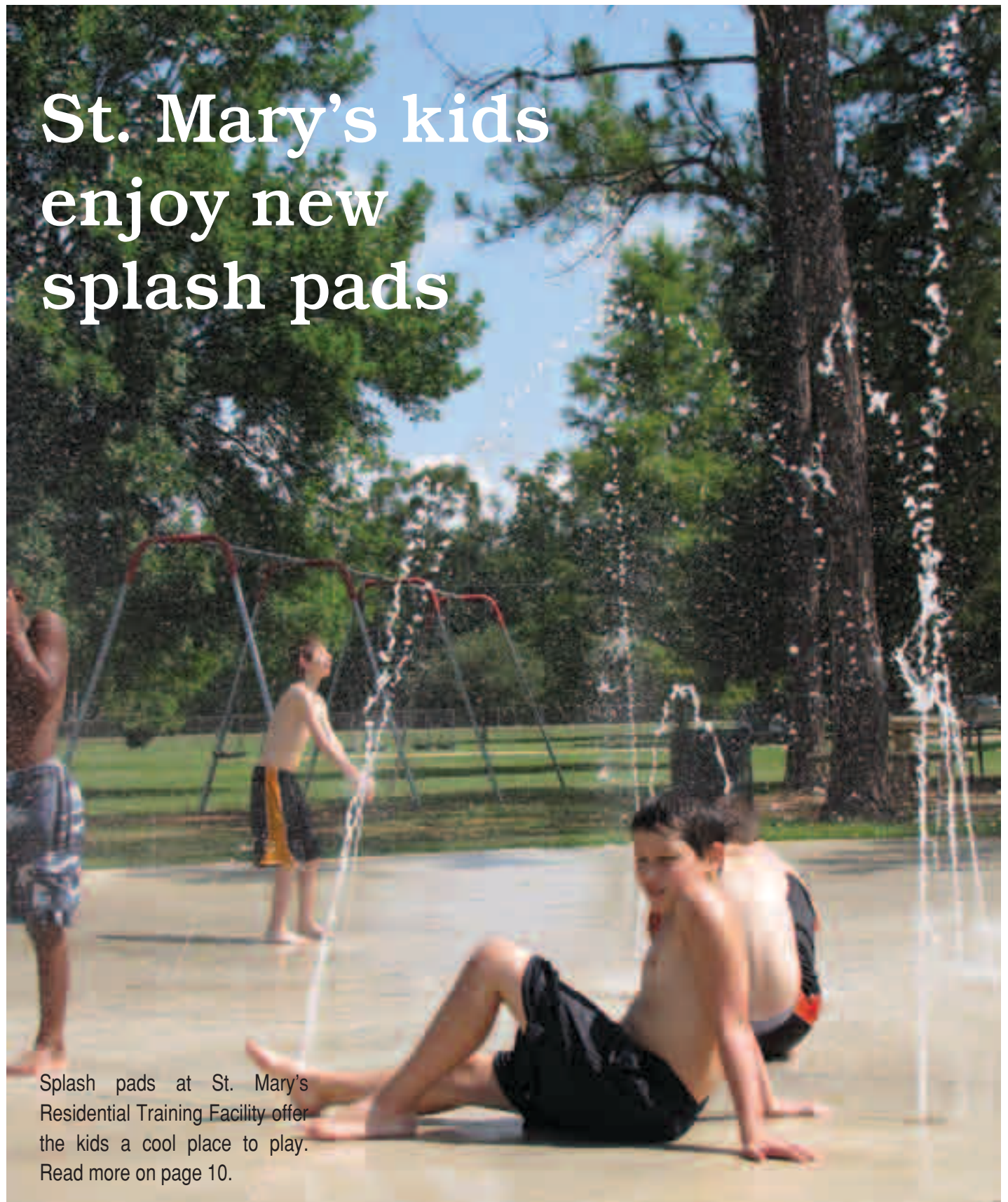
Bishop Herzog approves gradual implementation of new Roman Missal

Bishop Ronald Herzog recently approved a gradual implementation of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, for the Diocese of Alexandria beginning in September, 2011. See page 5.

First Communion and Confirmation pictures

Hundreds of students received First Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation recently in the Diocese of Alexandria. View all of the pictures on pages 14-18.

St. Mary's kids enjoy new splash pads



Splash pads at St. Mary's Residential Training Facility offer the kids a cool place to play. Read more on page 10.

California, New York, Illinois pass legislation to strengthen gay unions

Bishops oppose bill requiring textbooks to include gays' contributions

By Catholic News Service

(CNS) -- The California Catholic Conference opposes a bill passed by the state's legislators that requires social studies texts for kindergarteners through high school seniors in public school to specifically include the role and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans.

The bill also would prohibit the state Board of Education from adopting instructional materials that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The state Assembly July 5 passed the bill, called the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful Education Act. It passed the state Senate in April and was awaiting a signature or veto from Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, who has not indicated whether he will sign the document. A similar bill was vetoed in 2006 by former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

If the bill is signed, California will be the first state to require public schools to teach about the historical contributions of gays and lesbians.

California already requires that public school students be taught from texts that "accurately portray the role and contribution of culturally and racially diverse groups including Native Americans, African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Asian-Americans, and European-Americans in the development of California and the United States."

