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## ON THE INSIDE

### Sorry we're late!

The August issue of the Church Today was printed and ready for shipping last Monday by our printer in Baton Rouge when the flood waters came. The shipment was ruined and we had to find another printer. Thank you Natchitoches Times for your professional quick service!

### Should women be ordained deacons?

Pope Francis has appointed a 12-member panel of six men and six women to discuss the issue of ordaining women to the diaconate. How do you feel about that? Read more on page 2.

### Group of local students attend World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland

Four students and one Our Lady of Sorrows sister from the Diocese of Alexandria traveled halfway across the world July 26-30 to attend World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. Read more about their inspiring adventure and the pictures they brought back to share. See pages 12-13.



## Back <sup>2</sup> School!

PRE-K STUDENTS  and  use brand new colors and markers to draw a picture on the first day of school at St. Mary Assumption School in Cottonport. More than 2,755 students are enrolled in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Alexandria for the 2016-17 school year.



# Pope Francis names 12-member panel to study women deacons

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has appointed six men and six women to a commission to study the issue of women deacons, particularly their ministry in the early church.

In addition to the 12 members named Aug. 2, the pope tapped Archbishop Luis Ladaria Ferrer, secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to serve as president of the commission.

The pope set up the commission at the request of the International Union of Superiors General, the organization for the leaders of women's religious orders around the world. Meeting the group in May, Pope Francis said that while his understanding was that the women described as deacons in the New Testament were not ordained as male deacons are today, "it would be useful for the church to clarify this question."

The International Theological Commission, a body that ad-



**WOMEN DEACONS?** Phyllis Zagano, a senior research associate in the religion department at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., is seen in her office Aug. 2. Zagano, who has written extensively on the subject of women deacons, is one of six women appointed by Pope Francis to a 13-person "Commission to Study the Women's Diaconate." (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)

vises the doctrinal congregation, included the question of women deacons in a study on the diaconate almost 20 years ago. While

its report, issued in 2002, did not offer recommendations for the future, it concluded that biblical deaconesses were not the same as ordained male deacons.

In June, Pope Francis told reporters that he had asked Cardinal Gerhard Muller, prefect of the doctrinal congregation, and Sister Carmen Sammut, president of the superiors' group, to suggest scholars to include in the study group.

At least one of the members Pope Francis named to the commission -- U.S. scholar Phyllis Zagano -- has written extensively on the role of women deacons in the early church, arguing that they were ordained ministers and that women can be ordained deacons today. Zagano is a senior research associate in the religion department at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York.

Zagano told Catholic News Service she learned of the appointment through emails from friends and that she was "happy

for the church." She said she knew some of the people named to the commission but was not familiar with their writings on women in the diaconate.

"The theological question isn't whether women were ordained (in the early church), but rather whether women can be ordained as deacons. The church has stated definitively that women cannot be ordained as priests. The church has always left the question of restoring women to the diaconate as open," she told CNS Aug. 2.

"It appears to me that this is an opportunity for the church to discuss whether women can be restored to the ordained diaconate," she said.

Another U.S. scholar also is among the 12 commission members: Augustinian Father Robert Dodaro, president of the Pontifical Augustinian Institute in Rome and a professor of patristic theology specializing in the works of St. Augustine.

# Lafayette priest arrested on 500 counts of child pornography

The pastor of St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church in Breaux Bridge was arrested July 27 on 500 counts of possessing child pornography, images believed to have been found when he brought his personal computer in for repairs, according to the Diocese of Lafayette and State Police.

The Rev. F. David Broussard, who also oversees St. Bernard School, has been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation, said Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel.

Deshotel said Broussard, 50, has served as pastor at St. Bernard for two years and has served as a priest for 23 years.

The bishop said there have been no previous complaints involving child pornography or sexual abuse against Broussard.

"Never any complaints to any of us from anyone. In fact he was a much loved pastor, the irony is a very loved man in the parish," Deshotel said. "... "No complaints have been made that anything physical or any kind of physical abuse occurred."

