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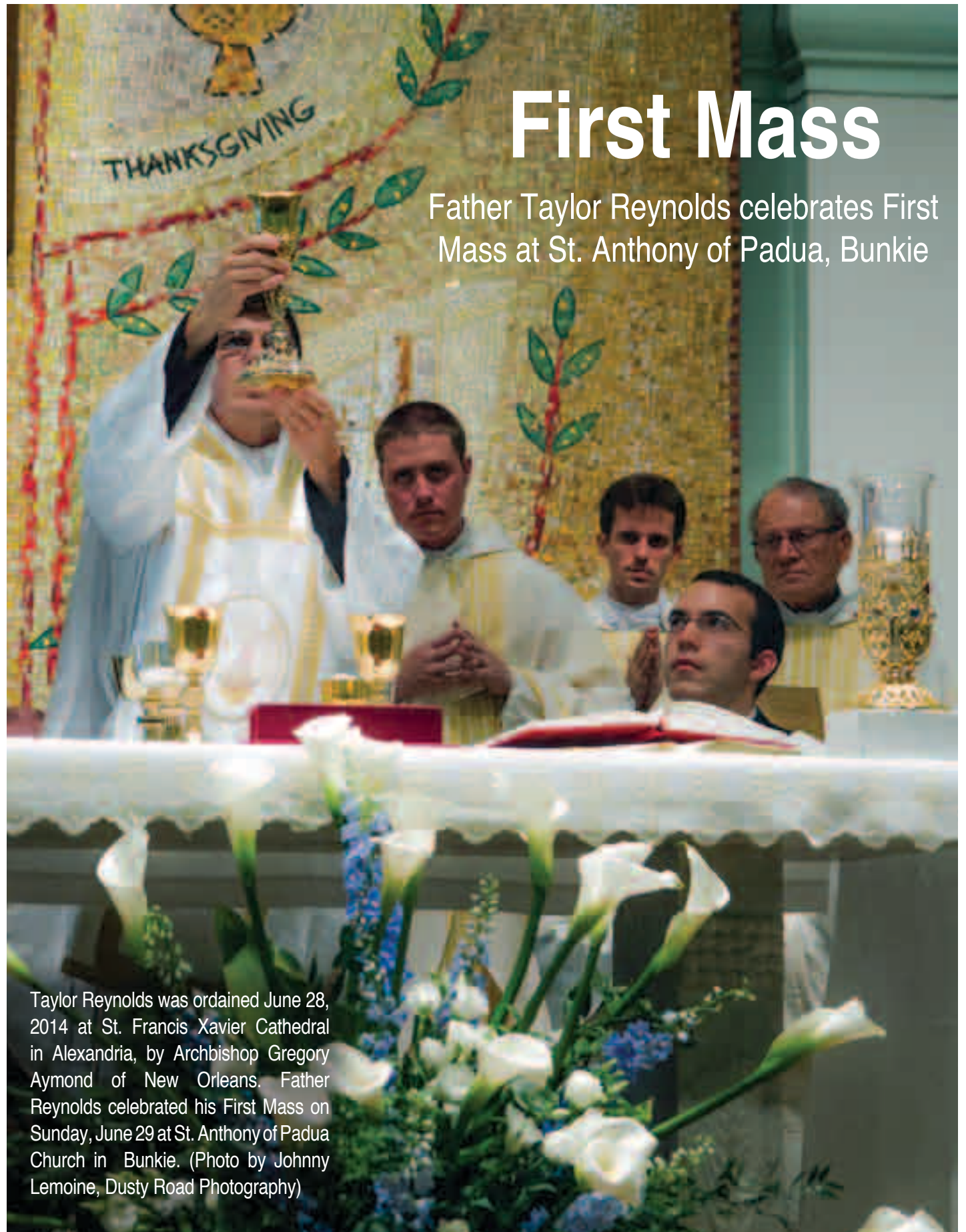
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Every July, the Church Today is dedicated to publishing the pictures of the hundreds of students throughout the diocese who recently have received the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist or Confirmation. The special section is on pages 11- 18.

**Picture Issue!**



## First Mass

Father Taylor Reynolds celebrates First Mass at St. Anthony of Padua, Bunkie

Taylor Reynolds was ordained June 28, 2014 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria, by Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans. Father Reynolds celebrated his First Mass on Sunday, June 29 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Bunkie. (Photo by Johnny Lemoine, Dusty Road Photography)

# Supreme Court exempts Hobby Lobby from HHS mandate

## Mandate still requires Catholic entities to provide objectionable coverage

By Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The Supreme Court's June 30 ruling that certain businesses, based on their religious objections, can be exempted from a government requirement to include contraceptives in their employee health insurance coverage means "justice has prevailed," said two U.S. archbishops.

"We welcome the Supreme Court's decision to recognize that Americans can continue to follow their faith when they run a family business," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

The court in its 5-4 ruling said that Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Woods, the two family-run companies that objected to the government mandate that employees be covered for a range of contraceptives, including drugs considered to be abortifacients, are protected from the requirement of the Affordable Care Act under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Activists on both sides of the issue gathered outside the U.S. Supreme Court on a hot Washington morning awaiting the decision and when it was announced, supporters hailed it as a religious liberty issue and opponents called it a setback to women's health care.

Although Catholic leaders and other religious groups hailed the decision as a victory for religious freedom, they also said the issue is not resolved since the government mandate requires nonprofit organizations such as Catholic charities, hospitals and schools to provide contraceptive coverage.

The USCCB statement of Archbishops Kurtz and Lori noted that the court left the door open about the cases currently winding their way through the courts objecting to the government's accommodation that they



**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACTIVISTS CELEBRATE** the June 30 decision by the United States Supreme Court to exempt Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Woods, from the government mandate that requires employees be covered for a range of contraceptives, including drugs considered to be abortifacients. Although U.S. bishops have hailed the 5-4 decision a victory for religious freedom, the issue is still not resolved for Catholic organizations, including hospitals, charities, and schools.

direct a third party to provide the required contraceptive coverage.

"The court clearly did not decide whether the so-called 'accommodation' violates RFRA when applied to our charities, hospitals and schools, so many of which have challenged it as a burden on their religious exercise. We continue to hope that these great ministries of service, like the Little Sisters of the Poor and so many others, will prevail in their cases as well," the statement said.

Gregory Erlandson, president of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing in Huntington, Indiana, also welcomed the ruling, adding: "Our hope is that this decision

bodes well for those nonprofit religious organizations, including Our Sunday Visitor, which are seeking relief from the onerous requirements of the HHS regulations."

In 2012, Our Sunday Visitor, one of the largest Catholic publishing houses in the country, joined with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, the University of Notre Dame and other Catholic organizations in filing federal lawsuits to block the mandate.

Erlandson added, "Our hope is that the courts will affirm that there is no state interest so compelling as to force religious organizations such as Our Sunday

Visitor to violate their religious beliefs or risk financially devastating fines."

The court's ruling noted that if Hobby Lobby had lost its case, the company would have been subjected to fines of up to \$475 million, or \$36,500 per year per affected employee. If the company had dropped all employee health care coverage, it would have been fined \$26 million a year.