The current bill revises this list to also include Pacific



PEOPLE MARCH IN GAY PRIDE PARADE IN NEW YORK. People march in the Gay Pride Parade in New York June 26. Following passage of legislation to allow same-sex marriage in New York, the Catholic bishops of the state expressed concern "that both marriage and family will be undermined by this tragic presumption of government." (CNS photo/Mary Knight)

Islanders; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans; persons with disabilities; and members of other ethnic and cultural groups.

Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said the bill "amounts to the government rewriting history books based on pressure-group politics." In a July 8 column in *The Tidings*, the archdiocesan newspaper, he also described the bill as "another example of the government interfering with parents' rights to be their children's primary educators."

A legislative alert sent by the California Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state's bishops, had urged Catholics to tell their state legislators to vote against the bill.

"Professional educators and historians, working with teachers, parents and school

boards, should design social studies curriculums," the alert said, noting that "politicians, subject to the winds of political correctness, should not because they often respond with more alacrity to the interest groups than to their constituents whose children attend California's schools."

Sen. Mark Leno, a San Francisco Democrat who introduced the bill last December, said in a news release that most textbooks don't include historical information about the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender movement, which he said "has great significance to both California and U.S. history."

Catholic agencies dropped as foster care providers over same-sex unions

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has informed four Catholic dioceses that it will not renew their contracts to provide foster care and adoption services because there has been "no meeting of the minds" about providing services to same-sex couples.

Erwin McEwen, the

agencies, as they have done for decades.

Sangamon County Circuit Judge John Schmidt was expected to rule July 12 in Springfield, the Illinois capital, on a request from the four dioceses for a temporary injunction blocking the termination of their contracts with the department.

The decision will affect 1,997 children in foster care -- including some in the process of being adopted -- under the supervision of the four Catholic Charities agencies, said Kendall Marlowe, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. But the change will only be in the agency supervising their care, not the home in which they are placed, he added.

He said approximately 15,000 children are presently in foster care in Illinois.

"We cannot enter into a contract with anyone who has publicly, affirmatively stated that they will not follow the law in performing services under the contract," Marlowe told Catholic News Service July 12. "These agencies have made their choice, and we must now plan to transition these cases with the least disruption possible for the kids."

Marlowe said the process of transitioning the children to supervision by other agencies will take "a couple of months," and in the meantime the four dioceses will continue to have responsibility for the children in their care.

But the Department of

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Father Corapi leaves the priesthood

Fact-finding team discovers involvement in drugs, alcohol abuse, cohabitation

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

Although Father Corapi's ministry "has inspired thousands of faithful Catholics," the news release said, he is "now misleading these individuals through his false statements and characterizations."

"It is for these Catholics that SOLT, by means of this announcement, seeks to set the record straight," it added.

There was no immediate response to the announcement from Father Corapi.

The order said its three-member fact-finding team had gathered information "from Father Corapi's emails, various witnesses and public sources" and had concluded that the priest:

- "Did have sexual relations and years of cohabitation (in California and Montana) with a woman known to him, when the relationship began, as a prostitute."
- "Repeatedly abused alcohol and drugs."
- "Has recently engaged in sexting activity with one or more women in Montana."
- "Holds legal title to over \$1 million in real estate, numerous

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Father John A. Corapi was involved in "years of cohabitation" with a former prostitute, repeated abuse of alcohol and drugs and "serious violation" of his promise of poverty, according to a fact-finding team appointed by his religious order.

Father Corapi, who recently announced he would leave the priesthood because he could not get a "fair hearing" on misconduct allegations against him, has been ordered by the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity to return to live at the order's regional headquarters in Robstown, Texas, and to dismiss a lawsuit against the woman whose accusations prompted the investigation.

"Catholics should understand that (the order) does not consider Father John Corapi as fit for ministry," said a July 5 news release from Father Gerard Sheehan, regional priest servant for the order, commonly known as SOLT.



FATHER JOHN A. CORAPI, S.O.L.T. Father Corapi, a popular author and preacher, has been accused by his order of sexual and financial wrongdoing and of misleading followers with false statements. His order, the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity called on the priest to return to the order's regional office in Robstown, Texas. (CNS photo/Dave Hrbacek, Catholic Spirit)

luxury vehicles, motorcycles, an ATV, a boat dock and several

motor boats, which is a serious violation of his promise of poverty as a perpetually professed member of this society."

Although he did not name them, Father Sheehan said the fact-finding team was made up of a priest specializing in canon law, a psychiatrist and a lawyer, each of whom has a national reputation and "substantial experience in ecclesiastical processes related to priest disciplinary issues."

Two of the three were members of religious orders, and the third was a layperson. Two were men and one was a woman, he said.

As the team was carrying out its work, Father Corapi filed a civil suit against his principal accuser and then offered \$100,000 for her silence, the news release said. Other key witnesses who "may have negotiated contracts ... that precluded them from speaking" with the team declined to answer its questions or provide documents, it said.

When the fact-finding team asked Father Corapi to dismiss the lawsuit and release individuals from their contractual

obligations to remain silent, "he refused to do so and, through his canonical advocate, stated, 'It is not possible for Father Corapi to answer the commission's questions at this time,'" the news release added.

Father Corapi, 64, announced June 17 -- two days before the 20th anniversary of his priestly ordination -- in a YouTube video and blog posting that he would leave the priesthood.

"For 20 years I did my best to guard and feed the sheep," he said in the blog posting. "Now, based on a totally unsubstantiated, undocumented allegation from a demonstrably troubled person I was thrown out like yesterday's garbage. I accept that. Perhaps I deserve that."

