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# Vatican gives traditionalists a document to sign

## Society must agree with principles before full reconciliation with church can progress

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Vatican has given the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X a formal "doctrinal preamble" listing several principles they must agree with in order to move toward full reconciliation with church.

U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, gave the statement to Bishop Bernard Fellay, head of the society, Sept. 14 during a meeting at the Vatican that lasted more than two hours.

Although the Vatican did not give the society a deadline, in order to move toward full reconciliation, leaders are expected to study and sign the preamble "within a few months," said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman.

The cardinal and bishop also discussed possible "elements of a canonical solution" for the society after "the eventual and hoped-for reconciliation," said a statement issued by the Vatican after the meeting.

Father Lombardi said, "Today the most likely solution would be a personal prelatore," which is a church jurisdiction without geographical boundaries designed to carry out particular pastoral initiatives. It is headed by a prelate, who is appointed by the pope; currently the church's only personal prelatore is Opus Dei.

The document given to Bishop Fellay to sign "states some doctrinal principles and criteria for the interpretation of Catholic doctrine necessary to guarantee fidelity" to the formal teaching of the church, said a statement issued by the Vatican after the meeting.

At the same time, the statement said, the preamble leaves room for "legitimate discussion" about "individual expressions or formulations present in the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the successive magisterium" of the popes who came after the council.

Father Lombardi would not respond to questions about



**SUPERIOR OF  
SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X  
PICTURED IN 2009 PHOTO**

Bishop Bernard Fellay, superior of the Society of St. Pius X, addresses the crowd before a 2009 ordination ceremony in Ecône, Switzerland. The Vatican has given the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X a formal "doctrinal preamble" listing several principles they must agree with in order to move toward full reconciliation with church. (CNS photo/Denis Balibouse, Reuters)

specific church teachings and developments listed in the preamble, but said church tradition always has held there are varying degrees of church teaching; some require an absolute assent while others are open to interpretation.

The talks were launched in late 2009 in an effort by Pope Benedict XVI to repair a 21-year break with the society. The pope said that full communion

for the group's members would depend on "true recognition of the magisterium and the authority of the pope and of the Second Vatican Council."

The Vatican statement did not mention any of the specific areas where Bishop Fellay's group has said the Catholic Church and the popes since the Second Vatican Council had broken with true Catholic tradition. They object to

the reform of the Mass, to much of the church's work in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, and to the council's stand on religious freedom.

Bishop Fellay had said his society went into the talks aiming to show the contradictions between the church's traditional teachings and its practices since Vatican II. That is "the only goal that we are pursuing," he had

said, adding that the dialogue with the Vatican is not a search for compromise but "a question of faith."

In addition to the society's rejection of many Vatican II teachings, members also objected to the beatification of Pope John Paul II and, particularly, to Pope Benedict's convocation of another interreligious meeting for peace in Assisi.

Pope Benedict cleared the way for reconciliation talks with the Society of St. Pius X in early 2009 when he lifted the excommunications of Bishop Fellay and three other society bishops ordained against papal orders in 1988. The Vatican said the dialogue was designed to restore "full communion" with members of the society, which was founded by the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

The Vatican said the talks were to focus on the concept of tradition, liturgical reform, interpretation of Vatican II in continuity with Catholic doctrinal tradition, church unity, ecumenism, and the relationship between Christianity and non-Christian religions.



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# Fr. Frank Pavone is suspended from Priests for Life

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, remains a priest in good standing in the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, said Msgr. Harold Waldow, vicar for clergy in the diocese.

Msgr. Waldow told Catholic News Service Sept. 13 that Bishop Patrick J. Zurek only suspended Father Pavone's ministry outside of the diocese because the well-known pro-life priest is needed for work in Amarillo.

Bishop Zurek in a decree Sept. 6 ordered the 52-year-old New York-born priest to return to Amarillo and announced it in a Sept. 9 letter to his fellow bishops. He pointed to "persistent questions and concerns" from clergy and laity about how the millions of dollars donated to Priests for Life are used as the reason for suspending Father Pavone's ministry.

"He's here to be obedient to the bishop and try to work with the bishop," Msgr. Waldow said. "He's going to have assignments, and he will be put on our payroll and given health care and other benefits like any other priest of the diocese."

For his part, Father Pavone said he planned to return to Amarillo the evening of Sept. 13 from Birmingham, Ala., where he had been taping programs for the Eternal Word Television Network for more than a week. He also planned to meet Msgr. Waldow soon after he arrived.

Both Msgr. Waldow and

Father Pavone said no meeting was immediately scheduled with Bishop Zurek, who was leaving the diocese the afternoon of Sept. 13 for two weeks.

Father Pavone also told CNS he has already explored the possibility of being incardinated in another diocese so he could resume full-time ministry with Priests for Life as soon as possible.

"I fully expect that my time in Amarillo, both in terms of this immediate trip and in terms of my affiliation with that diocese is going to be temporary," he said.

Father Pavone added that he has appealed the suspension to the Congregation of the Clergy at the Vatican.

In his own letter to the bishops Sept. 12, Father Pavone questioned the reason for the suspension of his ministry outside of Amarillo and said that Bishop Zurek's claim that Priests for Life has operated with no financial transparency was unfounded.

He cited a list of 41 documents detailing the finances of organization provided to Bishop Zurek since 2005, when he was incardinated in the Amarillo Diocese by Bishop John W. Yanta, who served on the organization's board of advisers. Father Pavone said the documents continued to be sent to Bishop Zurek even after Priests for Life closed a small office in Amarillo while the organization studied whether to relocate its headquarters from New York to the Texas panhandle.

No acknowledgement of the documents was ever received, the



**FATHER FRANK PAVONE**, one of the country's most visible and vocal opponents of abortion, has been suspended from active ministry outside the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, over financial questions about the priest's operation of Priests for Life. The suspension was made public in a Sept. 13 letter by Amarillo Bishop Patrick J. Zurek. Father Pavone is pictured speaking to the media outside the Supreme Court building in Washington in this Nov. 8, 2006, file photo. (CNS photo/Bob Roller)

priest wrote.

"We do not presume any ill will here," Father Pavone wrote. "We may just be dealing with 'cultural' differences. But the result has been frustrating to all of us."

By cultural differences, Father Pavone told CNS he was referring to life in New York versus life in Amarillo and how people respond to receiving information.

He said the same documents provided to Bishop Zurek also have been sent to Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York as well as to the 21 prelates who serve on the organization's board

of advisers.

Father Pavone also noted that he has never received a salary from Priests for Life nor is he on the payroll of the Amarillo Diocese. He said Priests for Life covers the cost of a small residence -- about \$2,000 a month -- and his expenses associated with the ministry, which he called "very small."

Records filed with the Internal Revenue Service show that the organization's income topped \$10.8 million in 2008, the latest year tax forms were available. In 2007, Priests for Life showed income of \$9.2 million.

The same records show

that Father Pavone received no income from the organization during those years.


Bishop Zurek raised questions about the financial dealings of Priests for Life in his letter to the bishops. He said Father Pavone had not adequately explained whether funds were being used "prudently" by Priests for Life.

"Since he has consistently refused to subject the PFL to a transparent and complete auditing of all expenditures, I have reasons to be alarmed at the potential financial scandal that might arise if it were the result of my failure to correct Father Pavone's incorrigible defiance to my legitimate authority as his bishop," Bishop Zurek said in his letter.

Since becoming national director of Priests for Life in 1993, Father Pavone has become one of the country's most visible and outspoken opponents of abortion and advocates of pro-life issues, lecturing widely, leading retreats and prayer services and producing television and radio programs.

He also holds the same position with Gospel of Life Ministries, an interdenominational effort to end abortion, which shares its headquarters with Priests for Life.

In addition, Father Pavone is national pastoral director of both the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Rachel's Vineyard, an abortion healing ministry. Both are affiliated with Priests for Life. He also is president of the National Pro-Life Religious Council.