But Deshotel, who was named bishop earlier this year, said at a Wednesday news confer-

ence that he takes the accusations seriously and believed the diocese had to respond quickly.

"As we know in our society, child pornography is a plague, and it runs the gamut of all strata of society, and it is something that has to be addressed right at the beginning as soon as it is known," Deshotel said.

That there have been no prior complaints against Broussard does not necessarily mean there is no problem, he said.

"This kind of an illness hides itself in a person. We don't know," Deshotel said.

Deshotel said he first learned of the investigation Tuesday, when he met with State Police,

and placed Broussard on leave as soon as he learned of the arrest on Wednesday.

State Police said the investigation began earlier this month when investigators received a complaint that a computer Broussard had access to contained images of child pornography.

More than 500 images of

suspected child pornography were identified on the computer, according to State Police.

Deshotel said he knew few details about the investigation but believes it began when a computer technician found the images after Broussard brought his personal computer to a shop for repair.

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# Pope shocked by murder of priest during Mass in France

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

(CNS) -- The murder of a priest in northern France, taken hostage with a handful of other faithful during a weekday morning Mass July 26, is another act of "absurd violence" added to too many stories of senseless violence and death, said a Vatican spokesman.

Pope Francis was informed about the hostage situation at the church in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray near Rouen and the murder of 85-year-old Father Jacques Hamel, said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman.

"With pain and horror" for the "absurd violence," Pope Francis expressed his condemnation of "every form of hatred" and offered his prayers for all those involved.

"We are particularly stricken because this horrible violence occurred in a church -- a sacred place in which the love of God is proclaimed -- with the barbaric killing of a priest," Father Lombardi said.

Police said two men, armed with knives, entered the church during Mass. They reportedly slit the throat of Father Hamel. They said another person present at the Mass was in serious condition at the hospital. An Interior Ministry spokesman said the attackers were killed by police, ending the hostage situation.

A nun who witnessed the attack described the scene to French radio station RMC.



**PRIEST MURDERED IN FRANCE.** A policeman reacts as he secures a position in front of city hall after two assailants killed 85-year-old Father Jacques Hamel and took five people hostage during a weekday morning Mass at the church in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, France, near Rouen July 26. (CNS photo/Pascal Rossignol/Reuters)

"In the church, everyone screamed 'Stop, you don't know what you're doing.' They didn't stop. They forced him to his knees; he tried to defend himself, and it was then that the drama began," said the nun, who identified herself as Sister Danielle.

"They recorded themselves (on video). They did a little -- like a sermon -- around the altar in Arabic. It was a horror."

The sister managed to escape the church and flag down a car for help, RMC reported.

She told the station about her respect for her colleague.

"It's necessary to remember that this was an extraordinary priest," Sister Danielle told RMC. "That's all I want to say. He's great, Father Jacques."

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack via its news site, though the group's involvement has not been confirmed by French police. French President Francois Hollande suggested the group was behind the attack.

Hollande called Pope Francis to express "the grief of the French people after the odious assassination of Father Jacques Hamel by

two terrorists," said a statement from the president's office.

Archbishop Dominique Lebrun of Rouen, who was in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day when the attack occurred, returned to his archdiocese.

"The Catholic Church can take up no weapons other than those of prayer and brotherhood among people of goodwill," the archbishop said in a statement from Krakow. He said that while he would leave Poland, hundreds of young people from his diocese would remain. "I ask them not to give in to violence," but instead

"become apostles of the civilization of love."

Msgr. Olivier Ribadeau Dumas, secretary-general of the French bishops' conference, also was in Krakow for World Youth Day. He told media: "We know now they were both terrorists."

"We believe that evil and violence will not have the upper hand, and all the French bishops share this opinion," he said.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, sent a message of condolence to Archbishop Lebrun. The cardinal said Pope Francis was "particularly upset that this act of violence took place in a church during Mass, the liturgical act that implores God's peace for the world."