Father Corapi had been highly visible for several years as a speaker and preacher, including a program on the Eternal Word Television Network. EWTN took his show off its schedule shortly after his suspension.

To read the official statement from his order, go to www.societyofourlady.net. Then go to "Press Release about Fr Corapi."

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Children and Family Services has prior experience in such a transition process, Marlowe said. The Rockford Diocese announced in May that it would end its participation in state-funded foster care and adoption services when the civil unions law took effect, and 300 children were then transitioned to another private agency, he said.

In addition, about 1,000 children were transferred to the care of other agencies in 2007 when Catholic Charities of the Chicago Archdiocese stopped offering state-funded foster care services because it was unable to obtain liability insurance for the program.

Marlowe said two other faith-based agencies had been following the practice of referring same-sex couples to other agencies for foster care and adoption services.

Even though the summer is only half over, our attention is already beginning to center on things in the months ahead.

One of the more important projects for the diocese is the search for a successor to Mrs. Mary Ann Huckabay as superintendent of schools. We have invited applicants from surrounding areas to submit formal applications by the end of July. Father Scott Chemino, Vicar General, is coordinating this effort and a search committee is being formed to assist in the selection process.

If you know of any possible candidate(s) please encourage him/her to apply. I also want to take this occasion to publicly thank Mrs. Huckabay for her service to Catholic education over many years. Even though she has only served in her role as superintendent for one year, her career as a Catholic educator has encompassed most of her adult life. We wish her and her family, rich blessings as she enjoys



One in the Lord.

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

her well-earned retirement!

You will be receiving more information about the annual Taste of Faith free dinner to help us provide necessary support for the men in seminary formation. It also provides the opportunity to meet these men as well as many of the men in formation for the diaconate and their wives who have also helped us.

The year's dinner will take place at St. Rita Family Life Center on Thursday, Aug. 11, beginning at 5:00 p.m. As in the past there is no charge, but we do invite donations of any amount.

We usually have about 600 who attend and the gifts amount to close to \$10,000.00. We do ask that you register by Aug. 1 so we can prepare sufficient food.

If you haven't come in past years, you will have to take a chance on what I choose to prepare (with the help of my great kitchen staff!). I never publish the menu ahead of time so don't ask. Come and find out!

In the looking ahead category... Most of you know that the Third Edition of the Roman Missal English translation will become effective on the First Sunday of Ad-

vent (November 27, 2011).

In preparation, we are already offering a final series of workshops for our priests, providing them with a rich variety of materials they can use in their parishes and missions. There is no cost to the parishes for these materials thanks to a grant we have obtained.

We are also planning a series of workshops for the key music ministers of each Church to assist them in getting ready and helping their communities to be able to actively participate. The dates and places will be announced soon.

I personally ask each of you, in these very important ministerial roles, to attend whichever one is most convenient. Music directors and accompanists probably have the greatest impact (next to the priest) on their community's worship and we want to help them as much as possible.

Something that may not be

well known, since it only received approval at our USCCB meeting in June, is permission has been granted to begin using the new texts in musical settings on Sept. 1. Please note that this is only if the texts are sung.

As soon as a community's leaders decide on the setting they prefer, the priests and people can begin using them, even though the Missal itself may not be shipped until Oct. 1 and cannot be used until Advent. Most settings allow for congregational parts to be reproduced and some settings are even free! Hopefully, this will make it much easier for us to be ready to celebrate confidently and well, even with renewed enthusiasm as a worshipping people.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe as our summer journey continues!



Why is Pontius Pilate mentioned by name in the Creed?

The Third Edition of the Roman Missal will introduce a number of changes to the liturgy. These changes are the result of tremendous effort by many people over the years that have grappled with issues such as: "What translation works best?" "What translation is most faithful to the text?" "What translation works best for the people?"

Change will come, as it inevitably does. Psychologists tell us that all change, good or bad, causes stress. No matter how one takes change to the liturgy, the reactions are sure to range from the excited to outright resistance. However, what should bring these extremes comfort must be the unchanging aspects of our liturgy.

Many things will not change. One that will not has been in the Creed since the early Christian church is the peculiar statement that Jesus Christ was "crucified under Pontius Pilate." This is a line that we often recite quickly, not giving it a second thought, passing over it as if it simply moves us from one part of the Creed to the next. Other than Jesus and Mary,



the only other person mentioned by name in the Creed is Pontius Pilate. Peter, Paul, the apostles and all the other disciples, John the Baptist - none are mentioned by name. Nothing in the Creed is a mere decoration, like an extra in a movie. Each word and phrase carries with it a certain theological history and precision. So why is it that almost every known form of the Creed mentions Pontius Pilate by name?

It seems settled that Pontius Pilate is mentioned by name because this marks a specific place and a specific moment in the history of the Roman Empire that Jesus Christ walked the face of the earth. At the height of the empire Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea, in the reign of Tiberius

Caesar, reluctantly authorized the execution of Jesus, a simple carpenter. By marking this specific moment in history we profess as part of our faith that Jesus did exist in this moment, in this time, in this place. Jesus was not a fictional hero, he really did exist. He recruited apostles, he performed miracles, he suffered in the garden, was put on trial, was sentenced to death, was crucified, died, was buried, rose on the third day, appeared to the apostles in the upper room and to disciples on the road to Emmaus, and ascended into heaven. The mention of Pontius Pilate by name then marks the moment in time and the place of our salvation.