Mark Rienzi, senior counsel for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, the religious liberty law firm that represented Hobby Lobby, the family-owned Oklahoma-based retailer, before the Supreme Court, told report-

ers after the ruling that he thinks the court's decision bodes well for similar pending cases of nonprofit organizations.

He noted that the opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito includes a footnote reference to the Little Sisters of the Poor's lawsuit, which he said indicates that the "government accommodation is not here for long."

The Little Sisters of the Poor religious order has asked the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to extend an injunction blocking enforcement of the federal contraceptive mandate.

The Supreme Court's decision points out how the government has "effectively exempted" some religious nonprofit groups from the contraceptive mandate and that to qualify for the accommodation, such an employer must self-certify as nonprofit religious group with religious objections to contraceptive coverage; the self-certification form triggers the insurance company that administers their health plan to provide the objectionable coverage to their employees.

Catholic and other groups who object to the coverage on moral grounds say even with the accommodation, they are still involved in objectionable coverage.

The ninth footnote in Alito's opinion states that "in a separate challenge to this framework for religious nonprofit organizations, the court recently ordered that, pending appeal, the eligible organizations be permitted to opt out of the contraceptive mandate by providing written notification of their objections to the Secretary of HHS, rather than to their insurance issuers or third-party administrators."



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# Seal of Confession becomes issue in Baton Rouge case

## Court may compel priest to break confessional seal in abuse case

By Catholic News Service

BATON ROUGE, La. (CNS) -- Louisiana's Supreme Court has ruled that a priest may be compelled to testify as to what he heard in the confessional in 2008 concerning an abuse case.

The priest, Father Jeff Bayhi, faces automatic excommunication if he breaks the seal of the confessional. But he also could face jailing if found to be in contempt of the court should he refuse to testify.

In the case, a girl who was 14 in 2008 said she told her parish priest -- Father Bayhi, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Zachary -- in the confessional that she was abused by a now-dead lay member of the parish.

The girl's parents sued Father Bayhi and the Diocese of Baton Rouge for failing to report the abuse. The parents won at the district court level about compelling the priest to testify, but lost in Louisiana's First Circuit Court of Appeals, before the state's highest court reversed and vacated the appellate court's decision.

"As you know, one of the great sacraments of healing in the church is the sacrament of reconciliation/confession. It has given hope and comfort to all Catholics throughout the centuries and

continues to do so today," Father Bayhi said in a July 7 statement.

"The seal of confession is one that can never be broken. Through its use the faithful must always be protected, so much so, that as a priest I cannot even say someone has come to confession, let alone divulge the contents of what was revealed."

The Baton Rouge Diocese, in its own statement July 7, said the state Supreme Court violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in its decision.

"A foundational doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church for thousands of years mandates that the seal of confession is absolute and inviolable. Pursuant to his oath to the church, a priest is compelled never to break that seal," the diocese said. "Neither is a priest allowed to admit that someone went to confession to him. If necessary, the priest would have to suffer a finding of contempt in a civil court and suffer imprisonment rather than violate his sacred duty and violate the seal of confession and his duty to the penitent.

"This is not a gray area in the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. A priest/confessor who violates the seal of confession incurs an automatic excommuni-



### What is the Seal of Confession?

In the Roman Catholic Church, the Seal of Confession (or Seal of the Confessional) is the absolute duty of priests not to disclose anything that they learn from penitents during the course of the Sacrament of Penance. A priest/confessor who violates the seal of confession incurs an automatic excommunication reserved for forgiveness to the Apostolic See at the Vatican.

cation reserved for forgiveness to the Apostolic See in Vatican City."

The diocese added, "In this case, the priest acted appropriately and would not testify about the alleged confessions. Church law does not allow either the plaintiff (penitent) or anyone else to waive the seal of confession.

"This matter cuts to the core

of the Catholic faith, and for a civil court to inquire as to whether or not a factual situation establishes the sacrament of confession is a clear and unfettered violation of the Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the United States," it continued. "This matter is of serious consequence to all religions, not just the Catholic faith. The statutes involved in this

matter address 'sacred communications' which are confidential and are exempt from mandatory reporting."

The diocese said, "For a civil court to impinge upon the freedom of religion is a clear violation and the matter will be taken to the highest court in the land by the church in order to protect its free exercise of religion."

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We are delighted to welcome several new priests who will be working in various parishes throughout the diocese. Also, please keep all our priests in your prayers, especially those who are



## ONE IN THE LORD

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

beginning new assignments. It is also encouraging to look ahead to having twelve men in seminary formation this fall. We continue to be richly blessed.

Congratulations to all who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Commu-

nion this year. These are special times for them, their families and their parishes.

"I will soon be taking part in the 2014 Tekakwitha Conference in Fargo, N.D. Another travel adventure! Thanks to the deacons and seminarians who have volunteered to assist in getting me to and from the airport. I look forward to being cleared to drive so I can manage more things on my own. Again, thanks for your prayers and encouragement during my recovery.

We are still in the 2014 hur-

ricane season. Please continue to pray that all may be spared during the months ahead.

We are progressing with the work at Maryhill Renewal Center. Additional details will be made available in the near future.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your families during these summer months.

# Assumption of Mary comes to life during visit to the Holy Land

Mary was assumed into heaven.

It's one of the more difficult teachings for converts to grasp. But there are ways to approach the Assumption so that non-Catholics may come to believe.

In 1995, I wrote an article for Protestant newspapers called "Trends in Christian Fiction" which considered the possibility that a Christian fiction book might hit the New York Times Bestseller List. I visited key Protestant publishers to interview editors. The publishers handed me galleys, and they all believed their books had that crossover appeal. Only one actually did.

*Left Behind*, a science fiction story about what some believe as "The Rapture" was on the publishing turnpike back then, and it was among the galleys I brought home with me. The book was released within six months of my visit, and the book (and subsequent series) was a huge success.

Nicholas Cage and Lea Thompson star in a screen adaptation of that book. The movie opens October 3, 2014. So the *Left Behind* craze continues.

I have one question.

And it isn't about whether or not the idea of Rapture is biblical. My question has nothing to do with Christians disappearing when Christ returns. I'm not going to take the time to explain why Catholic teaching on eschatological things is solid and *Left Behind* theology is Hollywood science fiction.

No. I'm pondering something else.

Why is it so easy for people to believe that Jesus Christ will return and "rapture" those who



## CATHOLIC BY GRACE

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love Him, leaving behind the rest of the world, but those same people find it impossible to believe that Jesus Christ came for His mother and assumed her, body and soul, into heaven?

Why is that harder to believe?

When I ponder the glorious Assumption of Mary into Heaven, I have to smile. It fits. It makes sense. A perfect and loving son would do that if he could. A divine Son did do it because He could.

Jesus Christ looked upon His mother, and Love broke through the veil.

Jesus, the perfect Son of God, would not let His mother's body know corruption. Not this mother who was so carefully created -- so immaculately formed.

In May, I traveled to the Holy Land. We visited many places, but one place that stands out in my mind is Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion.

Let me take you there for just a moment. Step with me into the Tomb of King David. Let's pray there, together. Let's think of David's descendent, the Christ, who was given an eternal throne.

Now, let me lead you just a few steps from the place where David is buried. There, you will find the doors to Dormition Abbey. According to tradition, Mary

fell asleep and was assumed into heaven here.