In the latest event of violence, the cardinal said, the pope prayed God would "inspire in all thoughts of reconciliation and brotherhood."

Chaldean Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil, Iraq, was another church leader in Krakow for World Youth Day. He said the attack in France reminded him of the 2010 massacre in Baghdad's Church of Our Lady of Deliverance "when they held the people inside the church" during Sunday evening Mass "and killed two priests and then started killing the rest." A total of 48 people were killed and more than 100 were injured.

"This is the sort of world we are living in," Archbishop Warda said. "We pray for the priest and everyone who was shocked and horrified."



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As summer vacation draws to a close, we begin to look ahead to a new school year and the many programs that follow the school calendar.

Our superintendent of Catholic schools Tommy Roque tells me our schools have worked hard over the summer to make improvements to their campus and are ready for opening day of school this week. May the coming year be rich in blessings for all of our students, teachers and parents.

The Lord continues to favor us with those who see the Lord calling them to the service of the



## ONE IN THE LORD

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

Church. We are blessed to have 13 men entering four different seminaries this fall. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Taste of Faith held July 28 was quite successful even though the number who attended

was smaller than in past years. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Our seminarians were a great help to me in the kitchen throughout the day and then offered their services to serve the meal to those who attended. See-

ing the seminarians in this type of informal setting, provided an opportunity for many in the diocese to meet and talk with the "new guys."

Thanks to all who helped and also to all who made a donation. Everyone was most generous. All proceeds from Taste of Faith go directly to meeting the financial costs of seminarian formation.

Many adjustments have been made in diocesan responsibilities due to the reduction of staff as I mentioned last month. These dedicated people are truly missed. We hope and pray for them as they seek new positions.

Every other year Catholic Extension sponsors a meeting of bishops from 'mission' dioceses. I am not sure if I can attend. It is always informative and helpful.

I have had the opportunity to install some of the pastors who have begun their new assignments. Please assist them and keep them in your prayers.

May the Lord continue to bless you in his mercy.

Again thanks for continued prayers and encouragement.

*Ronald P. Herzog*

## Reflecting on an Angry America

"If we can't live together, we're going to die alone."

That's a famous line from an episode of the TV series "Lost," in which the character Jack Shephard tries to rally his fellow plane-crash survivors to start getting along with each other instead of starting a civil war on the island on which they're stranded.

The people of the United States could take those words to heart as well in light of the violence and vengeance that have dominated headlines in recent weeks.

For too long, loud and powerful forces in this country have been labeling each other and stripping each other of the dignity and respect due to all human beings. And often, these voices are enabled by a media establishment that thrives on anger and conflict which produces high ratings which produces lots of money.

People on the left demonize "the one percent" or pro-lifers or conservatives in general. People on the right demonize gun control advocates or immigration reform advocates or liberals in general.

### Guest Editorial

By Toni Rossi  
Director of Communications, The Christophers

The problem with demonization is that we think of demons as hellish, evil creatures that need to be crushed and eliminated. We don't see them as fellow citizens who believe differently than we do.

So instead of arguing passionately about issues—and perhaps acknowledging that the other side has some valid points of view—we give in to our instincts to destroy each other.

To quote Yoda's famous line from "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace," "Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering."

Hate certainly led to suffering in Dallas on July 7, 2016, when 11 police officers were shot by a sniper, and five of them died from their wounds. The incident

occurred after a rally protesting the controversial deaths of two African-American men, Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, at the hands of white police officers in Louisiana and Minnesota.

Ironically, the protest rally was peaceful and even friendly between cops and demonstrators. Then, a gunman who simply wanted to kill any white police officers for vengeance started his murder spree.

Our anger is destroying us partially because we "label" entire groups of people. That's not to say that injustice and racism don't need to be rooted out. They do. But the truth is that all police officers are not racists and all black people are not criminals.

Painting with those kinds of

broad strokes will just lead us further down a very dark hole. So here we are in this sharply divided, increasingly angry America:

"If we can't live together, we're going to die alone."