Liturgy is meant to celebrate the seminal event of the salvation

of all humanity. The Eucharistic celebration is the source and summit of the Church's life and her mission. In every age the richness and variety of our liturgical rite holds fast to what is true and aids us to pray what we believe, and

believe what we pray. At the same time, liturgical renewal leads us down the path of a Church, united in both belief and prayer. This is what we do that makes us Catholic and we owe to ourselves to do it and say it well.

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Why is there a new English translation of the Mass?

This is an exciting time to be Catholic. For the first time since Vatican II in the mid 1960s, there will be a slight difference in the words that we say at Mass beginning on Sunday, November 22, 2011 -- the first Sunday of Advent.

For the past 40 or so years, we've attended Mass and said the same words and responses -- almost routinely -- without really knowing why we say them or what they mean.

The new English translation is a very unique opportunity for us to reflect on what we say at Mass and what those words mean. It is a unique opportunity to rediscover the splendor of the Mass.

The new English translation represents the most important liturgical change in the Mass since Vatican II.



Bishop Ronald Hertzog recently approved a gradual implementation of the Roman Missal, Third Edition, for the Diocese of Alexandria beginning in September, 2011.

In a letter dated June 16, from Archbishop Greg Aymond to Louisiana bishops, it was announced that the Committee on Divine Worship had made a recommendation to Archbishop Timothy Dolan concerning the manner of implementation of the Roman Missal.

Archbishop Dolan has accepted the Committee's recommendation, giving diocesan bishops the authority to permit a gradual introduction of new sung settings of the Gloria, the Holy, and the Memorial Acclamations beginning in September.

Bishop Herzog has approved the gradual implementation as a means of preparing the people and helping them embrace the new translation.

the principles of *dynamic equivalence*. This approach to translation attempts to convey a "general meaning" of the original text (Latin), rather than giving a word-for-word translation, known as *formal equivalence*.

Over the years, theologians began to notice where improvements could be made in the liturgical texts.

For example, with the general (dynamic equivalence) translation, many of the biblical allusions of the Mass were lost. Many of the rich metaphors and rich biblical texts which included important terms and concepts of the Catholic faith were lost or were unclear.

Now that we have had more than 40 years experience of using these texts in worship, we are able to see where the texts might be improved. The new English version, based on the translation principles of formal equivalence, is meant to be a better translation of the original Latin source texts.

Now, the new translation will use wording that will make more obvious the biblical origins of many of the prayers we use during Mass.

In addition, the new translation is meant to provide a more courteous, reverential way of praying the liturgy.

Source: 2010 Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions

I hear the Mass is changing. Is that true?

No, the way we celebrate Mass and the structure of the Mass itself is not changing.

What will be different are some of the prayers and responses during Mass for both the priest and the liturgical assembly.

There will be some text changes for priests in the prayers they use at Mass, like the Eucharistic prayer. Priests also will notice a different cadence or rhythm, to a few prayers.

Where do the prayers we say at Mass come from?

All the words we say or sing, the prayers the priest says, come from the *Sacramentary*. This book is the English version of the *Roman Missal*, the book used for Mass by Catholics throughout the world.

After the Second Vatican Council, when the Mass was reformed and took the familiar shape we know today, the Vatican issued the official Latin book for the new Mass, *Missale Romanum*

(*The Roman Missal*). This Latin book is the original text the bishops of each country used to translate the Roman Missal into their local language or languages.

The Sacramentary we use today is a translation from the 1985 second edition of the *Latin Missal* that came out in 1975.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II approved a third edition of the *Missale Romanum*. This Latin text is the version from which the new English translation has been done.

Why are we having a new English translation of the Roman Missal?

For centuries, Catholics prayed the Mass only in Latin. After the Second Vatican Council, the liturgical texts were translated for the first time into the vernacular (or language) of the local people. The groups involved in the translation process worked under pressure to complete their job quickly.

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Two Marksville Holy Family sisters celebrate 60th anniversary

By Walter Rogers
Marksville, LA

In June 1951, after graduating from the 8th grade at Holy Ghost Catholic School in Marksville, two young girls -- inspired by the Sisters of the Holy Family -- told their parents and family that they wanted to become Catholic nuns.

Those two devout, Christian families allowed these 14-year-old children to follow their dreams.

With the appropriate contacts made and the necessary documents completed and signed, the girls were taken to the rectory of Holy Ghost Church by their family. From there, they were driven by Father F. C. Lachawsky, CSSP, pastor of Holy Ghost, to the Union Pacific Train Station in Mansura, and put on a train bound for New Orleans. It was on that train that these two young girls began their journey to serve God as Catholic nuns.

Those two young girls were Josephine Francisco, daughter of the late Joseph and Corona (Greenhouse) Francisco of the Spring Bayou area and M. Concetta Augustine, daughter of the late Merlin and Nora (Mayeaux) Augustine of the Gumridge communities of Marksville.

On Saturday, June 11, 2011, Sister Josephine Francisco, SSF

and Sister M. Concetta Augustine, along with four other classmates, celebrated their 60th Jubilee as Sisters of the Holy Family, in New Orleans.

A total of 12 nuns celebrated jubilees that day; one with 25 years; four with 50 years; and one with 75 years in service to God and humanity.

Nearly a dozen priests and deacons concelebrated Holy Mass with Bishop Dominic Carmon, SVD as the main celebrant at St. Maria Goretti Church in New Orleans, just blocks away from the Mother House of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

The Gospel of the Mass was taken from Luke 10:17-24 and the homily was delivered by Rev. Victor Cohea. The jubilarians renewed their religious vows and Catholics in attendance renewed their baptismal vows. The St. Raymond-St. Leo Choir rendered inspirational hymns and praise.