There is a place in Ephesus that also makes this claim, but many Catholic sources say Mount Zion is more likely. And I agree.

The one who is Daughter Zion and mother of David's eternal heir should end her earthly life here -- and be visited by the Lord who lovingly laid claim to His mother -- right here.

Come to me, my beloved mother. Come and see the place I have prepared.

With angelic shouts and trumpet blast, she was raised and crowned Queen. Earth was silent. But heaven erupted with great jubilation.

Why is it so easy to imagine a silly story about Jesus coming to Earth and Christians across the world disappearing? Airplanes crashing as pilots disappear into thin air. Cars crashing as drivers disappear. Students leaving behind open books and laptops? Why is that easier to imagine, but Mary's Assumption seems far-fetched?

I stood in the crypt of Dormition Abbey. I thought of King David's bones which were just a few steps away. And yet, in this crypt, there are no bones. Mary is not here. And nobody has claimed to have Mary's remains. Why? Because there are no remains.

In fact, the disagreement about a possible site for the Assumption exists because there are no bones to settle the matter. The dueling claim underscores the reality of the Assumption. She is not here -- or there!

Yes, Jesus Christ will return again. And He will raise the living and the dead. It won't follow the plotline of a Hollywood thriller. But there is precedent for our rising to meet the Lord. Although Mary's Assumption is unique, the One who assumed His own mother will return -- for us. The dead in Christ will be raised to new life. But the unfaithful won't be left behind -- although they probably

will wish they had been left. Earth is preferable to eternal separation from God. The Bible tells us we will be divided--the faithful going one way, the unfaithful another.

Leave the *Left Behind* hoopla in Hollywood.

Turn your eyes to the Holy Land, or Ephesus, or even toward heaven.. And celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Aug. 15. What Jesus did for Mary -- in a unique and special way -- gives us hope that one day Christ will return. So let's model our lives after the Blessed Mother -- remaining faithful until the end.

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# 20-year anniversary of genocide in Rwanda (1994-2014)

## Our Lady of Kibeho warned Rwandans of terror 10 years earlier

By Jeannie Petrus  
CT editor

Twenty years ago, most of us in the U.S. were going about our busy lives -- working, eating, raising families -- without a single thought of what was going on on the other side of the world.

But for 100 days in 1994 (April 7 - mid July), in Rwanda (a small country in central Africa) close to 1 million people were slaughtered by machetes in their homes, the streets, or wherever they happen to be.

Members of the Hutu majority, most of whom occupied positions at top levels of the national government, felt threatened by a minority group, called Tutsi.

Without going into a lot of detail about the political ramifications between these two groups, let's just say that the relations between these two groups were intense.

Backed by the government-militias and the Hutu civilian population, -- soldiers, police and militia quickly executed key Tutsi leaders and Hutu moderates, then erected checkpoints and barricades and used Rwandan's national identity cards to systematically verify their ethnicity and kill Tutsi.

These forces recruited or pressured Hutu civilians to arm



**OUR LADY OF KIBEHO**, by Immaculee Ilibagiza, tells the story of the apparitions of Our Lady to the schoolgirls in Kibeho. This book tells the story of Our Lady's plea to the people of central Africa to pray, fast, and do penance to avoid a terrible war. Our Lady of Kibeho was approved by the Catholic Church in 2001.

**LEFT TO TELL**, by Immaculee Ilibagiza, tells the story of Immaculee's terrifying 91 days of hiding in a cramped bathroom with seven other women, while the massacre of men, women, and children were going on outside her window. Her third book, **LED BY FAITH**, tells how her faith helped her survive after the genocide.

**HOTEL RWANDA**, starring Don Cheadle, Nick Nolte, and Joaquin Phoenix, is a movie about the Rwanda genocide. There's nothing in this movie about Our Lady of Kibeho, but it is a good depiction of the political side of this story. Very graphic.

themselves with machetes, clubs blunt objects and other weapons to rape, maim and kill their Tutsi neighbors and destroy or steal their property.

### Why talk about it now?

So what does this have to do with us, here in the U.S., today -- when all of this happened 20

years ago in a country, most of us know or care so little about?

Because all of the killing -- all 100 days of brutal rape and slaughtering of almost 1 million people -- was foretold in a warning to the people, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, 10 years before the killings began.

### Our Lady of Kibeho

Our Lady of Kibeho began appearing to several schoolgirls on Nov. 28, 1981 -- first Alphonsine, then Anathalie, and then Marie Claire. Our Lady delivered profound messages and called the world to come back to God. The teenage visionaries reported that the Virgin Mary asked everyone to pray, fast, and do penance to

prevent a terrible war.

Our Lady of Kibeho took the seers on "mysterical journeys" where it is believed that the girls were shown heaven, hell, and purgatory. Our Lady also introduced the "Rosary of Seven Sorrows" to the girls, and asked that a basilica be built at Kibeho.

But in the vision of Aug. 19, 1982, the seers all reported seeing violence, dismembered corpses and destruction, and a "river of blood."

In 1988, Bishop Jean Baptiste Gahamanyi, of the Diocese of Butare, of which Kibeho was a part at that time, authorized public devotion at the site of the Apparitions. Today, Kibeho is part of the Diocese of Gikongoro, lead by

Bishop Augustin Misago.

On July 2, 2001, the Holy See officially recognized the Apparitions at Kibeho as "authentic," and proclaimed Kibeho as a place of pilgrimage and of encounter for all who seek Christ.

"This declaration makes it possible to respond to the expectations of the People of God and to bring new enthusiasm to the public devotion recognized already for 13 years." (Taken from L'Osservatore Romano, weekly edition in English, July 11, 2001, page 8)

The feast day of Our Lady of Kibeho is Nov. 28 -- the day of the first apparition.

### Immaculee Ilibagiza

Immaculee Ilibagiza was a young girl living in Rwanda when the apparitions began in 1981. She and her family were devout Catholics, so when the apparitions began, the Ilibagiza household was filled with excitement.

Although her father, and later her older brothers, began making the two day walking pilgrimage to the village of Kibeho early on, it was not until college that Immaculee first visited the the apparition site. After several visits to the site, she was filled with grace one day after one of the seers offered Immaculee water from her hands to drink, as instructed by Our Lady.

When the genocide began in 1994, Immaculee was home from college to be with her family for Easter. She survived by hiding in a Hutu pastor's tiny bathroom with seven other starving women for 91 cramped, terrifying days. She prayed the rosary incessantly for 91 days. Her mother, father, and two brothers were murdered in the massacre.

Immaculee survived and has written three books about the genocide: *Our Lady of Kibeho*, what happened BEFORE the genocide; *Left to Tell*, what happened DURING the genocide; and *Led by Faith*, what happened AFTER the genocide.

For more information, go to: [www.lefttotell.com](http://www.lefttotell.com) (Immaculee) or [www.marian.org](http://www.marian.org) (Rosary of 7 Sorrows)

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**FAREWELL TO MSGR. TESTA -Dean of Avoyelles Deanery.** The Avoyelles Deanery held a farewell party June 17 for Msgr. Steve Testa at the Holy Ghost Gym. Msgr. Testa, who retired in May and is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a priest this year, has served as dean of the Avoyelles deanery for the past 18 years. Best wishes, Msgr. Testa!