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This past weekend all of us were painfully reminded of the tragedy that took place ten years ago with the tremendous loss of life and catastrophic damage that changed the lives of all Americans and many others throughout the world. The extensive media coverage of the events themselves, as well as this year's commemorations, left me and, I'm sure many others, emotionally connected to this horrifying act of terrorism. Ten years may have softened the impact somewhat but it will be many more years before we can really say we have truly moved forward. It is sad that it takes such tragic events to force people to set aside the political and personal agendas to appreciate our identity as a nation.



*One in the Lord.*

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

On a much more positive note ... Again, thanks to all who helped in any way with last month's *Taste of Faith*. More than 700 attended and the total of contributions exceeded \$10,000. The next annual event in support of seminarian education is the annual golf tournament, held again at Oak Wing Country Club on Monday, October 10. It is not too late to enter a team or become a sponsor. Call Ann Masden's office for more details.

We are continuing our offerings to assist our priests and parish musicians in their preparations for the use of the new English translation of the Roman Missal. I very strongly urge the music leaders in each of our churches to attend. We are covering all costs thanks to a grant we received so it will not be a burden to individuals or churches. Permission has been granted to begin using the sung congregational music (acclamations, Glory

to God, etc.) at this time to smooth the transition. Obviously, the entire new set of texts cannot be used until the First Sunday of Advent (November 27). The Missal itself will begin shipping after October 1, giving several weeks for the priests to become familiar with the texts and the actual layout.

In case you have not looked through the rest of this issue yet, I want to share the good news that the two important positions that were to become vacant as of the last issue. Mr. Tommy Roque has accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Maximilian Tenney has been hired as the new music director at the Cathedral effective at the end of this month. We welcome both and look forward to working with them in the years to come.

We are all grateful that the recent hurricane, while certainly causing anxiety and some local flooding, did not cause a great amount of damage, and, to the best of my knowledge, no loss of life. The hurricane season is always a concern but this time we were largely spared.

Finally, let us share in the joy of St. James parish in Alexandria as they make final preparation for their 100th anniversary that will be celebrated on Sunday, October 23.

May the peace of the Lord be with all of you!



## See you at Mass; we'll learn the new translation together

I wish I had a dollar for every time I felt like a newcomer to the Catholic faith. I remember the prayer I wrote in my RCIA journal in 2005. Lord, I am going to look like I don't know what I am doing as I fumble my way through this. I'm going to look like an idiot sometimes.

Like that first Lent when the Alleluia vanished from the Liturgy, and I didn't realize that would happen. Or the many times the organist has played an unfamiliar tune to the Gloria. Suddenly, I can't remember the words.

Like my First Communion, when I had to remember the order of bowing and saying Amen and crossing myself – when all I could think about was Jesus waiting as I walked the aisle so that He could come to me – and I to him.

Or the year I substituted in the English department at Immaculate Conception Parish and the teachers would meet before the students arrived. They would pray the Memorare. Little Mary Beth who was only in seventh grade took pity on me and printed out a copy of the prayer so that I would not have to stand in the teachers' prayer circle and participate in fits and starts.

Like the time I attended Mass at EWTN and there was a lot of Latin. It seemed like I was the only one who was lost. I remember the embarrassment I felt. I was scheduled to be a guest

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— Denise Bossert



on one of their programs later in the day, and I didn't even know how to pray the Mass with them.

Like the time I visited St. Ignatius of Loyola School and bowed my head to pray with teachers and students in the gathering space – only to feel a tap on my shoulder from one of the teachers who pointed to the Crucifix on the wall. That's when I realized everyone in the room was looking upon the Lord as they prayed, and I hadn't noticed because my head had been bowed and my eyes closed (like I had done in my Protestant years).

Or the times I have written an article for the column and received a kind letter from an editor who wanted to help me edit the article so that it was more in line with official Church teaching.

Over and over, I have felt like a newcomer to the Faith. I still have moments when I can't remember whether we stand now or kneel. And those momentary lapses in memory almost always come when I am the guest speaker or the teacher or the Catholic writer – the one who is supposed

to know it all.

Lord, I'm going to fumble and stumble around sometimes as I try to figure this out. I'm going to look like a fool as I travel down unfamiliar paths.

Recently, I was talking to a priest. When he realized that I am a Catholic writer, he suggested that I write something about the changes in the Liturgy. "It will be hard for the musicians and some of the people. And it will be hard for priests. We'll probably stumble awhile, as we try to learn the new wording."

"Oh, Father! You'll feel just like a convert!" I said and then I told him about my year in RCIA and the way I still feel at times.

The church secretary who was sitting near us smiled then. "Maybe that's not such a bad thing. We all need to feel like a convert now and then."

She's right. But it's not the end of the world. Every convert knows that you get through it somehow. Eventually, you learn. Almost immediately, you love. And the learning and the loving move in tandem.

Take it from one who has fumbled along many times. All will be well. Change is never easy. And this change will be particularly difficult for many. If you are a priest or a musician, offer it up for a convert who finds the entire Liturgy something of a foreign language. Offer it up for the one who longs to be part of the Church family, but feels like he will never fit in as easily as the cradle Catholic sitting beside

him. Offer it up for the one who is trying to learn everything in just a few months of RCIA.

And I will let you in on a secret that every convert knows. You will look back on that part of the journey and miss it a little. You will realize that God was there. You knew it. You felt it. You relied on it.

I'll meet you in the Mass. And we'll learn together.



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# New Roman Missal to add 17 saints to the U.S. calendar

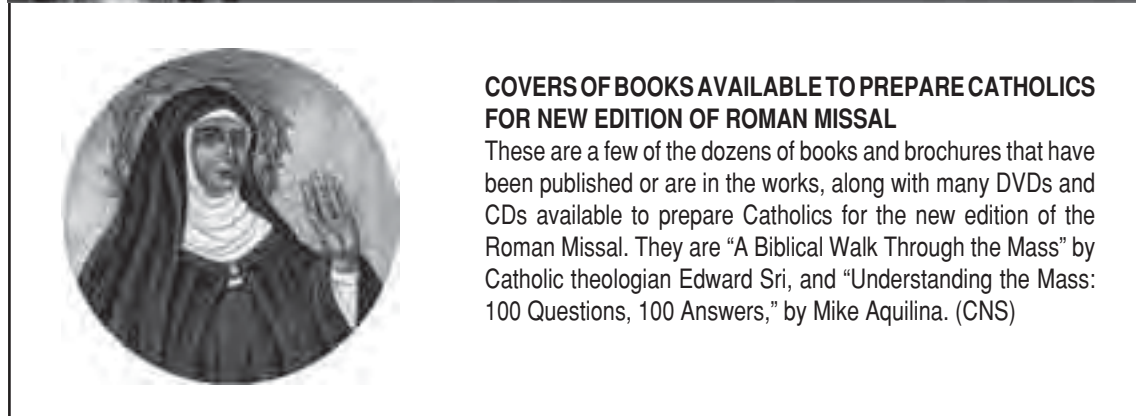
*(Editor's note: Beginning Nov. 27, the First Sunday in Advent, the new English translation of the Mass will be implemented. The following is the third article in a series about what will be different about the new Roman Missal.)*

**By Sara Angle**  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Along with the more noticeable changes taking place in the third edition of the Roman Missal come more subtle ones, like the addition of 17 saints on the U.S. calendar.

The Proper of Saints is part of the missal that identifies the calendar of saints' days and lists prayers for each day. It is approved by the Vatican, but the bishops of each country can modify it to better serve their people.

Some of the new names have been on the U.S. calendar before, but are only now appearing in the edition for the universal church.



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At the local level, priests may choose not to observe all of the new remembrance days in their parish.

Whether a priest chooses to celebrate certain memorials or not usually depends on the needs of the parish, because the life of

each saint offers a unique opportunity for teaching specific lessons and highlighting certain virtues.

Joining the Proper of Saints are canonized men and women from all walks of life, such as St. Rita of Cascia, a wife, mother,

widow and nun who conformed herself to the crucified Christ, and St. Lawrence (Lorenzo) Ruiz, a father and husband who spread the Gospel through the Philippines, Taiwan and Japan with his companions.