Maybe the first step toward genuine progress is to look at ourselves and start saying the Prayer of St. Francis every day. It was adopted as the Prayer of The Christophers when Father James Keller founded us in 1945, and its message of personal responsibility holds true eternally:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace."

*Where there is hatred,  
let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O, Divine Master, grant that I  
may not so much seek to be con-  
soled as to console;  
to be understood as to under-  
stand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are par-  
doned; it is in dying that we are  
born to eternal life."*

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# St. Monica: the Power of Persistent Prayer for your children

Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria.

When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica.

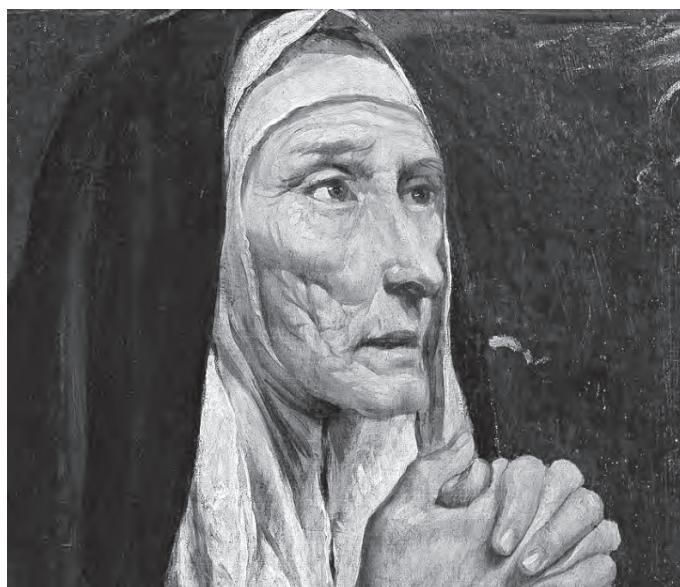
While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs.

Three children were born to Monica and Patricius: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Unfortunately, Monica was unable to baptize her children and when Augustine fell ill, Monica pleaded with Patricius to allow their son to be baptized.

Patricius allowed it, but when Augustine was healthy again, he withdrew his permission.

For years Monica prayed for her husband and mother-in-law, until finally, one year before Patricius' death, she successfully converted them.

As time passed, Perpetua and Navigius entered the religious life, but unfortunately Augustine became lazy and uncouth. This greatly worried Monica, so when Patricius died, she sent the 17-year-old Augustine to Carthage for schooling.



## St. Monica Prayer

St. Monica, I need your prayers.  
You know exactly how I'm feeling  
because you once felt it yourself.  
I'm hurting, hopeless, and in despair.  
I desperately want my child  
to return to Christ in his Church  
but I can't do it alone.  
I need God's help.  
Please join me in begging  
for the Lord's powerful grace  
to flow into my child's life.  
Ask the Lord Jesus to soften his heart,  
prepare a path for his conversion,  
and activate the Holy Spirit in his life.  
Amen

While in Carthage, Augustine became a Manichean, which was a major religion that saw the world as light and darkness, and when one died, they were removed from the world of matter and returned to the world of light, which is where life comes from.

After Augustine got his education and returned home, he shared his views with Monica, who drove him from her table. Though it is not recorded how much time passed, Monica had a vision that convinced her to reconcile with her wayward son.

Monica went to a bishop, who told her, "the child of those tears shall never perish."

Inspired, Monica followed Augustine to Rome, where she learned he had left for Milan. She

continued her persual and eventually came upon St. Ambrose, who helped her convert Augustine to Christianity following his seven-year resistance.

Augustine later wrote a book called *Confessions*, in which he wrote of Monica's habit of bringing "to certain oratories, erected in the memory of the saints, offerings of porridge, bread, water and wine."

When Monica moved to Milan, a bishop named Ambrose told her wine "might be an occasion of gluttony for those who were already given to drink," so she stopped preparing wine as offerings for the saints.