**WELCOME TO FR. RUSTY - Dean of Avoyelles Deanery.** In conjunction with the farewell party June 17 for Msgr. Testa, Father Rusty Rabalais received a warm welcome from the priests as the new dean of the Avoyelles Deanery. Pictured are Fr. Rusty Rabalais, Fr. Abraham Varghese, and Msgr. Steve Testa.



**NEW CLASS OF ASPIRANTS.** Thirteen men (supported by their wives) have committed to a four-year diaconate formation program through the Diocese of Alexandria and St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. The men (and their wives) will attend formation classes at the St. Joseph Catholic Center one weekend a month for the next four years. Pictured are (in alphabetical order) Mark and Lanie Adkins from Holy Cross Church in Natchitoches; Scott and Amy Babin from Our Lady of Prompt Succor parish in Alexandria; Barry and Holly Billiot from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Pineville; Darrell and Charlotte Dubroc from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Fifth Ward; Bill and Florence Endris from St. Michael the Archangel Church in Leesville; Lawrence and Carol Feldkamp from St. Frances Cabrini Church in Alexandria; Stephen and Veronica Gramigna from St. Michael the Archangel Church in Leesville; Buford and Faye Jeansonne from St. Joseph Church in Marksville; Steven and Jennifer Newbury from St. Michael the Archangel Church in Leesville; Tommy and Marika Robichaux from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Pineville; Paul and Mary Kay Sunderhaus from St. Frances Cabrini Church in Alexandria; and Luke and Sammie White from St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. Rev. Dan O'Connor is director of the Diaconate Formation Program.

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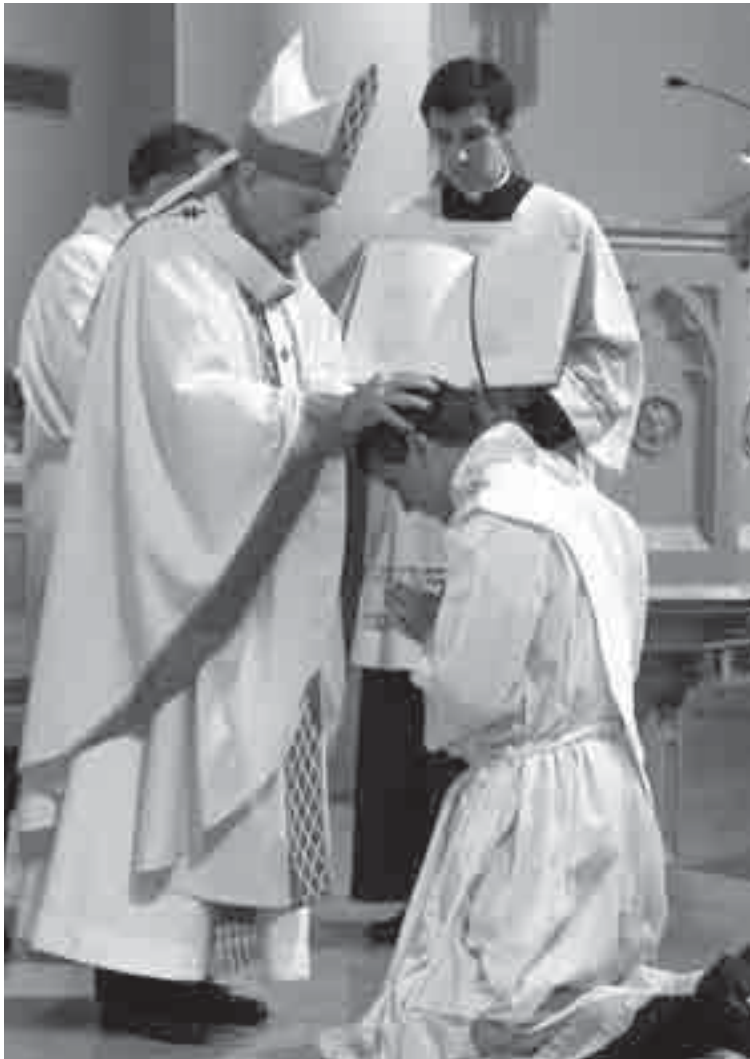
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# Taylor Reynolds is ordained June 28 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral



**ORDINATION.** Taylor Reynolds from St. Anthony of Padua parish in Bunkie is ordained June 28 by Bishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans. Father Reynolds has been assigned to St. Rita Church in Alexandria as his first assignment. (Photo by Johnny Lemoine/ Dusty Road Photography)

Archbishop Gregory Michael Aymond of New Orleans ordained Taylor Fredrick Reynolds June 28 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, with many friends and family members present to witness the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

A reception at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral's Xavier Hall was held immediately following the ordination.

On Sunday, June 28, Father Taylor Reynolds celebrated his First Mass at his home parish of St. Anthony of Padua in Bunkie. Several of his seminarian friends and clergy friends were present and assisted him at his First Mass. His first assignment will be at St. Rita Church in Alexandria.

Father Reynolds attended the North American Pontifical College in Rome, where he completed his studies in May and received a Masters of Divinity (M.Div.) Rev. Joseph Fowler, seminary representative from the North American Pontifical College in Rome, attended the ordination.

He received a BA in Philosophy from the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

He is the son of Billy and Agnes Reynolds of Bunkie, where he was a parishioner at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.



## Deacon Bill assists at Mass in Australia

**DEACON SHAI DNAGLE** and his wife Mel, visited their daughter Sonya for a month in Australia. While in Australia, he was honored to be able to assist at Mass at their daughter's parish. Pictured are husband Larry and daughter Sonya, Deacon Bill and his wife Mel, and twins

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<b>Mrs. Elizabeth S. Arthur</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Sadie Stroud Burse	
<b>Total in June</b>	<b>\$2,485.00</b>





**ST. JUDE MISSION (Sieper) BLESSES NEW STATUES.** St. Jude Mission in Sieper recently purchased two new statues -- one of Jesus praying in the garden and one of the Blessed Virgin Mary (above). Father Binochan Pallipparambil, pastor, blessed the statues June 28 in the presence of the parishioners. The people are excited and happy to see these at our church. Pictured are (l-r): Mary Lyles, Dot Broussard, Dorothy Flournoy, Margaret Funderburk, Greg Perry, Karen Perry, Mary Vanderlick, Molly Perry, Ginny Perry, Angie Little, James Franzen, Ann Perry, Sherry Franzen, Kimberly, Addy and Adam Holt. Father Binochan and altar servers are Charli and Isaiah Little. (Photo by Fran-Swain)

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## Group plans pilgrimage to Schoenstatt shrine in Austin, Texas Sept. 12-14

In celebration of the centennial of the founding of the Schoenstatt movement, the Louisiana branch of the International Schoenstatt Movement is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the dedication of the newest Schoenstatt Daughter Shrine in Austin Texas.

The bus will depart Friday morning Sept. 12 and return Sunday night Sept. 14.

The group will attend the shrine dedication celebration Saturday afternoon, and will attend Sunday morning Mass at the shrine before departure. The cost is approximately \$330 per person.

For more information and to register for the pilgrimage, visit the Louisiana Schoenstatt website at [www.schoenstattla.com](http://www.schoenstattla.com), or call Nita Brouillette at 318-481-2725.