In an interview after Mass that day, Sister Josephine recalled the early days of her life in the New Orleans convent.

"I remember I had to return home several weeks after my arrival at the Sisters of the Holy Family Mother House in New Orleans because my father, Joseph Francisco, had become very ill," she said. He went hunting with the dog one day but did not return."



60 YEARS AS HOLY FAMILY SISTERS. Sister M. Concetta Augustine, SSF (left) and Sister Josephine Francisco, SSF (right) recently celebrated 60 years as Sisters of the Holy Family.

When her Uncle Walter Patterson came for a visit at their

home later that day, her Mother told him that "the dog came home from the hunting trip, but her husband did not."

Several family members went to the woods to look for him and discovered that he had fallen

ill. He was brought home; the doctor was called and internal hemorrhaging was the diagnosis. Josephine was called.

When young Josephine arrived from New Orleans, she found family members at his bedside saying the Rosary. When he saw his family in tears, he said to them, "now cut that out." Josephine was able to say goodbye to him before he died that afternoon.

Sister Concetta Augustine and Sister Josephine's careers in service to God was a blessing to them and to the countless souls they touched throughout their 60 years as Holy Family nuns.

Sister Josephine has served as far away as Texas and Sister Concetta served as close as her home school/church here in Marksville during the time her parents became elderly and ill.

A large number of parishioners from Holy Ghost Church in Marksville attended the celebration in New Orleans to honor the jubilarian nuns. Also in attendance were family and friends from Avoyelles, as well as from Texas and Arkansas.

After the two-hour Jubilarian Mass, a reception was held in the Msgr. Gauthreaux Center where old acquaintances were renewed and new friendships were formed.

June 11, 2011 was a blessed day. We thank God for Sister Concetta Augustine, SSF and Sister Josephine Francisco, SSF. May God continue to bless them as they continue to live their vows in service to HIM!

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St. Mary's kids enjoy new splash pads on campus

With the daily temperatures reaching 100 degrees and above, it is hard to keep cool these days.

Residents at St. Mary's Residential Training facility, however, have a great way to beat the heat -- new splash pads.

Two new splash pads have been built on the campus of St. Mary's for the residents.

"The Parents Support Group raised the money for the two splash pads through fundraisers like the Greco Bowl, bake sales, and private donations," said Bobbi Hess, director of development for St. Mary's. "The parents thought the kids would enjoy something like this during these long hot summer days."

The residents also have an indoor swimming pool, several playgrounds, a walking/bike trail, and a put putt golf course.

Cookie Jar Kitchen

Groundbreaking was held June 18 for a new Sisters of



WATER FUN. A few of the residents from St. Mary's Residential Training Facility play in one of the two new splash pads recently added to the campus.

Our Lady of Sorrows Cookie Jar Kitchen commercial bakery on Browns Bend Road.

The bakery will give Our Lady of Sorrows residents a chance to earn money and help

bake delicious treats, while learning a vocational skill.

"The Cookie Jar Kitchen will provide employment for our clients, vocational skills and (help them) learn how to

follow directions," said Sr. Carla Bertani, OLS administrator. "They will be under the direction of Sister Linda Norsworthy.

"Sr. Linda has been baking treats since 2004 and has built quite a clientele. It was time for her to expand."

"Sister Norsworthy bakes cookies and pies. We are looing to have some Italian ice cream soon," said Sister Bertani.

Chef John Folse of Baton Rouge was present at the groundbreaking ceremony and pledged to help with items needed for the Cookie Jar Kitchen.

"About five years ago, I met Sister Carla and cooked for a fundraiser they had," Folse said. "I was very inspired with Our Lady of Sorrows and wanted to

help more. If they need help with pieces of equipment or anything, I will help. They do unbelievable work here, and it's inspiring."

Alliance Design Group, LLC, of Alexandria designed the plans for the bakery, while Brewer Construction of Alexandria will build it.

Michael R. DeKeyzer an Allianace architect, said the Cookie Jar Kitchen will be 3,750 square feet.

Brewer Construction owner Ronne Brewer said the building will be located on 7.4 acres.

Construction will begin within the next 30 days and is expected to be completed in about one year.

Menard Eaglettes to host Summer Dance Camp Aug. 1

The Holy Savior Menard Golden Eaglettes will be hosting a Summer Dance Camp Spectacular August 1-4 in the school gym.

The camp is for girls entering kindergarten through 6th grade and will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. At the end of the camp, the dancers will conclude with a final dance performance for parents on August 4 at 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$85.00 (\$10 discount for siblings). All proceeds will be used to fund the Eaglettes' participation in the 2011-2012 state competition.

For more information or to receive an application, contact Sandy Oestriecher at Email: Nurseso@aol.com or phone 308-2468.

Dancers are asked to bring their lunch or preorder pizza \$1 per slice and or drinks. Snacks will be sold for .50 cents.

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(above) **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST VBS, DEVILLE-MONCLA-EFFIE.** Donna Thibodeaux and Ashlyn Belgard assist St. John's youth at the craft station during the St. John the Baptist Church, Deville Vacation Bible School held June 13-17.



(top right) **CAMP SACRED HEART.** Camp Sacred Heart was a fine arts camp where students experienced hands-on activities and lessons to develop skills in different areas of the Fine Arts; such as Art and Design, Dance and Music. The students also participated in Mass providing the music for two Sunday Liturgies. The camp was held June 20-July 1 at Sacred Heart Church in Pineville.