Other saints added include

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, a virgin and martyr born Edith Stein, who converted to Catholicism from Judaism, entered the Carmelite order and died in Auschwitz in 1942, and St. Apollinaris, the bishop of Ravenna, Italy, who was martyred in the second century.

The updated calendar also has days dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Mary and the Most Holy Name of Jesus. The celebration of the Most Holy Name of Jesus will take place Jan. 3 and be incorporated into the Christmas celebration.

The memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary began in Spain in 1513 and became a universal feast in the 17th century. The new date is set for Sept. 12, following the feast of the Nativity of Mary. Both celebrations were on the liturgical calendar until 1969, when it was simplified.

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Meet Deacon Candidate  
**Ray D. Gibson**

**Home Parish:** Immaculate Heart of Mary, Tioga

**Occupation:** Retired, Shift Foreman

**Marital Status:** Married 49 years to Phyllis A. Gibson

**Education:** Attended Southwestern Louisiana University and Southern University. Received a certificate from Loyola University in New Orleans after completing the Limex (theology study) program.

**Military Service:** 2 years in U.S. Army

**Parish Involvement:** Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector

**Why I Became a Deacon:** I want to be deacon to serve the people of God and the Church.

**Influences in Faith Journey:** Friends and family.

**Ministry Interests:** I am interested in getting involved with immigrants, legal and undocumented, because they are hurting and need help.



*Ray D. Gibson*

**Best part of the Program:** To me, the study of the Word of God, the New and the Old Testament, was the best and most inspiring part of the program.

**Thank You:** To my wife, for all of her support and prayers.

Meet Deacon Candidate  
**L.G. Deloach, Jr.**

**Home Parish:** St. Winnifred, Effie

**Occupation:** Retired / rancher

**Marital Status:** Married 24 years to Sherry Helen Auman Deloach

**Parish Involvement:** Parish Council, lay Extraordinary Eucharistic minister, lector, altar server, catechist, fundraising, church and grounds maintenance, Virtus facilitator, spiritual director.

**Why I became a Deacon:** It has been a long journey since the Lord called me to this ministry. It has spanned many years and many states and at times it has seemed a remote possibility. The Lord has remained faithful and has provided me this opportunity to serve Him and his Church. I look forward to the journey ahead that he has provided.

**Influences in my Faith Journey:** Along the way, there have been priests, deacons and lay people who have provided guidance and encouragement. When I questioned my ability, someone would remind me that the Lord looks inside the person and doesn't always choose the qualified but he will qualify the one he chooses.

**Ministry Interests:** Diocesan Tribunal/ the annulment process, and the RCIA program.



*L.G. Deloach, Jr.*

**What I learned:** As a convert I spent countless hours reading and learning about Catholicism during my early years in the Church and I thought I knew a lot about my Church and Faith. This program taught me that I had not even touched the tip of the iceberg when it came to my knowledge. The instructors were very knowledgeable and continue to remain only an e-mail away, always willing to answer a question or provide their input.

**Thank you:** To parishioners, friends, and family – especially my wife, who attended all the classes with me and proofread my papers.



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**CLERGY APPRECIATION.** St. Joseph Church, Marksville hosted a clergy appreciation luncheon on Aug. 24. Many priests and deacon candidates from the Avoyelles deanery attended the event including Fr. Chad Partain, Fr. Marc Noel, Fr. Abraham Varghese, Msgr. Steve Testa, Fr. Basil Burns, Fr. Dwight de Jesus, Fr. Rusty Rabalais, Fr. George Krosfield, deacon candidate Ted Moulard, Father Paul Kunnumpuram, Father Jose Pallipurath, deacon candidate L.G. DeLoach, Father Jose Palathara, deacon candidate Gary Schupbach and Fr. Jack Michalchuk.

## Sr. Imelda, former associate Menard principal, dies

Sister Imelda Gonzales, CDP, passed away Aug. 11 in McCullough Hall Nursing Center in San Antonio, Texas after a long battle with cancer. She was 72.

Born on July 16, 1939, Sister Imelda was one of five children born to Santiago F. and Zapopa Rodriguez Gonzalez of San Antonio. At age 20, she made her first profession of vows as a Sister of Divine Providence.

Sister Imelda touched many lives through her love and devotion to education. During her years ministering in education, she taught in schools in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

For 25 years, she ministered as an educator in Catholic

and public schools, first teaching math, science, and Spanish and later serving as associate principal at Holy Savior Menard High School in Alexandria and at Providence High School in San Antonio.

In 1987, Sister Imelda became the Congregation's General Treasurer and served in that capacity for nine years. During that time, she was instrumental in helping establish



Sr. Imelda Gonzales, CDP

the Congregation's Providence Home and Family Services in San Antonio for children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Later in Silver Spring, Md., she served as associate director of the National Association for Treasurers of Religious Institutes.

In 2001, she became the associate director of operations for Catholic Charities of San Bernardino/Riverside, Calif., and in 2003, the treasurer of Merced Housing in San Antonio.

For the last six years, Sister has ministered on the General Council of the CDP and has served on the Board of Directors at Our Lady of the Lake University. and as secretary.

## Archbishop O'Brien to head Knights of Holy Sepulchre

WASHINGTON — Pope Benedict XVI has named Archbishop Edwin O'Brien of Baltimore as Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order (Knights) of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

The appointment was publicized in Washington, Aug. 29, by Msgr. Jean-François

Lantheaume, chargé d'affaires at the Apostolic Nunciature to the United States.

The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre is a chivalric organization dedicated to supporting the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and to responding to needs of Catholics in the Holy Land.

Archbishop O'Brien, 72, succeeds Cardinal John P. Foley, who last February resigned due to illness and returned from Rome to his native Philadelphia.

Archbishop O'Brien was named archbishop of Baltimore in 1997, and before that served as head of the Archdiocese for Military Services USA, and an auxiliary bishop of New York. As a priest of the Archdiocese of New York, he worked as a civilian chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and as a military chaplain in Vietnam and U.S. Army posts. He also served as vice-chancellor and director of communications for the New York Archdiocese and as a seminary rector at St. Joseph's Seminary, in Yonkers, N.Y. and the Pontifical North American College in Rome.



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# Franciscan Missionaries celebrate A Century of Faith, Service

By Barbara Chenvert  
Catholic Commentator

Answering a call for help, six Franciscan sisters took the long trip from France to Pineville, La in 1911 to help care for the sick. Accustomed to cooler European temperatures, they baked in the long, wool habits they wore under the hot Louisiana sun. They ate chicken, eggs and whatever food they were given in exchange for their work. They had no convent to live in. Overall, they had a pretty hard life.

Some contracted tuberculosis and died. Others couldn't take the climate and returned to Europe. But some persisted and brought more sisters to this country, beginning what would become a



## Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Special 100 Year Anniversary Mass

Sunday, Oct. 2

11:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Pineville

Special luncheon in Activity Hall, immediately following Mass

About 20 Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady sisters from around the world are expected to attend a special Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Pineville Oct. 1, as the sisters re-visit some of the sites of their past. The FMOL came to the U.S. in 1911 from France, with the idea of establishing an orphanage in Pineville. When plans for the orphanage didn't work out, the group went to Monroe and assisted Father Enaut to establish St. Francis (Sanitarium) Medical Center. Pictured at left: Sister Kathleen Cain, provincial, and Sister Barbara Arceneaux, a member of the order's provincial council, are two of the 16 Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady currently serving in Louisiana.



FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY, 1950.

tradition of excellence in health care in this state. This year, the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady are celebrating their 100th anniversary in the United States, where their only province is in Louisiana.

"The North American province was seen as a mission. We don't usually think of the United States as missionary country, but that's what it was and is to the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady," who are based in France, said Sister Kathleen Cain, provincial for the order here. The sisters cared for the sick in Pineville for six weeks and then relocated to Monroe, where they continued home health care until a hospital was built two years

later -- the St. Francis Sanitarium, which still exists today as St. Francis Medical Center. They later went to Baton Rouge and in 1923 opened Our Lady of the Lake Sanitarium, today Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, and a nursing school, later to be known as Our Lady of the Lake College.