Augustine wrote: "In place of a basket filled with fruits of the earth, she had learned to bring

to the oratories of the martyrs a heart full of purer petitions, and to give all that she could to the poor - so that the communion of the Lord's body might be rightly celebrated in those places where, after the example of his passion, the martyrs had been sacrificed and crowned."

After a period of six months, Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. The pair were led to believe they should spread the Word of God to Africa, but at the Roman city of Civitavecchia, Monica passed away.

Augustine recorded the words she imparted upon him when she realized death was near. "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know

what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled."

She was buried at Ostia, and her body was removed during the 6th century to a hidden crypt in the church of Santa Aurea in Ostia, near the tomb of St. Aurea of Ostia.

In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered her relics to be brought to Rome and many miracles were reported to have occurred along the way. Later, Cardinal d'Estouteville built a church to honor St. Augustine called the Basilica di Sant'Agostino, where her relics were placed in a chapel to the left of the high altar.

Her funeral epitaph survived in ancient manuscripts and the stone it was originally written on was discovered in the church of Santa Aurea in 1945.

Douglas Boin translated the tablet's Latin to read:

"Here the most virtuous mother of a young man set her ashes, a second light to your merits, Augustine.

As a priest, serving the heavenly laws of peace, you taught [or you teach] the people entrusted to you with your character. A glory greater than the praise of your accomplishments crowns you both - Mother of the Virtues, more fortunate because of her offspring."

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# 13 seminarians in formation for priesthood this fall



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Home Parish: St. Martin, Lecompte



**Deacon Gus 'Dutch' Voltz, III**  
4th Year Theology Student  
Notre Dame Seminary  
New Orleans  
Home Parish: OLPS, Alexandria



**Deacon Derek Ducote**  
4th Year Theology Student  
Notre Dame Seminary, N.O.  
Home Parish: St. Francis Xavier  
Cathedral, Alexandria

Thirteen seminarians from the Diocese of Alexandria will be attending seminaries this fall, according to Father Louis Sklar, director of Vocations.

They are Deacons Daniel Hart, Derrick Ducote, and Dutch Voltz; and seminarians Luke Lafleur, Thomas Kennedy, Andrew Flynn, Chase Masters, Derrick Rials, David Keran, Grant Rabalais, Nicholas Gonzague, Matthew Bonner, and Jacob Cass.

The 13 men are attending four different seminaries including the North American Pontifical College in Rome, Italy; Pontifi-

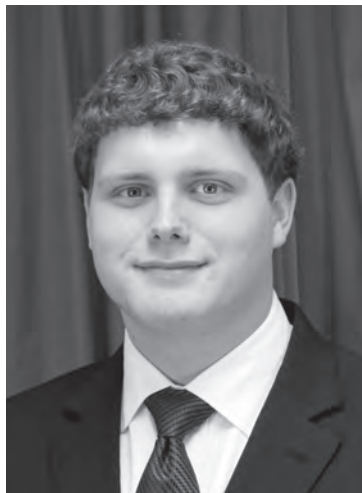
cial College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio; Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans; and St. Joseph Seminary near Covington, La.

This year's cost to send all 13 men to seminary is approximately \$429,000, which is funded by the Annual Diocesan Appeal, Seminarian Burses, private donations and other fund-raisers.

Deacons Daniel Hart, Dutch Voltz, and Derek Ducote were ordained July 9 as transitional deacons. They will continue their final year in formation and are expected to be ordained to the priesthood in 2017.