(bottom right) **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST VBS, CLOUTIERVILLE.** Father Kenneth Obiekwe, pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Cloutierville, stands with the group of kids who attended Vacation Bible School. VBS was held the week of June 6-10, and focused on "Saints and Virtues."

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TOP: Fr. Stan Fortuna performs for the Steubenville crowd.
RIGHT: Teens participate in the women's session.
BELOW: More than 3,100 students attended.
LEFT: Teens from Sacred Heart Pineville participate in activities as participants waited for lunch.



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Steubenville South 2011 "Rooted" in faith



RIGHT: Students return from receiving the Eucharist.
RIGHT BELOW: Josh Blakesley
BELOW: Students listen intently.
BOTTOM LEFT: A priest visits with students.
LEFT: Deacon Charles Ray and Fr. Stan Fortuna elevate the Eucharist and Precious Blood.



The Steubenville South youth conference was a great success thanks to the 3,100 enthusiastic teens, chaperones, volunteers, speakers, music ministry, and staff! There is much evidence that many conversions took place by the number of responses such as, "My son is reading the Bible instead of watching television." and "Being in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has changed my life."

In Sunday's closing Mass (Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ) Bishop Herzog focused on the history of this feast, the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and the importance of receiving communion regularly. The Bishop invited all to come forward who may be considering the priesthood or religious life and over 200 responded.

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ST. ANTHONY, BUNKIE. Fourteen students from St. Anthony Church were confirmed on May 12.

Bishop Ronald Herzog.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, DEVILLE. Eleven students from St. John the Baptist Church in Deville received the Sacrament of Confirmation in May.



ST. MARGARET'S, BOYCE. Five students from St. Margaret's Church in Boyce received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 8 (Mother's Day). This was our first Confirmation class since 2006. Pictured are Father Kurian Zachariah, Bishop Ronald Herzog,

Mrs. Linda Willis was their teacher.



OL OF LOURDES, FIFTH WARD. Bishop Ronald Herzog confirmed 15 students April 26 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Fifth Ward.

Back row: Bishop Ronald Herzog, Father Silverino Kwebuza,



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, CLOUTIERVILLE. Five students were confirmed on June 19 at St. John the Baptist Church in Cloutierville.

Back row: Fr. Kenneth Obiekwe, Bishop Ronald Herzog.

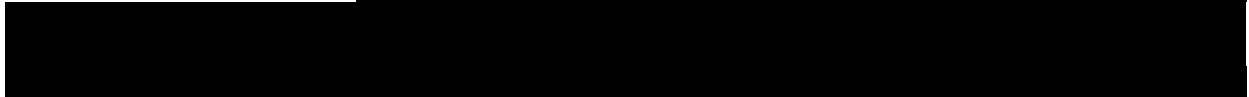


IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, TIOGA. Eight students received the Sacrament of Confirmation May 25 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tioga. Pictured are (front row)

Bishop Ronald Herzog, Father Rickey Gremillion, pastor; Helen Craig, DRE.



ST. ALPHONSUS, HESSMER. Twenty-eight students received the Sacrament of Confirmation April 30 at St. Alphonsus Church in Hessmer. Those confirmed were



Also pictured is Father Edwin Rodriguez, pastor, and Bishop Ronald Herzog.

Confirmation



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, COLFAX. Two students from St. Joseph Church recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pictured are , Bishop Ronald Herzog, and Father Harold Imamshah. Not pictured is Ashlee LaCour.



ST MARY'S RESIDENTIAL TRAINING SCHOOL. Four residents of St. Mary's Residential Training School received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 13. Pictured from left are Byron S., Lexus M., Bishop Ronald Herzog, Alex V. and Ricky C.



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ST. FRANCES CABRINI SCHOOL. Fourteen students received First Communion from St. Frances Cabrini. They are



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ST. ANTHONY, BUNKIE on May 22, 2011. Pictured are: Front row:

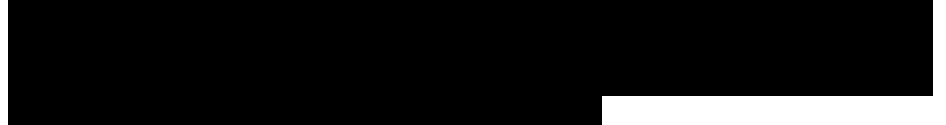


Rear: Fr. Jack Michalchuk. Not Pictured: Grace

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ST. RITA CHURCH. 20 students from St. Rita Church made First Communion recently. They are



ST. ALPHONSUS, HESSMER. Eleven students from St. Alphonsus Church in Hessmer made their First Communion May 1. Those pictured are Father Edwin Rodriguez, pastor;



and Patricia Chatelain, teacher.



ST. RITA HISPANIC MINISTRY. Seven Hispanic students received First Communion at St. Rita Church. Pictured are



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OUR LADY OF SORROWS, MOREAUVILLE. Three students from Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Moreauville received First Communion on May 8. Pictured are [redacted] with Rev. Jose Palathara, CML., pastor.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, DEVILLE. Seven students from St. John the Baptist Church in Deville received First Communion in May. [redacted]

ST. MARTIN CHURCH, LECOMPTE. Four students from St. Martin Church made their First Communion on May 1. They are [redacted]



OL of LOURDES, 5TH WARD. Ten students from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Fifth Ward received First Communion on May 15. Pictured are (front row) [redacted] and Father Silverino Kwebuza, AJ.