Since that fledgling beginning, the sisters have placed their stamp on quality health care across the state of Louisiana. Currently, they operate hospitals in four cities, as well as two nursing homes, independent living apartments, a facility for

AIDS/HIV patients, the TAU Center for substance abuse, home health care programs and Our Lady of the Lake College. In addition, they're embarking on a program with the LSU Medical School to serve as a training facility, replacing a program that had been in place at Earl K. Long Hospital.

Sister Kathleen said that the sisters don't feel like they are in competition with other health care facilities. "We set the bar high and that helps everyone. We are here to do the best we can. God has blessed us."

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# St. James Church celebrates its 100 year anniversary

By Leonard Ford, Jr.  
St. James Catholic Church

St. James Catholic Church, located at 714 Winn Street in Alexandria, will commemorate its 100th anniversary with a four-day anniversary celebration beginning Thursday, Oct. 20 - Sunday, Oct. 23 with the celebration of Holy Mass by the Most Rev. Ronald Herzog, bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria with an anniversary banquet immediately following Mass.

The history of St. James Catholic Church, its humble beginnings, and how it has "weathered the storm" to sustain

itself for 100 years is truly a remarkable milestone and accomplishment.

It is 100 years of Sundays of parishioners attending Holy Mass. It's something that has to be celebrated from what was started a century ago, what we have today, and what we're going to have for another 100 years. Our history can be summed up in our anniversary theme, *Rooted in the Past -- Growing in the Future.*

St. James Catholic Church is indeed rooted in the past as indicated by the following history highlights:

• **May 1911** -- Father Marcos of St. Francis Xavier Church

establishes a separate black church and dedicates it to the Sacred Heart

**April 1914** -- The building era of what was to become St. James Memorial Catholic begins with the purchase of a vacant half block of land fronting Winn Street between Seventh Street and Eighth Streets

**May 1915** -- Ground broken for the new church with money for construction being donated by Father Joseph Smith of Cleveland, Ohio, who had one condition for the church's construction -- that the church be named St. James in memory of his brother, James -- hence the name change



## St. James Memorial Catholic Church 100 Year Anniversary Schedule of Events

**Thursday, Oct. 20: Prayer Night**  
6:00 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church

**Friday, Oct. 21: Blue and White Dance**  
9:00 p.m. - Midnight at St. James Activity Building  
Cost of admission is \$5 per person

**Saturday, Oct. 22: Picnic**  
10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. at Knights of Peter Claver Hall  
on Lincoln Road, in Alexandria

**Sunday, Oct. 23: Anniversary Mass and Banquet**  
12 Noon Mass at St. James Church  
Anniversary Banquet immediately following Mass  
at Convention Hall in downtown Alexandria  
Cost of admission is \$15 per person



EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION, St. James Catholic School, 1946

from Sacred Heart to St. James Memorial Catholic Church.

**December 1917** -- dedication of the new church, which was built at a cost of approximately \$7,500 by the LeGras Brothers Construction Company.

And here we are today, as a church celebrating our founding, 100 years ago. St. James owes what we have become as a church to God and His goodness. He has certainly looked after us in our 100 years existence.

As this 100 Year Anniversary nears, Natalie Nelson, 100-year anniversary chairperson Leonard Ford, Jr., anniversary co-chairman, and members of the anniversary committee extends an invitation to everyone near and far to come home to St. James Catholic Church and to worship with us and celebrate with us on this joyous occasion.

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# Is it OK to participate in the Susan G. Komen race despite its link to Planned Parenthood?

By Jeannie Petrus  
CT Editor

For the past year, when the first Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure was brought to Central Louisiana, questions have arisen concerning the participation of Catholics and Catholic organizations in this popular and very successful event.

Several bishops have cautioned Catholics and Catholic organizations and urged that they not participate in the race, since some Komen affiliates provide grants to Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of abortions in the U.S.

As a 10-year survivor of ovarian cancer, I am acutely aware of the need for on-going research to help rid the world of not only breast cancer, but all types of cancer.

At the same time, I am a devoted Catholic and strong supporter of pro-life issues.

Therefore, for the past year, I spent countless hours researching the answer to my concerns with the help of the Internet, interviews with SGK Race organizers, hospital officials, priests, and our Bishop Ronald Herzog.

Here are the facts, as I understand them:


- CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital -- like other Christus Health facilities -- participates in the Komen Race for the Cure as one of its sponsors.

- The sole purpose of the Susan G. Komen foundation is to provide funds for research on breast cancer and for the detection and treatment of this disease.

They do a lot of very good work throughout the world, raising more than \$1.9 billion since


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- Delhi Hospital & Rural Health Clinic Breast Cancer Awareness Project
- Louisiana Cancer Foundation Bosom Buddy
- Jackson Parish Hospital Voucher Program
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
- Seldom Seen, Strongly Felt
- Woman to Woman
- Susan Komen Breast Imaging Project



**25% or \$6.25** ⇒ Susan G. Komen National Office (which does not give to Planned Parenthood)

20 of the 122 affiliates do give, but the Northeast Central Affiliate (Alexandria and Monroe) does not.

1982 to breast cancer research. Because of events like the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® and the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure®, and contributions from partners, sponsors and fellow supporters, SGK has become the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. (Source: ww5.komen.org)

- The national office of the Komen Foundation DOES NOT provide any grants to Planned Parenthood.

- Some state affiliates (approximately 20 of the 122) of the Komen Foundation DO however, provide grants to Planned Parenthood.

These grants are used for the specific and sole purposes of breast exams, breast treatments, and breast cancer education.

The grant money is also used primarily in low income areas where women do not have access to these services.

- In our area, the Northeast Central Louisiana affiliate (which includes Alexandria and Monroe) DOES NOT provide grants to Planned Parenthood.

- The entry fee for the race is \$25. Seventy-five percent of the entry fee (\$18.75) stays right here in the Northeast Central Louisiana affiliate area (parishes in and around Alexandria and Monroe).

- Look at the graphic above to see all of the grants awarded in 2010 (the first year Alexandria participated) that used the money raised in the 2010 race. You can see that none of the grant money was awarded to Planned Parenthood.

G. Komen, which according to my research, DOES NOT fund Planned Parenthood.

After sharing my information with Bishop Herzog, and after he conducted his own research, he said, "In my opinion, a person could, in good conscience, participate in the Alexandria Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, confident that no part of that donation would be given to Planned Parenthood."

There will be those of you who will still cling to your values because of "principles" or "the association of guilt," which is still very commendable.

And, there are other issues that could be discussed here. But the question remains, -- will your \$25 to the Komen Race for the Cure in any way be used to fund Planned Parenthood?

The answer is, according to my research, No. Not here in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Some U.S. bishops, such as those in Ohio, have issued a statement encouraging people NOT to participate in the race because some of the local affiliates in Ohio ARE awarding grants directly to Planned Parenthood.

These are the facts as I understand them. In the end, the choice is yours.



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# October is Month of the Rosary

By Fr. William G. Most  
Mary in Our Life

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

According to an account by 15th-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy.

Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent

sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives.

If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the

Rosary.

But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions.

Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary.

In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians,

threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

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

## Rosary Rallies

Every year, America Needs Fatima promotes a Rosary Crusade asking Catholics everywhere to pray the rosary as a group in a public place on Oct. 15 to promote the message of Fatima. Between 10-15 Rosary Rallies were held last year in the Diocese of Alexandria. To plan one in your area, go to <http://www.americaneedsfatima.org>

Those scheduled already include:

- Oct. 15: 12 noon, on front lawn of CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital (close to Surgical Center parking lot).

## Wayne Weible to speak Sept. 30-Oct. 3

Renowned author/speaker on Medjugorje, Wayne Weible, will be speaking at different places in the diocese Sept. 30-Oct. 3. Medjugorje is a village in Croatia where (since 1981) six children claimed to see the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today, 30 years later, the children are grown, yet some continue to have regular apparitions. Wayne Weible is a former Protestant journalist who completely changed the direction of his life upon getting acquainted with Medjugorje in 1981. He has a marvelous story and has now much experience after many years spent traveling the world to talk and write about Medjugorje.