The Apostolic Movement of Schoenstatt is a Roman

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The movement emphasizes a strong attachment to the Blessed Virgin Mary, upholding her as the perfect example of love and purity. It encourages its members to have the faith and purity of children, and to think of Mary as their Mother.

Nearly 200 "Daughter Shrines" -- replicas of the original shrine in Schoenstatt, Germany, have been constructed throughout the world. This newest shrine, named "Bethlehem: Cradle of Sanctity," is the 10th Daughter Shrine in the United States.

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### Vacation Bible School

(above) HOLY GHOST (Marksville) /ST. RICHARD (Hickory Hill) hosted Vacation Bible School June 16-20 from 9 a.m. - noon. Twenty-four children ages 6-13 signed up for the VBS. All enjoyed songs, crafts, games, snacks and of course, learning about Jesus.

(side 2 pictures) ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (Bunkie) held its 2014 VBS *Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind!* About 100 children attended, ready to learn about Jesus' love for us. The kids visited Bible Adventures, KidVid Cinema, Critter Cafe, Imagination Station and Outside Games.



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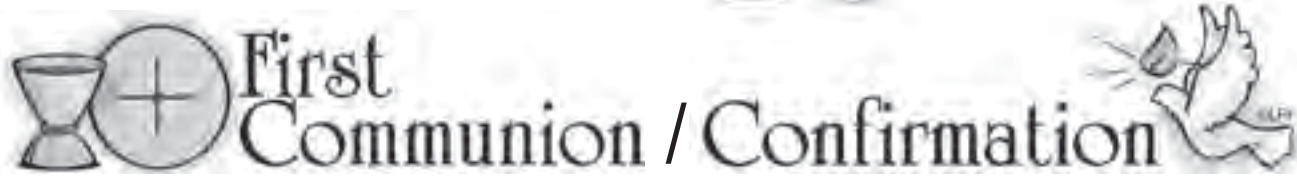
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ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH (Alexandria). Sixteen students made their First Communion.



ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH (Tallulah) FIRST COMMUNION. received their First Communion June 15 at St. Edward Church in Tallulah with Fr. Ron Mathews.



ST. JULIANA (Alexandria) FIRST COMMUNION. and (pictured with Fr. Remi Owuamanam, pastor) made their First Communion April 20.



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH (Leesville) FIRST COMMUNION. Pictured are (front row)

. R2:

, R3:

. Top row: Father Kenneth Michiels and Carol Laughlin. Jean-nine Wentworth (not pictured).

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**HOLY GHOST CHURCH (Marksville) - FIRST COMMUNION.** Six students from Holy Ghost Church in Marksville and its mission St. Richard Chapel in Hickory Hill, received First Communion May 3. Pictured are (front row)

. Back row: Father Abraham Varghese, pastor; Mrs. Rose Jackson, DRE; Mrs. Donnette S. Keller, First Communion teacher; and Deacon Ted Moulard.



**OLPS (Mansura) - FIRST COMMUNION.** Eight students from Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Mansura received First Communion. Pictured are

. Back row: Father Martin Laird, pastor; and Gilda Heath, First Communion teacher.



**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS (Belledeau) RCIA and FIRST COMMUNION.** Four students from St. Martin of Tours Church in Belledeau received the sacraments of Christian initiation and became members of St. Martin Catholic Church. Pictured are

and Fr. Silverino Kwebuza-AJ, pastor.



**ST. JOSEPH (Marksville) FIRST COMMUNION.** Eleven students from St. Joseph Church in Marksville received First Communion May 4. Pictured are (front row)

, Fr. Rusty Rabalais, pastor;

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION (Forest Hill)** Twenty-four students from Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission in Forest Hill made their First Communion May 4. Pictured are (front row)

. Row 2: Sister Mercedes Lopez,

, Fr. Pedro Sierra. Row 3:

, Fr. Adam Travis.





**OLPS (Alexandria) - FIRST COMMUNION.** Seventy-one students from Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria received First Communion May 1. Pictured are (in alphabetical order)



**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH (Bunkie) - FIRST COMMUNION.** Twenty-five students from St. Anthony of Padua Church in Bunkie received First Communion May 11. Pictured are (front row)

. Top row is Father Stephen Scott Chemino, pastor.



**ST. JAMES MEMORIAL CHURCH (Alexandria) - FIRST COMMUNION.** Seventeen students from St. James Memorial Church in Alexandria received First Communion recently. Pictured are (front row)

Row 2:

server),  
sard,  
pictured is

. Row 3:

(altar server),  
, Father Stephen Soares, Deacon Benny Broussard, (altar server), and . Also not (altar server).

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH (Pineville) FIRST COMMUNION.** Twenty students from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Pineville received First Communion April 13. Pictured are

Row 2:

Bruce Miller,

. Not pictured:

. Row 3: Rev.



**OLL (Winnfield) - FIRST COMMUNION.** Three students from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield received First Communion May 18 and one student was recognized as a graduate of Winnfield Senior High School. Pictured are Father Christian Ogbonna, pastor; , a graduating senior.



**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE (Mansura) FIRST COMMUNION.** Eight students received First Communion May 4 at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Mansura. Pictured are (front row) . Middle row: . Top row: Gilda Heath, Rev. Irion St. Romain, pastor.



**ST. MARTIN (Lecompte) FIRST COMMUNION.** Seven students recently received First Communion at St. Martin Catholic Church in Lecompte. Pictured are (front row) . Row 2: . Top row: First Communion Teacher Cherilyn Melder and Fr. Pedro Sierra, pastor.



**ST. FRANCES CABRINI CHURCH (Alexandria) - FIRST COMMUNION.** Seventeen students from St. Frances Cabrini Church in Alexandria received First Communion May 4. Pictured are (front row) . Row 2: . Row 3: . Top row: , angel; Fr. Chad Partain, pastor; and angel.



**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL (Alexandria).** Three students received their First Holy Communion May 4 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. Pictured are

with Father James Ferguson, rector.

**OLL (Fifth Ward) FIRST COMMUNION.** Five students from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Fifth Ward received First Communion May 4. Pictured are

Father Silverino Kwebuzaj, pastor stands behind the students.





**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (Tioga) - FIRST COMMUNION.** Thirteen students from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tioga received First Communion May 4. Pictured are (front row) . Row 2: . Top row: Madalyn Kirkland, catechist assistant; Georgette Bradley, catechist; Rev. Rickey Gremillion, pastor; Deacon L.G. Deloach, and Helen Craig, DRE.



**OLS (Moreauville) FIRST COMMUNION.** One little girl from Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Moreauville received First Communion May 4. Pictured with her family are Jasmine Harmason, Susan Williams, Rev. Martin Laird, pastor; , and Jesse Harmason.



**OL of ROSARY (Black Lake) FIRST COMMUNION.** and Rev. George Pookkattu, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary mission at Black Lake after Kadence received First Communion on May 17.



**ST. GENEVIEVE CHURCH (Brouillette) FIRST COMMUNION.** Seven students from St. Genevieve Church in Bouillette received First Communion April 27. Pictured are (front row) . Row 2: . Row 3: Glenda Walker, DRE; Father Jose Pallipurath, pastor; and Judy Decuir, CCD teacher.