ST. PAUL, MANSURA. Ten students from St. Paul Church in Mansura received First Communion on May 22. Front row [redacted] Fr. Chad Partain, [redacted]

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ST. PETER CHURCH, ELMER. Five students received First Communion recently in Elmer.



OL of GUADALUPE, FOREST HILL. 27 from OL of Guadalupe made their First Communion on May 8. Pictured are



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DUPONT. Five students received First Communion on May 8 at Immaculate Conception Church in Dupont. Pictured are

R2 is Karen Travasos, teacher and Father George Krosfield, pastor.



ST. MICHAEL'S LEESVILLE. Seventeen students from St. Michael the Archangel Church in Leesville received First Communion on May 7. They are (front row)

, and Father Kenneth Michiels, pastor.



OL of LOURDES, WINNFIELD. Four students received First Communion recently from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield. Pictures are



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, TIOGA. Seventeen students received First Communion May 1 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tioga. Pictured are (front row)

Back row: Helen Craig, DRE; Father Rickey Gremillion, pastor; Georgette Bradley and Lori Escalon, catechists.



ST. JOSEPH'S, COLFAX. Congratulations to four from St. Joseph's Church in Colfax who received First Communion. Pictured are

Fr. Harold Imamshah

Back to School Dates

The back to school dates for all Catholic schools in the diocese are as follows:

Aug. 15, 2011

- Holy Savior Menard, Alexandria
- Sacred Heart School, Moreauville
- St. Anthony School, Bunkie
- St. Mary's Assumption, Cottonport
- St. Joseph School, Plaquemine

Aug. 16, 2011

- St. Mary's School, Natchitoches

Aug. 19, 2011

- OL of Prompt Succor, Alexandria
- St. Frances Cabrini School, Alexandria



LSU-A Catholic Student Center welcomes faculty, new students

The Catholic Student Center at Louisiana State University at Alexandria welcomes the faculty and students each year at the beginning of the fall semester with several events.

On Monday, August 15, the Catholic Student Center will host a wine and cheese social for the LSU-A faculty and staff from 4:00-10:00 p.m.

The new campus chaplain, Father Blake Deshautelle, will be there to meet the faculty and staff and to provide a blessing upon them for the coming year.

All LSU-A faculty and staff are invited, regardless of religious affiliation.

On Aug. 17, the Catholic Student Center will host a "Welcome to the Catholic Center" dinner at 6:00 p.m. All students and their parents are invited to come to the center to meet the chaplain and campus minister and to become familiar with the many Catholic activities and services offered through the center throughout the semester.

On Sept. 5 (Labor Day) the Louisiana College Catholic Club (Jacob Society) will host a Labor Day BBQ bash from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the LC campus. All LSU-A students are invited as well to meet and greet other Catholic students. Musical entertainment will be provided.



WELCOME BACK! Students hang out around the table at the Catholic Student Center on the LSU-A campus. Several social events will be hosted in August and early Sept. to start off the new school year.

On Sept. 23-25, the LSU-A Catholic Center will host an Awakening Retreat. An Awakening Retreat is a three-day retreat for college men and women. The retreat is designed for Catholics, but people of all faiths are welcome to register. The retreat includes the Sacraments, talks, activities, music, and so much more! It is impossible to describe; it must be experienced!

The cost for the weekend is \$25 per person and includes food, lodging and a t-shirt. For more information, e-mail Lynn Ray at

lrays@diocesealex.org.

Throughout the year, the Student Center offers students a variety of both social and spiritual events.

Every Wednesday at noon, local Catholic organizations (Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, etc) cook and serve a free meal to the faculty, staff and students at the center.

Each week the Center offers Bible study, Eucharistic Adoration, and Holy Mass. The Center also gives students access to a place to study, hang out, and to socialize with other students.

The Center is under the direction of Lynn Ray, coordinator of campus ministry.

Other college campus ministries in the diocese are located at Louisiana College (the Jacob Society) and at Northwestern State University at Holy Cross Catholic Student Center.

For more information about campus ministry, call 318-445-6424, ext 221.

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By Christine Gibson

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About the Author:

Christine Gibson is an avid student of the saints. She resides in Lexington, Kentucky, with the

two loves of her life: husband David and son Andrew. In May 2010, Christine and David traveled to South Korea to adopt baby Andrew. She now enjoys long stroller walks, play dates, and baby cuddling.

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4 Dreadful
5 And so forth
6 Paul's former name
7 Pitiable
8 Olive forest
9 The poor have none
10 Adolescent
12 Shock
19 College field of study
21 Brake system
22 Net gets thrown in this
23 Not "downs"
24 Tombstone etching
25 Field doctor
29 Soap operas
31 Zoom (2 wds.)
32 ___ fire
33 Stretch to make do
34 Collects every fish
35 Part of a min.
36 Book not found in Protestant Bible
37 Has buried treasure
38 Recommend
40 Slant
41 College teacher
42 Soybean
46 Ruby
48 Have debt
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Based on these Scripture Readings: Wis 12: 13, 16-19; Rom 8:28-27; Mt 13:24-43 and 1Kgs 3: 5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13: 44-52 and Is 55:1-3; Rom 8: 35, 37-39; Mt 14: 13-21

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1 Eat, drink without _____
5 Clairvoyance
8 Time zone
11 Incense smells
13 Thai
14 Fish eggs
15 Access (2 wds.)
16 Dice
17 The Lord our God is _____
18 Chewy stuff
20 Faith like yeast
22 S. American country (Brit spelling)
26 Follow commandments
27 Heretic
28 Christ
30 Viper
31 Carbonated drinks
32 David's younger brother
35 Holly branch
36 Came out of sleep
37 Without cost
39 Locker
41 Leftovers
43 Bro.'s sibling
44 Umpire
45 Poet
47 Mud brick.