• **Friday, Sept. 30** – St. Michael the Archangel Church, Leesville. 6 p.m., For details call 337-239-2656.

• **Saturday, Oct. 1** – St. Juliana Church, Alexandria. 6 p.m. Adoration and talk, followed by refreshments. For details, call



**WAYNE WEIBLE**, renowned author/speaker on Medjugorje, speaks to Kathy Duggan, host of Radio Maria's Sacred Treasures. Weible will be in the area Sept. 30-Oct. 3 at various locations.

318-487-9512.

• **Sunday, Oct. 2** – St. Anthony of Padua Church, Natchitoches. 3 p.m. Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy, followed by talk. For details, call 318-352-2559.

• **Monday, Oct. 3** – Catholic High School, Natchez, MS. 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Lunch and question/answer with Weible. Call for reservations at 228-363-7700.



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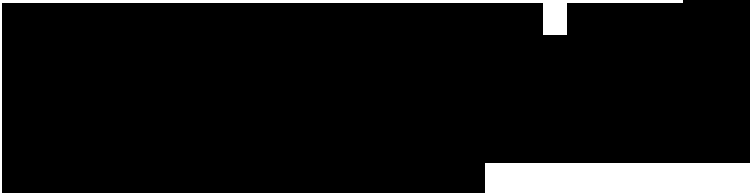
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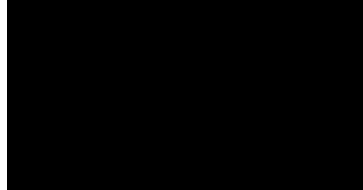
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# Scan the Hand



## Catholic School students use hands to keep track of daily lunch participation

By Jeannie Petrus  
CT Editor

Remember when going to the lunchroom at school meant using your hands just to pass them through the sprinkling water trough for a quick wash?

Well don't put your hands in your pockets yet. Beginning with the school year, all Catholic school students in the Diocese of Alexandria will be having the palm of their hand scanned before lunch as a way of accounting for daily lunches.

It's like using your hand as a 'credit card.' The new system is safe, non-invasive and very hygienic.

According to Stefanie Cortez, supervisor of school nutrition for the diocese, palm-scanning is part of a new Point of Sale (POS) system being implemented

in every Catholic school in the diocese. The system is a product of a Louisiana-based company, MCS Software, and comes highly recommended by various other dioceses throughout the state.

Parents are responsible for keeping a positive balance in each child's account for daily lunches. When the account gets low, parents are notified immediately, so that funds can be added to the account.

"What this means for the parents is a more timely notice of account balances," said Cortez. "We ask parents to help us keep lunch costs as low as possible by maintaining a positive balance in their child(ren)'s account throughout the year."

Cortez said the reason for the change was because, in the past, an excessive amount of breakfast and lunch account balances were



**SCANNING THE HAND.** Monica Jones scans the hand of [redacted] at Sacred Heart School in Moreauville.



### Healthy Hunger Free Lunch Plan

If your school-age child starts asking for another helping of spinach at the dinner table, don't be surprised. Through the new Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (signed in Dec. 2010), schools will be receiving funds this year to implement healthier foods in the School Lunch Program.

For the eight Catholic Schools in the diocese of Alexandria, this will mean new menu items, said Stefanie Cortez, supervisor of Child Nutrition for the diocese.

"We're working on new menu items like baked sweet potato fries, whole-wheat pasta and brown rice, more vegetables, and daily fresh salads," she said. "We will introduce them at first, in casseroles and gumbos, so that the change will be gradual. We ask parents to encourage their child(ren) to try some of these different foods. We are all striving to make the next generation a healthier one."

left unpaid at the end of the school year. The new system will help eliminate overdue lunch accounts.

If a child runs out of money, the child will be allowed to eat lunch for five days to allow parents time to re-fund the account. If a student's account reaches a negative balance equal to five lunches (12.50 for PK-6 and \$13.75 for 7-12), the student will be served an "alternative meal" consisting of a cheese sandwich and a carton of milk, until the account is paid in full. This is in accordance with Act 737 (Louisiana HB 1141, which requires that no child can be denied a lunch).

In addition, students with

zero or negative balances in their cafeteria account will not be allowed to charge extra servings of milk or juice.

Lunch and breakfast prices will remain the same for next year. Lunch prices are \$2.50 for PK-6 grade, \$2.75 for 7-12 grades and 40¢ for all students on the reduced lunch plan. Breakfast prices are \$1.25 for all grades and 25¢ for students on the reduced plan.

If a parent is unable to pay the full price for lunch (\$2.50 for PK-6 and \$2.75 for 7-12) and/or breakfast (\$1.25 for all students), they should apply for the Free and Reduced Priced Meal Plan. This application may be completed at anytime during the school year.

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# Thomas Roque is new Superintendent of Catholic Schools

The Most Rev. Ronald P. Herzog, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Alexandria has appointed Thomas E. Roque, Sr. to the position of superintendent of Catholic schools, effective immediately.

As superintendent of Catholic schools, he will be responsible for the three high schools and eight elementary schools in the diocese which enroll more than 3,500 students and employ more than 200 teachers annually.

Roque earned a B.S. in English/Social Science from Southern University in Baton Rouge and an M.Ed. in School

Administration and +30 in Education Leadership from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. In 1995, he started working on a doctorate in Development Education/Student Development and Personnel with an emphasis on Higher Education Administration at Grambling State University.

Roque served as assistant superintendent of Administration for the Rapides Parish School Board from 1997 until 2010. In this capacity his duties included administrative oversight for budget preparation, central purchasing, compliance with



Thomas E. Roque  
Superintendent  
of Catholic Schools

state and federal statutes, and construction management. He researched and implemented many projects, which include areas of technology, risk assessment and management.

He served in various capacities at the Louisiana Math, Science and Arts School in Natchitoches, including associate director of Admissions and Recruiting and director of Internal Affairs. He is also a former teacher and principal.

A devout Catholic, Roque is a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Isle Brevelle, where he has served as director

of Religious Education for the past 30 years, served as president of the Pastoral Council and a member of the choir. He is a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Peter Claver, Council 100, and an associate member of the Congregation of Divine Providence.

His civic and community memberships include Rotary Club, United Way, Natchitoches Parish Library Board, the Rapides Parish Children Advocacy Board (CASA), and the Rapides Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

## Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Alexandria

- Holy Savior Menard Central High School, Alexandria
- Our Lady of Prompt Succor School, Alexandria
- Sacred Heart School, Moreauville
- St. Anthony of Padua School, Bunkie
- St. Frances Cabrini School, Alexandria
- St. Joseph School, Plaquemine
- St. Mary's School, Natchitoches
- St. Mary's Assumption School, Cottonport

## Hemphill named new principal of St. Mary's Assumption school

St. Mary's Assumption School in Cottonport is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Amanda L. Hemphill as the new principal for the 2011-12 school year.

Along with her experience in the classroom, Mrs. Hemphill was also technology coordinator, the leader of the Title 1 Support Team, a member of the Faculty Senate, a member of LAE, and the 2011 Teacher of the Year at Cottonport Elementary School.

"There will be changes of a positive nature," said Hemphill. "St. Mary's has a wonderful staff of dedicated teachers, and we



Amanda Hemphill

offer an excellent education in a Catholic atmosphere. We plan to improve the school's physical plant, incorporating technology

into the classroom at a much greater level, and continuing to offer a quality educational experience in a loving, faith-filled way. We will be focusing on improvement of teaching methods to enhance test scores and to prepare our students to compete and excel no matter where they plan to attend high school and college."

Mrs. Hemphill is the wife of John Hemphill and the mother of two children, William and Lily, who will both be attending St. Mary's School.