**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH (Colfax) FIRST COMMUNION.** Brother and sister Eli and Madeline Hanson of St. Joseph Church in Colfax received First Communion May 14 with Rev. Blake Deshautelle, pastor. Pictured are Deacon E.J. Barre, , and Fr. Blake. CCD instructors are Shannon Johnson and Rachel Bruce (not pictured).



**ST. MARY'S (Winnsboro) FIRST COMMUNION.** Three students made their First Communion May 25 at St. Mary's Church in Winnsboro. Pictured are (front row) . Back row: Cindy Futch, and Father James Nellikunnel, pastor.



**SACRED HEART (Moreauville) FIRST COMMUNION.** Twenty-six students from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Moreauville received their First Communion on May 17.



**ST. MARTIN (Lecompte) CONFIRMATION.** Eighteen students received the Sacrament of Confirmation April 23 at St. Martin Church in Lecompte. Pictured are (front row)

Row 2:

Row 3:

, Fr. Pedro Sierra,

. Back row: Fr. Bruce Miller,



**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH (Marksville) CONFIRMATION.** Fifteen students from St. Joseph Church in Marksville were confirmed May 8 by Rev. Scott Chemino, V.G. Concelebrants were Rev. Rusty Rabalais, pastor and Rev. Shoury Ramji, assisted by Deacon Gary Schupbach. Pictured are (front row)

, and Adult Candidate, Kate Moreau. Row 2:

Rev. Stephen S. Chemino, V.G., , Catechist, Rev. Rusty Rabalais, pastor. Top row:



**OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR (Alexandria) CONFIRMATION.** Sixty-one students were confirmed recently at Our Lady of Prompt Succor.



**ST. GENEVIEVE CHURCH (Brouillette) CONFIRMATION.** Two students from St. Genevieve Church in Brouillette were confirmed March 1 by Rev. Stephen Scott Chemino, V.G. Pictured are (from left) Glenda Walker, DRE, altar servers, Rev. Jose Pallipurath, pastor; confirmant; Deacon Gary Schupbach; Rev. Scott Chemino, confirmant; Bonnie Walker, CCD teacher; and altar servers.



**SACRED HEART (Pineville) CONFIRMATION.** Fr. Bruce Miller conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation March 2 on 20 students from Sacred Heart Church in Pineville. Pictured are (front row)

, Fr. Bruce Miller,

, Katie Pierce, catechist. Back row:

, and Randy Pierce, catechist.





**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH (Cloutierville) - CONFIRMATION.** Six students from St. John the Baptist Church in Cloutierville were confirmed May 7 by Father Bruce Miller. Pictured are (front row) Michael Young, Deacon Ted Moulard, and Rose Jackson, DRE; (back row) Fr. Kenneth Obiekwe, pastor; and Fr. Bruce Miller.



**ST. FRANCES CABRINI CHURCH (Alexandria) - CONFIRMATION.** Eleven students from St. Frances Cabrini Church in Alexandria were confirmed May 25 by Father Scott Chemino. Pictured are (front row) Father Chad Partain, pastor; and Fr. Scott Chemino; (back row) eleven students.



**HOLY GHOST CHURCH (Marksville) and ST. RICHARD'S MISSION (Hickory Hill) CONFIRMATION.** Seven students were confirmed by Father Bruce Miller April 22 at Holy Ghost Church in Marksville. The Confirmation candidates are Rose Jackson, DRE; Deacons Gary Schupbach and Ted Moulard, and Patricia Jacobs, Confirmation teacher. Also pictured is Rose Jackson, DRE; Deacons Gary Schupbach and Ted Moulard, and Patricia Jacobs, Confirmation teacher.



**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH (Simmesport) CONFIRMATION.** Six students from Christ the King Church in Simmesport received the Sacrament of Confirmation April 30. Pictured are (front row) six students; (back row) Father Bruce Miller, and Father Dwight DeJesus.



**OLL (Fifth Ward) - CONFIRMATION.** Two students from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Fifth Ward were confirmed May 10 by Rev. Bruce Miller. Pictured are Deacon Ted Moulard, Rev. Silverino Kwebuza - AJ, pastor; and Rev. Bruce Miller.



**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA (Bunkie) CONFIRMATION.** Eleven students from St. Anthony Church in Bunkie were confirmed by Rev. Stephen Scott Chemino, V.G. Pictured are (front row) eleven students; (middle row) Rev. Stephen Scott Chemino, V.G. and Rev. Stephen Scott Chemino, V.G.; (top row) Fr. Scott Chemino.



**ST. PETER MISSION (Elmer) CONFIRMATION.** Congratulations to two students who were confirmed June 8 at St. Peter Mission in Elmer. Pictured are two students, Fr. Bruce Miller and Rev. Stephen Scott Chemino, V.G.



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS (Moreauville) CONFIRMATION.** were confirmed by Fr. Bruce Miller at Our Lady of Sorrow in Moreauville.



**ST. JULIANA CHURCH (Alexandria) CONFIRMATION.** Seven students from St. Juliana Church in Alexandria were confirmed recently. Pictured are (front row) . Back row: Father Remi Owuamanam, pastor; Mr. Prevot, Margaret Johnson, Boxanne Barnes, Teresa Fileds, Johnny Metoyer, Dorothy Cowain, Franklin Sylvia III, and Father Bruce Miller.



**ST. JULIANA CHURCH (Alexandria) GRADUATION MASS.** St. Juliana Church in Alexandria celebrated a special Mass for the graduates. After Mass, Father Remi Owuamanam, pastor, gave a special graduate blessing to the students. Pictured are from Pineville High School; from Alexandria Senior High, and from Peabody High School.



**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, (Simmesport) GRADUATION MASS.** A special graduation Mass was held in honor of six students in the parish who graduated from high school. Pictured are (front row) , St. Joseph School in Plaquemine; , Louisiana School of Arts and Science; , Avoyelles Public Charter; , St. Joseph School in Plaquemine. Back row: Avoyelles High School; Father Dwight DeJesus, pastor; and , Louisiana School of Arts and Science.

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### Teachers:

- Aug. 4 Fall Diocesan Retreat, St. Augustine Church, Isle Brevelle
- Aug. 5 New Employees Orientation, 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria

### Students:

- Aug. 7 St. Joseph School, Plaquemine
- Aug. 8 St. Anthony of Padua School, Bunkie
- Aug. 11 St. Mary Assumption School, Cottonport
- Aug. 11 Sacred Heart School, Moreauville
- Aug. 11 Holy Savior Menard Central High School, Alexandria
- Aug. 13 St. Mary's School, Natchitoches
- Aug. 15 Our Lady of Prompt Succor School, Alexandria
- Aug. 15 St. Frances Cabrini School, Alexandria

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# Catholic schools, CCD programs gearing up for new school year

## Catholic School Personnel Retreat

A retreat for all Catholic school personnel will be held Monday, Aug. 4, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Isle Brevelle.



## Catechist Training Aug. 2 and Sept. 13

A training workshop in Teaching Skills for all catechists will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2 and again on Saturday, Sept. 13, (identical workshops), from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the large conference room at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, located at 4400 Coliseum Blvd.-Hwy. 28 West. The purpose is to help catechism teachers become more effective.

This is the same training that was held last year.

The cost is \$10, including

lunch. Registration is required by July 30 or Sept. 10.