Larry Crowne gives hope to starting anew

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

(CNS) -- With "Larry Crowne" (Universal), director, co-writer and star Tom Hanks creates a timely -- and generally genial -- romantic comedy, one that projects a hopeful message about starting anew.

The low-key proceedings are somewhat problematic from a faith perspective, however, since the second chances on offer include not only midlife educational and vocational opportunities, but marital mulligans for both partners in the film's central pairing.

Hanks plays the title character, a divorced clerk at a Walmart-like suburban chain store whose personable manner and enthusiastic approach to his work fail to prevent his sudden firing. Management's rationale for this decision? Because he enlisted in the Navy instead of going to college, Larry will always be barred from future advancement in the organization, so it's better to let him go altogether.

One wonders what the legal staff at Veterans Affairs would make of such reasoning. But Larry is too mild-mannered to find out.



LARRY CROWNE. Julia Roberts and Tom Hanks star in a scene from the movie "Larry Crowne," rated PG-13.

Instead he enrolls in his local community college where, after forsaking his gas-guzzling SUV in favor of a beaten-up but economical motorbike, he befriends the members of a student scooter-riding club (led by Gugu Mbatha-Raw and Wilmer Valderrama).

Larry's personal prospects brighten even further when the instructor for the course in public speaking he has signed up for

turns out to be Julia Roberts in the guise of professor Mercedes Tainot. Disillusioned at work, Mercedes is in a bad way; she spends her down time whipping up alcohol-laced giggle juice in the blender and quarrelling with her lazy, Internet porn-obsessed spouse, Dean (Bryan Cranston).

As Larry falls for and charms Mercedes, Dean's loutishness

becomes ever more apparent, until Mercedes has finally had enough and kicks him out. This is clearly a move the script -- as collaborated on by Hanks and Nia Vardalos -- intends us to applaud since, according to the story's underlying values, the justified jettisoning of hubby No. 1 clears the way for Larry and Mercedes to stroll into the sunset together.

MOVIE REVIEW

For better or worse, however, canon law makes no provision for the annulment of a valid marriage based on a wife's belated discovery that her husband is an oaf.

Larry is every bit the gentleman Dean so obviously is not -- as he proves one night while escorting Mercedes home. She has been drowning her sorrows again, and invites him in for a frolic. Larry sticks around long enough to do some necking on the doorstep, but then ends the encounter by seeing to it that Mercedes gets safely inside.

As the socially successful outcome of Larry's vehicular downsizing demonstrates, this is a film that prizes human connectedness over material goods. To that degree, at least, it's reminiscent of such Depression-era Hollywood features as the Frank Capra classic "You Can't Take It With You."

Indeed, "Larry Crowne" even goes so far as to imply that its hero's upbeat, lemonade-out-of-lemons approach toward his financial woes -- difficulties that all too many viewers may currently find it easy to empathize with -- ultimately transforms these travails into so many steppingstones to a better, more fulfilling life.

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TASTE OF FAITH TO BE HELD AUG. 11

The Bishop's Annual Taste of Faith dinner will be held on Thursday, August 11 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the St. Rita Church Holy Family Center. The dinner benefits the seminarians from the Diocese of Alexandria.

SEMINARIAN REYNOLDS TO SPEAK AUG. 12 ABOUT ROME EXPERIENCES

Seminarian Taylor Reynolds, currently studying at the North American Pontifical College in Rome, will be home for a few weeks in August and would like to share his experiences in Rome and the Beatification with his community. A Praise and Worship for youth will be held Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. in the KC Hall in Bunkie, followed by a presentation (geared to youth) about his experiences in Rome at 4 p.m.; Adoration and Benediction at 4:30 p.m.; free jambalaya dinner at 5:30 p.m., and another presentation (geared to adults) at 6 p.m.

NFP FAMILY FUN DAY

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 24 - 30, 2011. To celebrate, the local chapter of the Couple to Couple League, which teaches the symptothermal method of natural family planning, is hosting a Family Fun Day at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville on July 30 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Activities include a waterslide, fishing, snow cones, balloons, and much more! Hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch at noon! Everything is FREE! Come and enjoy!!



KC COUNCIL 4156. Members and family of St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council # 4156 in Leesville present St. Mary's Residential Training Facility with a check in the amount of \$1,500 to help support the Msgr. Joseph M. Susi Knights of Columbus Group Home.



KC COUNCIL 12103. KC Council #12103 members prepare and serve a spaghetti supper for Steubenville South Lead and Service Crew. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Kenneth Andries, James Monroe, Brian Johnson. Back row: Bob Maloney, Richard Basco, Bobby Thiels and Tim Hart.



OL of LOURDES, WINNFIELD CATECHISM TEACHERS. Catechism teachers from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield were given a certificate of appreciation May 15 after Mass. Those recognized were Laure Derr, Michelle Canerday, Vickie Weeks, Tracy Kelley, Julie Boatman, Pat Garrett, Tennie Arrington, Maria Guerrero, and Father Christian Ogbonna. Barbara Bonnette was also recognized as the "pizza lady" for providing pizza for the classes.



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