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# Pilot for Catholic sitcom *Mass Confusion* being filmed

By Stephen O'Kane  
Catholic News Service

CONYERS, Ga. (CNS) -- The kitchen table where the Willits family usually eats was covered on a recent summer morning with cables, batteries, audio and recording paraphernalia -- equipment to start filming a possible Catholic sitcom.

A crew of six and Father Robert Reed, president of CatholicTV, had flown in from Boston, turning the Willits' home into a set for the pilot of the show tentatively titled "Mass Confusion." What began as a casual idea turned into a full-fledged effort to create Catholic, family-friendly entertainment and hopefully inspire others to get involved.

Last year, Greg and Jennifer Willits, who host "The Catholics Next Door" on SiriusXM satellite radio, approached Father Reed with an idea for a new program: a humorous Catholic situation comedy reflecting family life and its rewards and struggles.

Greg Willits said that like many turns in the road that his family has already experienced, this was an idea he pitched expecting to be turned down. But their steps in faith seem to lead to more doors opening.

It began with the Rosary Army, a rosary-making apostolate they started in 2003, and then "That Catholic Show," an educational video series they produced, and then a podcast, which was picked up by the Catholic Channel and turned into their current radio show, "The Catholics Next Door." Now it may be a Catholic family show inspired by their lives as parents with five children.

"We're excited and scared about this, but that's pretty much been the case with every new endeavor we've taken on," Greg wrote by email to the Georgia Bulletin, Atlanta archdiocesan newspaper. "When we started Rosary Army, we felt the same way. When we started podcasting, we felt the same way. When we went to radio, we felt the same way. It makes no sense that we, without any experience in this area whatsoever, should be doing this, but it seems with the doors open, God wants us to at least give it a try."



**PILOT FOR CATHOLIC SITCOM FILMED AT HOME OF FAMILY IN ATLANTA ARCHDIOCESE.** Jennifer Willits, left center, and Katherine Barron prepare to act out a scene in Jennifer's kitchen as Catholic TV production crewmen Dave Wilkinson, camera man, Peter Kaminski, director, and Adam Stone, audio boom operator, make the necessary adjustments before filming in late June in Conyers, Ga. Last year Greg and Jennifer Willits, who host "The Catholics Next Door" on SiriusXM satellite radio, approached Father Robert Reed, president of CatholicTV, with an idea for a new program: a humorous Catholic situation comedy reflecting family life and its rewards and struggles.

After getting a green light from Father Reed and CatholicTV, the Willits began writing a script with their friends Mac and Katherine Barron, another Georgia-based couple involved in new media with their podcast "Catholic in a Small Town." The Barrons are the parents of three.

The two couples ran through their lines as the CatholicTV crew checked audio levels and framed shots. Director Robert Kaminski called "action," and the group dived headfirst into an experience that was mostly new to all of them. Jennifer Willits has been in front of the camera before for "That Catholic Show," but filming the pilot added a new level of excitement and pressure.

"It was a very 'mom and pop' production," said Jennifer Willits about "That Catholic Show."

"The only other person in the room was Greg."

"It adds to the excitement and the weight of the scene, having to interact with a lot of people," she added.

Mac Barron, who has emceed the national Catholic New Media Celebration for the past two years, had to become familiar with the dynamic of rehearsing lines, taking direction and reshooting scenes over and over.

"It is different being in front of the camera than doing the podcasts," Barron said. "In the podcast we get to call the shots and we don't have to rehearse."

"It is very exciting," he added. "It's great that CatholicTV has been so supportive."

Filmed in a style similar to primetime shows like "The Office" and "Modern Family," the

show focuses on the two Catholic couples and their families. Greg Willits said the idea for this venture isn't to teach Catholic doctrine but to be entertaining.

"There is a lot of Catholic catechesis out there but not a lot of Catholic entertainment. We want to prove that it can be done," he said. "This is going to be a pilot, simply a proof of

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concept to hopefully inspire others in Catholic and secular media to push the envelope a bit creatively."

While it was exciting, it was also a bit of a sacrifice for the two families, who used some of their vacation time to film the pilot, not to mention the Willits' home being taken over as a studio and set.

The Willits, members of St. Pius X Church in Conyers, asked for prayers that the show would be an inspiration for others and have a positive impact on Catholic new media.

"Our goal and our hope is to get 1 million views, which as you may know, has so far been pretty much impossible for online Catholic media," wrote Greg Willits. "If we can reach that goal, then we'll have something to work with if we decide to shoot more episodes since at that point we'll need to secure some sort of funding to do so."



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**CONFIRMATION RETREAT.**

spent Aug. 12-13 in a confirmation retreat visiting religious shrines in Louisiana with their confirmation sponsors.



**OL OF LOURDES, WINNFIELD CONFIRMATION.**

were confirmed Aug. 7 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield by Bishop Ronald Herzog.

# OLL confirmation students visit La. shrines

Newly confirmed candidates, all from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield, visited sacred shrines, a monastery, and other historical Catholic institutions throughout Louisiana, during a two-day retreat that was part of their confirmation formation.

The retreat began Aug. 12 with Mass at 7 a.m. at Our Lady

of Lourdes Church, followed by a special blessing after Mass by Father Christian Ogbonna, pastor. With chaperones Vickie Weeks and Laure Derr, the group traveled first to Holy Cross Catholic Church in Natchitoches, where they prayed in the beautiful outdoor Stations of the Cross. Before leaving Natchitoches, they visited their former pastor, Father John O'Brien, at St. Anthony

Catholic Church.

The next stop was in Grand Coteau, where the group enjoyed a tour of Sacred Heart Academy, which was founded in 1821. Sacred Heart Academy is the second oldest institution of learning west of the Mississippi and the oldest, continually running member of the network of Sacred Heart schools in the world. The school is for girls

only in grades PreK – 12, with residential accommodations for students in grades 7-12.

Just down the road, they visited St. Charles Borromeo Church, a Jesuit parish started in 1819. It is the third oldest parish in the Diocese of Lafayette, predated only by the church in St. Martinville and St. Landry of Opelousas.

They ended the first day

with a delicious Cajun meal of alligator, boudin, crawfish, frog legs, and shrimp at Prejean's Restaurant in Lafayette.

The next morning, the girls enjoyed a tour of the Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette, where Sister Raphael made their visit quite entertaining and informative. While at the monastery, the girls prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the beautiful chapel.

The group then headed for home and made the 6 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield.

All three girls had received the Sacrament of Confirmation Aug. 7 during the 10 a.m. Mass, with Bishop Ronald Herzog and Father Christian Ogbonna presiding.

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# Alexandria young adults experience

By Jeannie Petrus  
CT Editor



Despite the long trip across the ocean, the crowded groups of young people everywhere, and the blistering high temperatures, the six-day trip to Madrid, Spain for World Youth Day Aug. 16-21 was an awesome missionary experience that several young adults from the Diocese of Alexandria will never forget.

Josh Blakesley and his band members Grae McCullough, Jacob Johnson, and Christian Gaudet, all from Alexandria, were part of the 1.4 million young people from around the world who attended the global event. James Opdenhoff, youth minister at St. Rita Church in Alexandria, accompanied the band members.

"It was beautiful, it was inspiring, it was awesome," said Blakesley. "I can't find one word to describe how great it was. There is no other event in the world that draws people together in peace and faith like World Youth Day does."

"The band members and I all felt called to go to this one in Madrid," said Blakesley. "We didn't know where the money would come from for all of us to go, but we prayed and asked for God's input and guidance. It's amazing how God works when you listen to Him."

Funding and other

opportunities began to pour in. The Oregon Catholic Press (OCP) and spiritandsong.com (OCP's music division), which is Blakesley's record label, called and asked if he would be interested in performing at the world event. They offered to underwrite a percentage of the trip. Another similar offer came from LifeTeen – "perform for us and we'll pay part of your expenses."

The band arrived in Madrid on Monday and began a five-day schedule of performances for all English-speaking events. On Tuesday, the Josh Blakesley Band performed for the USCCB Vocations Fair. On Wednesday and Friday, the Band performed at catechetical sessions, which were held throughout the conference. Catechetical sessions are events that include games, music, teen talks with a Bishop, and ending with a Mass.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan



**MEETING IN MADRID.** Sister Nina Vincent, OLS, guidance counselor at Menard High School, ran into LSU-A students Jessica Sunderhaus and Erin Riche, both from Alexandria.