To register, email [emc-cullough@diocesealex.org](mailto:emc-cullough@diocesealex.org) or leave a message at (318) 445-6424 ext. 251.

The catechist workshop will cover topics such as classroom management, rules for effective discipline, lesson planning, teaching techniques, understanding students at different age levels and with different learning styles, understanding students with learning disabilities and other disabilities, and resources for catechists.

A VIRTUS Safe Environment training will be held immediately following the Sept. 13 workshop for anyone interested.

## Cabrini School offers 25% off tuition

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School in Alexandria is offering a 25 percent discount off tuition to all Catholics in the diocese for the 2014-15 school year! (You must be registered in a parish.)

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## Back to School with God Event Aug. 5

A night to kick off the school year for all youth groups will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Prompt Succor's Divine Providence Center (2120 Elliott St. Alexandria).

The back to school event will feature music by the Josh Blakesley Band and Paul Hood as host. There will be time for prayer, music, testimony and Adoration. The event is free.

Parish registration forms and flyers available at [www.diocesealex.org/youthministry](http://www.diocesealex.org/youthministry). For more information, call Luc Noel at 318-445-6424 ext. 207.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. Anthony School has several vacancies open for the 2014-15 school year. We are accepting applications for a 2nd grade teacher, a math teacher for grades 5-8, and an English/Language Arts teacher for grades 5-8. Certification and knowledge of basic computer skills is required. Send a resume to Martha Coulon, St. Anthony School, 116 South Knoll, Bunkie, LA 71322

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- **Aug. 12 (Tuesday)** -- 6 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, Echo (Church Hall)
- **Aug. 26 (Tuesday)** -- 6 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria
- **Sept. 13 (Saturday)** -- 3:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria

To pre-register, go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org), and click on Registration (on left side of screen)

For more information, call 318-445-6424 x 213.

# DVDs, free app keeps kids entertained while learning the faith

By Jeannie Petrus  
CT editor

The summer may be half over for you and your kids, but the need for good Catholic media to keep your kids entertained is a year-long adventure.

Whether at home or in the car, aren't your kids always asking for a new DVD to watch or a new game to play on their iPhone or iPad?

For a limited time, CCC (Creative Communications Center) of America, a trusted leader in family entertainment for nearly 30 years, is offering 60 percent off the *Saints and Heros* children's animated DVD series.

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CCC of America also offers a free app titled, *Loaves and Fishes: The Lunch Jesus Served* is available on iTunes.



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Well suited for young children, this educational app is divided into chapters that focus

on one lesson concept; learn the story by listening, color exploration, counting and by playing a classic memory card game -- all while interacting with the characters and being a part of the story.

An option add-on app is available for \$1.99 that includes a board game where you try to find 5 loaves before your friend can find 2 fishes.

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and find all these products available as well as other downloadable projects for keeping the kids entertained, inspired, and educated for hours.

Now, parents and grandparents can feel good again about the kids watching movies or playing games on their mobile devices. What better way to entertain the kids by letting them play on the devices they love, and at the same time introduce them to a fun way to learn about their faith.

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## Transformers: Age of Extinction

4th film in *Transformers* series is remake of more magical morphs, noisy combat

By John Mulderig  
Catholic News Service

(CNS) -- There may, no doubt, be circumstances that would justify a film having a running time close to three hours.

Some lavish adaptation of a Dickens novel, perhaps, or a sweeping historical epic might be expected to sustain prolonged viewer interest. A set of outsize Hasbro toys come to life, on the other hand, not so much.

Still, that's what audiences will find waiting for them in the interminable 3-D action sequel "Transformers: Age of Extinction" (Paramount).

Such self-indulgence on the part of director Michael Bay is all the more regrettable because his fourth installment in this popular popcorn franchise is initially somewhat more engaging than its predecessors. The bond uniting small-time inventor, young widower and overprotective dad Cade Yeager (Mark Wahlberg) with his teen daughter, Tessa (Nicola Peltz), for example, gives us slightly more substantial human interest than was previously evident.

The rural setting of the Texas farm on which Cade and Tessa -- routinely joined by Cade's surfer sidekick, Lucas (T.J. Miller) -- live out a cash-strapped but mutually caring existence, moreover, makes for some pleasant visuals. Less welcome is the wayward



**TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION.** Mark Wahlberg and Jack Reynor duke it out in the 4th Transformer film -- The Age of Extinction. The mechanical beings are capable of changing shape at will, and do so most often by shifting into the guise of speedy vehicles. The film contains relentless, though largely bloodless, violence, and some vulgarity and crude terms, which makes it unsuitable for young viewers. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13. (CNS photo/Andrew Cooper, Paramount Pictures)

relationship between Tessa and her clandestine boyfriend, Shane (Jack Reynor). As both Cade and the audience eventually discover, Pop has had better cause to worry than he knew.

Once the alien robots from whom the series takes its title show up, however, it does turn out to be a good thing that Irish-

born Shane makes his living as a racecar driver. These mechanical beings are capable of changing shape at will, and do so most often by shifting into the guise of speedy vehicles. So it helps the humans who get mixed up with them -- as Cade does by buying a long disused truck -- to have some velocity of their own.

For those not fluently familiar with Transformers lore in all its manifestations, the briefest of explanations: the good, i.e. human-friendly, guys are called Autobots and are led by Optimus Prime (voice of Peter Cullen). Their adversaries -- and ours -- are known as Decepticons. The whole point of plunking down your dozen or so dollars at the box office is to watch these guys magically morph -- and noisily duke it out.

Stacked up against the endless shape-shifting and cacophonous combat, neither Wahlberg's strong presence nor an amusing

## MOVIE REVIEW

turn by Stanley Tucci as Joshua Joyce, a Steve Jobs-like tech pioneer stands much of a chance. Also lost along the way are scattered religious references -- do Transformers have souls? -- and a more sustained theme about the dangers of overreacting to terrorism.

That tendency is embodied by Harold Attinger (Kelsey Grammer), a top-ranking CIA agent for whom the only good automaton is a dead one.

Besides sometimes ridiculous dialogue, Ehren Kruger's script also includes a heavy dose of vulgarity. Together with the benignly treated behavior between Tessa and Shane mentioned above, such verbal lapses make this sci-fi slog an inappropriate one for those youthful viewers who might best be able to endure it.

As for their elders, the legal phrase "time served" may spring to mind well before the final credits roll.

The film contains relentless, though largely bloodless, violence, an implied premarital situation, at least one use each of profanity and rough language and numerous crude and crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 -- parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



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MEMBERS OF CDA PADRE PIO of Cottonport volunteered at Manna House recently. Pictured are Kinta Moreau, Kathy McDonald, and Sandra Tassin (front row) along with Manna House staff and members of the Legion of Mary of Bunkie (now shown).

## Illuminated Rosary

Join St. Joseph Church in Marksville every Thursday, from May 15 -Oct. 30, at 8:15 p.m. to pray the Rosary before an illuminated Rosary located outside on the grounds of the parish hall. (Time changes to 7:15 p.m. in September). In case of inclement weather, the Rosary is prayed in the church.

## Rosary for the Country

We invite you to join us every 13th of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Radio Maria to pray the Rosary for our country. If the 13th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, we will gather at 3 p.m. that day. Please come and let us pray for our country and world peace. The first gathering will be Sunday, July 13 at 3 p.m.