**JOSH BLAKESLEY /BAND MEMBERS ATTEND WORLD YOUTH DAY.** James Opdenhoff (from St. Rita parish), Josh Blakesley, Jacob Johnson, Christian Gaudet, and Grae McCullough (all from OLPS parish) pose for a picture in the airport in Madrid, where World Youth Day was held Aug. 16-21.

(and president of the USCCB) addressed one session where the Band performed, followed by a question/answer session. "It was incredible to see the dialog between the teens and the Bishop at these catechetical sessions," said Josh. "The kids asked some very deep, meaningful questions about their faith and the bishop answered with very honest, understandable answers."

On Thursday, the Band played at a LifeTeen XLT event, and on Saturday, they performed at their largest venue – the Palacio, before a crowd of more than 12,000.

It was at the Life Teen event, that Blakesley also ran into Sister Nina Vincent, OLS, the guidance counselor from Holy Savior Menard High School. She attended WYD with 60 other religious members of CMSWR (Council of Major Superiors for Women Religious).

"I saw Josh and his band at the Life Teen event setting up on the stage," said Sister Nina. "It was exciting to see people from home in a place so far away from home. I also ran into Jessica Sunderhaus and Erin Riche, both

Menard graduates and students at LSU-A."

But Blakesley is quick to point out that the trip was not all about performing, but more about evangelization. Whether they were performing, sitting in a restaurant, or waiting on a street corner, there were many unexpected opportunities to evangelize – like the story of William.

William was a young Italian the Band met in the marketsquare in Madrid. Josh began a conversation with him at first, because he spoke fluent English. But after talking with him a while, Josh learned he was not only fluent in Italian and English, but French and Spanish as well. He also learned that William was raised Catholic, but had not attended Mass in more



The Band members enjoy lunch outdoors in Madrid.

# World Youth Day 2011

than 10 years. Seeing all of the young vibrant Catholics from all over the world come to Madrid in peace and faith, impressed William.

According to Josh, William said, "I realize now that the Church is not just a building – the Church is about people loving people." This realization ignited his faith again and he felt compelled to start going to Mass again. "It was one of the highlights of our trip," said Josh.

Another highlight for the Band was getting an unexpected close-up view of Pope Benedict XVI. While rehearsing for one of their performances, they overheard someone say that the Pope was expected to arrive by motorcade in the street just outside their building in less than thirty minutes.

Reluctantly, the Band took a break from practice to go outside and check it out. Sure enough, the streets were beginning to fill with a few excited pilgrims who also seemed to be anticipating a possible glimpse. A few minutes later, following a barrage of policemen on motorcycles, Pope Benedict rode right past them in his Pope Mobile, only a few feet from the Alexandria group.

"It was pretty exciting," said

Josh. "We didn't go to Madrid expecting to see the Pope – especially not this close. We were only a few feet away from him, so this was really a very unexpected surprise. He blessed us all as he rode by."

A celebration of Mass by Pope Benedict was the final culmination of all the activities on Sunday. More than 1.4 million young adults braved the blistering heat, followed by a driving rain during the Mass and still fell silently to their knees to adore the Eucharist.

Sister Nina was one of the 1.4 million people who braved the ever-changing weather conditions to attend Mass with the Pope.

"It was crazy," she said. "There were so many people in such a small area, and so many different languages, but to experience the universality of the Church in the midst of that made it all worth it."

For Sister Nina, this was the third WYD she had attended (Toronto and Germany), so she was familiar with the 'inconveniences' of attending. Her assigned area was F8, an area far away from the main stage. She slept on the ground outdoors the night before in the heat.

"Most of the evening and

during the day of the Mass, it was very, very hot," she said. "When the wind and rain came, it was a relief at first, but then it got pretty rough. The Pope had to stop his homily for about 20-30 minutes until the driving rain settled down. I was soaking wet from head to toe."

But when the monstrance was elevated, Sister Nina said that it didn't matter that it was raining, everyone just stopped and knelt in adoration.

"It was awesome!" she said. "The monstrance was probably the biggest monstrance I've ever



TOP: The Pope arrives in his popemobile (Courtesy of Josh Blakesley)

BELOW: Josh Blakesley and his band perform at World Youth Day.

BOTTOM RIGHT: 1.4 million people attended World Youth Day 2011.



seen; it looked 6 ft. tall!

Meanwhile, the Josh Blakesley Band from Alexandria were already on their way back to the U.S. For numerous reasons, they had decided to leave Saturday night and not attend the final Mass.

But even as they waited in a Newark airport, their mission of evangelization did not stop. After a young female law student from Ecuador talked to them at length about their recent experiences, she too, decided it was time for her to return to the Church.



TEXAS RANGERS. Sister Fatima, OLS (left) and Sister Nina Vincent, OLS, from Alexandria had their picture taken with Clarence Gilyard, who played Jimmy Trivett on Walker, Texas Ranger. Gilyard is active in World Youth Day.





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# Mill and Cross: a classic painting resurrected in film

By John P. McCarthy  
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) -- Inspired by a book-length study of Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel's "The Way to Calvary," director Lech Majewski has created an absorbing blend of art history and feature filmmaking.

In "The Mill & The Cross" (Kino Lorber), Polish-born Majewski re-imagines Christ's passion, dramatizes a dark episode in the history of the Catholic Church, experiments with pictorial representation and issues an appeal for religious tolerance -- all without pretension or bias.

The movie will be of special interest to Catholics because it addresses the sectarian strife that arose when armies loyal to the church invaded the Low Countries in the 16th century to suppress Protestant reform. In his book "The Mill and the Cross," Michael Francis Gibson details how Bruegel used allegory to comment on the state of affairs in his native Flanders circa 1546, the year he finished the painting.

The intricacies of "The Way to Calvary," a canvas populated with more than 500 figures, don't seem amenable to cinematic treatment. But Gibson believed Majewski was up to the task and they collaborated on an English-language screenplay. Visually ingenious, the resulting film offers a multilayered panorama encompassing, and imaginatively expanding upon, the painting's genesis and content.



'THE MILL AND THE CROSS'. Rutger Hauer stars in a scene from the movie "The Mill and the Cross." The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The film has not yet been rated by the Motion Picture Association of America. (CNS photo/Kino Lorber) (Sept. 13, 2011)

Rutger Hauer plays Bruegel and Michael York portrays his friend and collector, Nicholas Jonghelinck, who commissions a piece that will express his outrage at how Spain's occupying forces are "violating our bodies and souls." Ambitiously and with purposeful misdirection, given the risk of being branded a heretic, Bruegel conceives a complex artwork with meanings concealed inside numerous pastoral tableaux, processions and agrarian symbols.

Meanwhile, Spanish militiamen astride horseback and wearing red tunics are shown

violently mistreating peasants. In an incident foreshadowing the Passion, they set upon one young man for no apparent reason, whipping and beating him before lashing his body to a wagon wheel and hoisting it atop a pole. This cruel act occurs on the movie's most literal level, alongside quotidian episodes from the seemingly bucolic world Bruegel depicts. These scenes have no dialogue, including those in which the miller, representing God, surveys the countryside from his mill built on a giant rock.

On the movie's more conceptual plane, Bruegel moves

in and out of his painting while explaining his intentions to his patron and sketching preparatory drawings. Eventually, the film adopts the perspective of the Virgin Mary (Charlotte Rampling), who delivers plaintive monologues as her Son and two thieves are executed.

The overall experience is akin to watching a lithograph by Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher spring to life. Majewski employs computer technology without disrupting the period feel or the story's timelessness -- and while remaining true to Bruegel's visual aesthetic. The sound effects,

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which serve a vital function since there's so little dialogue, are equally expressive.