## Beginning Experience for Teens

A 2 1/2 day program for teens and young adults who have experienced the loss of their parent's marriage will be held July 22-24 at Rosaryville, Ponchatoula, La. This program offers young people an atmosphere away from home and school in which to discover who they are now; to share their fears and ideals to find hope for facing the future; and time to discover new ways to relate to themselves, their families, their friends and God. The cost is \$200. For more information and an application form, contact Rose Brocato 504-920-0770 or Anna Sweat 318-452-2678.

## Brunch Workshop

The St. Rita Spiritual Formation Commission will sponsor the annual Brunch Workshop Aug. 16 from 8:30

## DIOCESAN BRIEFS

a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Holy Family Center. Fr. Hector Medina, from the Diocese of Fort Worth, will present Sacraments: The Language We Speak. Fr. Medina has worked with divorce ministry studies Canon Law at Catholic University, and worked in the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Fort Worth. He has also served as a chaplain to Beginning Experience retreat and is the author of December Roses: Pastoral Reflections on Divorce. For more information call 318-445-7120.

## Radio Maria Sweepstakes

August 20 is the last day to enter the Radio Maria Queenship of Mary Sweepstakes. You could win the \$5,000 Grand Prize! To enter, you must fill out an official entry form, available at Radio Maria at 601 Washington Street in Alexandria, or by calling 318-561-6145. Entry forms are also available at the St. Joseph Catholic Center in Alexandria. A \$10 donation is recommended, but not required. All entries must be received by Wednesday, Aug. 20. Winners will be drawn and announced on the air, on the web and Facebook on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on Aug. 22.

## An Evening with David Magee

You are invited to attend An Evening with David Magee on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville. Acclaimed as one of America's top slight of hand artists and manipulator of the human mind, David Magee has generously offered to hold his third annual benefit show, with all proceeds benefitting St. Mary's School. Tickets are \$75 per person and includes a buffet dinner. To purchase tickets, or submit an item for the silent auction or to become a sponsor, please call Megan Vets at 318-445-6443 ext 2313.

## Women's Resource Center Gala

Gordon Douglas will be the guest speaker for the annual Women's Resource Center Celebration of Life Fundraising Gala, to be held Sept. 25.

Learning from is comedy heroes, Bill Cosby and Red Skelton, Gordon's comedy mixes real life stories with "off the wall" physical comedy and his own hilarious view of life. He help us see the funny things all around us and find joy no matter what we are going through.

But he is more than funny. With genuine humility, honesty, and passion, Gordon often weaves life lessons



MOTHER'S DAY AT OLL-WINNFIELD. Three mothers were given special recognition May 11 during a special Mother's Day Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield. Shirley Allen received the Experienced Mother Award; Larrie Brister, the Religious Mather Award for having the most children and grandchildren in church with her.; and Christin Page, the Youngest Mother Award.

into his programs of the things he's learned in the ordinary and often painful events in his life that include some tragic daths, his wife's victorius battle with cancer, and his dad's many years confined to wheelchair.

Save the date -- Sept. 25 -- for the annual Women's Resource Center (in Natcoches) Gala. All proceeds from the Gala, will benefit the Women's Resource Center, a Pregnancy Help Medical Clinic.

For more information visit [www.wrcfriends.com](http://www.wrcfriends.com)

## Pilgrimage to Holy Land

The Equestrian Order of The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Southeastern Lieutenancy, is offering a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 1-11, 2014 at a cost of \$3,735 per person, double occupancy. The trip departs Newark, non-stop to Tel Aviv and includes first class hotels, private motor coach transportation, breakfast and dinner and all fees and taxes. Fr. Peter Vasko, O.F.M., and president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land will be the spiritual leader throughout the trip. Fr. Peter has lived in Jerusalem for the past 27 years and is internationally known for his work in the Holy Land.

For more information, contact Pierre or Roz Almond, co-masters of pilgrimages at 318-452-6443 or 318-452-6442.

## Knights of Peter Claver Convention

The 99th annual national convention of the Knights of Peter Claver and the 84th annual national convention of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary will be held July 25-29 in Mobile, Ala.

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Vacation Bible School -- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pineville (9 a.m. - 12 noon)			Vacation Bible School -- Our Lady of Sorrows (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)			
Beginning Experience for Teens -- Pontchatoula, LA			Knights of Peter Claver Convention -- Mobile, Ala.			
PRAY FOR FR. J. CUNNINGHAM	PRAY FOR FR. W. DECOSTE	PRAY FOR FR. D. DEJESUS	PRAY FOR FR. J. FERGUSON	PRAY FOR FR. P. FAULK	PRAY FOR FR. B. DESHAUTELLE	PRAY FOR FR. T. FEY
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Illuminated Rosary 8:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville	<b>AUGUST 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Knights of Peter Claver Convention -- Mobile, Ala.						
PRAY FOR FR. A. FIGREDO	PRAY FOR FR. E. GAMBORIKO	PRAY FOR FR. R. GARRIONE	PRAY FOR FR. J. GOOTEE	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> PRAY FOR BISHOP R. HERZOG	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> PRAY FOR FR. R. GREMLION	PRAY FOR FR. J. HASIEBER
<b>4</b> Back-to-School Retreat for teachers, school personnel 8:30 a.m. St. Augustine, Isle Brevelle	<b>5</b> VIRTUS Training 12:30 p.m. St Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria  Back-to-School with God 6:30-8:30 p.m. OLPS Divine Providence Center	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Illuminated Rosary 8:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville  School starts: • St. Joseph School, Plaucheville	<b>8</b> School starts: • St. Anthony of Padua, Bunkie	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
PRAY FOR BISHOP R. HERZOG	PRAY FOR MSGR. R. HOPPE	PRAY FOR FR. R. HUMPHRIES	PRAY FOR FR. H. IMAMSHAH	PRAY FOR FR. B. IBE	PRAY FOR FR. K. ISHMAEL	PRAY FOR FR. G. KROSFIELD
<b>11</b> School starts: • St. Mary's Assumption, Cottonport • Sacred Heart School, Moreauville • Holy Savior Menard, Alexandria	<b>12</b> VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m. St. Francis de Sales, Echo	<b>13</b> Rosary for America 5:30 p.m. Radio Maria  School starts: • St. Mary's School, Natchitoches	<b>14</b> Illuminated Rosary 8:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville	<b>15</b> School starts: • OLPS, Alexandria • St. Frances Cabrini School, Alexandria	<b>16</b> Brunch Workshop 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. St. Rita Holy Family Center	<b>17</b>
PRAY FOR FR. P. KULIGOWSKI	PRAY FOR FR. F. KUMAI	PRAY FOR FR. J. KUMBLUMKAL	PRAY FOR FR. P. KUNNUMPURAM	PRAY FOR FR. S. KWEBUZA	PRAY FOR FR. R. LEMOINE	PRAY FOR FR. R. MATHEWS
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PRAY FOR FR. L. MELCHER	PRAY FOR FR. A. MESSINA	PRAY FOR FR. J. MICHALCHUK	PRAY FOR FR. K. MICHIELS	PRAY FOR FR. B. MILLER	PRAY FOR FR. C. MORGAN	PRAY FOR FR. C. NAYAK

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