Majewski's tone is calm and evenhanded. You don't sense he favors one Christian denomination or is eager to indict the church or Catholicism per se. Instead, he seems intent on conveying a universal message against religious intolerance and human rights abuses. His film is grounded in the connection between the paschal mystery and social justice, yet since that linkage informs the bedrock of the Catholic faith, Catholic viewers won't find anything radical from a theological standpoint.

Though it lasts less than a minute, arguably the most chilling sequence in "The Mill & The Cross" shows a presumably heretical woman being put in a freshly dug grave and buried alive. Although harsh, such episodes are in accord with the historical record.

The film contains moderately graphic violence, including four crucifixions, several whippings and beatings and a woman being buried alive; a few instances of groping; and brief frontal and rear female nudity. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

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### Franciscan Healing Conference

The annual Franciscan Healing Conference, sponsored by Two Hearts Gospel Ministry and Franciscan House of the Holy Spirit, will be held Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville. The theme is *The Miracle Power of Intercession*. We will look at ways we can strengthen our own intercessory prayer and we will spend time interceding together for all we hold in our hearts. Cost is \$30. No meals provided. Rooms available at Maryhill for \$35/night. For more information, go to <http://www.jimandchristygootee.com>



**EDUCATOR AWARD.** Daniel Lacombe, Fourth Degree Knight, presents the Father Ryan Assembly (Council 0317) Knights of Columbus Religious Educator Award to Martha Coulon, principal of St. Anthony of Padua School in Bunkie. Mrs. Coulon is a 37 year retiree from the Avoyelles Parish School System after serving 13 years as an administrator.

### Cooking for the King

St. Mary's Assumption Church in Cottonport will host Cooking for the King on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the St. Mary's Community Center. A Floral Design exhibit by Master Floral Designer, Betty Mouton of Lafayette, will be at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. St. Mary's most distinguished chefs will prepare a seven-course dinner that includes Bayou Rouge crawfish corn soup, spinach salad, Eagle Ranch beef tenderloin, stuffed baked potato, roasted vegetables, rolls, red velvet cake and wine. \$25 per person. Call 318-447-2754.

### Taste of Creole Night

St. Juliana Church will host the 7th annual Taste of Creole night on Friday, Oct. 14, from 6-10 p.m. at the Activity Building, located at 900 Daspit Street in Alexandria. Creole food tasting will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Fun and games will follow from 8-10 p.m. and door prizes will be awarded every hour on the hour.

Other attractions will be the Country Store, featuring the Taste of Creole aprons for \$12; and the St. Juliana Taste of Creole Cookbook for \$15 each. For more information, call Tommy Milo at 445-8743 or Sylvia Martin at 487-4969.

### Woman to Woman Conference.

The first annual Woman to Woman Catholic Conference will be held Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Cajundome Convention Center in Lafayette for women ages 18 and above. Johnette Benkovic, host of EWTN's Women of Grace Series, will be the featured speaker. The cost is \$40 and includes a catered lunch. For more information, call 337-356-6971 or go to [www.catholicwomensconference.org](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org). or email [mroberts97@gmail.com](mailto:mroberts97@gmail.com).

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### Fall Festivals

• **Sept. 24 OLPS, Alexandria.** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the OLPS playground and Olinger Hall. The 1-mile Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m. and leads into the festival. Games, food, on-going entertainment, silent auction in Olinger Hall (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

• **Oct. 8-9 OLPS, Mansura.** We will have Gumbo on Saturday starting at 4:00 p.m. Bingo is scheduled for Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Sunday lunch will \$7 a plate. Serving time will be from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Raffle will be held at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 964-2654.

• **Oct. 15-16 Sacred Heart School, Moreauville.** On Saturday, the food and craft booths open at 11 a.m., catfish supper (\$6) from 5 – 7:30 p.m., games and bingo at 6 p.m., and music and dancing from 7 -10:30 p.m. On Sunday, fair continues from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., with a cochon de lait dinner (\$7) at 10:30 a.m.

• **Oct. 23 Immaculate Heart of Mary – IHM's** parish fair will be held Sunday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be games, sweets, bargain barn, entertainment, food, quilt raffle, pork roast dinner, jumpers, horse rides, train rides and much more. Pork roast dinner will be served from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Allen Hall; donation - \$7; menu: pork roast, potato, corn on cob, salad, roll & tea. We invite everyone to come and enjoy the day with us.

• **Oct. 29-30 St. Rita Fall Festival.** On Saturday, from 5-8 p.m., there will be carnival games, trick or treating, hayride, bingo, costume contest, and St. Rita gumbo for \$5 from 4:30 p.m. until it's gone. On Sunday, there will be a pork dinner for \$6 starting at 10:30 a.m. From 12:30 – 3 p.m., there will be a silent auction, country store, white elephant shop, cake booth, and great items for raffle.



**SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL.** Martha Coulon, principal of St. Anthony School, receives a check from Leonard Armand, to commemorate the establishment of the Mattye Robert Scallan and Lennie T. Scallan Scholarship Fund. The fund, created by Elaine C. Temple, awards a full tuition scholarship annually to a Catholic child needing financial assistance to attend St. Anthony School.

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# September - October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. BRAQUET</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. BROCATO</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>VIRTUS Training 6:00 pm Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pineville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. CATELLA</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Celebration of Life Gala 6:30-8:30 pm Natchitoches Events Center</p> <p>Public Rosary 7:15 pm Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. S. CEMINO</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. E. CHINAKA</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Franciscan Healing Conf. 9:00 am-8:00 pm Maryhill Renewal Center</p> <p>St. Mary's 6th Annual Walk Challenge Kincaid Lake Pavilion</p> <p>Awakening Retreat -- LSUA Catholic Center</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. CORKERY</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. CUNNINGHAM</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. F. D'CRUZ</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. W. DECOSTE</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. DEJESUS</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Public Rosary 7:15 pm Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. B. DESHAUTELLE</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. FAULK</p>	<p><b>OCT. 1</b></p> <p>Cooking for the King 6:00 pm St. Mary's Assumption, Cottonport</p> <p>Pro-Life Novena for Unborn Babies</p> <p>Wayne Weible speaking tour</p> <p>6:00 pm St. Michaels, Leesville</p> <p>6:00 pm St. Juliana, Alexandria</p> <p>3:00 pm St. Anthony, Natchitoches</p> <p><b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> PRAY FOR BISHOP R. HERZOG</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady 11:30 am Sacred Heart, Pineville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. FERGUSON</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Wayne Weible 11:00 am-1:30 pm Catholic High School, Natchez, MS</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. T. FEY</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. FOSTER</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. GARRIONE</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Public Rosary 7:15 pm Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. GOOTEE</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>FEAST of OUR LADY of the ROSARY FIRST FRIDAY</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. GREMILLON</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. HASIEBER</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR BISHOP R. HERZOG</p>
<p>Pro-Life Novena for Unborn Babies</p> <p>Radio Maria Mari-A-Thon -- 6:00 am-8:00 pm</p>						
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Bishop's Golf Tournament 11:00 am Oak Wing, Alexandria</p> <p>VIRTUS Training 6:00 pm St. Martin Church, Lecompte</p> <p><b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> PRAY FOR FR. R. HUMPHRIES</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. B. IBE</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. H. IMAMSHAH</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Public Rosary 7:15 pm Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. K. ISHMAEL</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Taste of Creole Night 6:00-10:00 pm St. Juliana Church, Alexandria</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. G. KROSFIELD</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Rosary Rallies 12:00 pm St. Frances Cabrini Hospital</p> <p>Woman to Woman Conference 9:00 am-4:00 pm Cajundome, Lafayette</p> <p>Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. KULIGOWSKI</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. KUNNUPURAM</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. S. KWEBUZA</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>VIRTUS Training 6:00 pm KC Hall, Plaquemine</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. M. LAIRD</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. MATHEWS</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Public Rosary 7:15 pm Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. C. MAURICIO</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. MEDINA-CRUZ</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. L. MELCHER</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. MESSINA</p>
<p>St. James 100th Anniversary</p> <p>6:00 pm Prayer Night</p> <p>9:00 pm Dance</p> <p>10:00 am Picnic</p> <p>12:00 pm Mass</p>						

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