**Luke Lafleur**  
3rd Year Theology Student  
Pontifical College Josephinum  
Columbus, Ohio  
Home Parish: OLPS, Alexandria



**Chase Masters**  
2nd Year Philosophy Student  
Pontifical College Josephinum  
Columbus, Ohio  
Home Parish: St. John, Columbia



**Derrick Rials**  
2nd Year Pre-Theology Student  
Pontifical College Josephinum  
Columbus, Ohio  
Home Parish: St. John, Columbia



**Matthew Bonner**  
2nd Year Philosophy Student  
Pontifical College Josephinum  
Columbus, Ohio  
Home Parish: Sacred Heart, Pineville



**Grant Rabalais**  
1st Year Pre-Theology Student  
Notre Dame Seminary, N.O.  
Home Parish: Mater Dolorosa,  
Plaucheville



**David Keran**  
1st Year Pre-Theology Student  
Notre Dame Seminary, N.O.  
Home Parish: MBICC, Natchitoches



**Thomas Kennedy**  
4th Year Philosophy Student  
St. Joseph Seminary, St. Benedict  
Home Parish: MB of the Immaculate  
Conception, Natchitoches



**Andrew Flynn**  
2nd Year Philosophy Student  
St. Joseph Seminary, St. Benedict  
Home Parish: St. Frances Cabrini  
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**Jacob Cass**  
1st Year Philosophy Student  
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Home Parish: St. Joseph, Marksville



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I am deeply indebted to you for all that you have done to make Christ present in so many ways throughout our diocese. May the grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you and those you hold dear in your heart. We are...

One in the Lord,

Most Reverend Ronald P. Herzog  
Bishop of Alexandria

# Go and Make Disciples



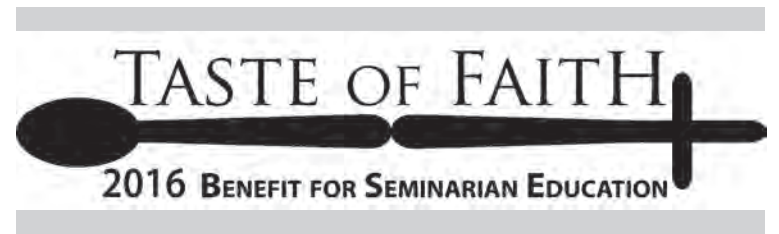
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# Too many cooks in the kitchen make a great Taste of Faith



**2016 CLASS OF SEMINARIANS.** Seminarians from the Diocese of Alexandria who will be attending seminary this fall are (front row) Grant Rabalais, Matthew Bonner, and Andrew Flynn. Middle row: Deacon Daniel Hart, Deacon Dutch Voltz, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Deacon Derek Ducote, and Derrick Rials. Back row: Jacob Cass, Thomas Kennedy, Nicholas Gonzague, Chase Masters, and Father Louis Sklar, director of Vocations. Not pictured is David Keran and Luke LaFleur.



**MATTHEW BONNER**, a first year seminarian from Sacred Heart Church in Pineville, stirs the beans for the Taste of Faith.



**JACOB CASS, NICHOLAS GONZAQUE, AND ANDREW FLYNN** assist with food preparations in the kitchen at the OLPS Divine Providence Center. The seminarians followed the directions of Bishop Ronald Herzog to prepare the dishes.



**DANIEL HART, DERRICK RIALS, AND GRANT RABALAIS** pour glaze over the honey baked hams served at the Taste of Faith. More than \$12,500 was cleared from the Taste of Faith dinner. All proceeds from the benefit dinner go to covering the expenses of the seminarians going to seminary.

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**ST. JAMES CONGRATULATES FATHER GABRIEL UZONU FOR HIS 15TH ANNIVERSARY.** The Monsignor Henry A. Thompson Assembly, Knights of Peter Claver, 4th Degree congratulates Father Gabriel Uzundu on the 15th anniversary of his ordination. Pictured are Herbert Jones, Tim Ford, Quentin Price, Sr., Fr. Gabriel, Tommy Milo and Willard Brown.



**ST. JAMES CONGRATULATES SEMINARIAN NICHOLAS GONZAQUE.** Grand Lady Millie Price of Bishop Desmond Court# 91 of the St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary presented gifts to Father Gabriel Uzundu for his 15th anniversary of ordination and to Nicholas Gonzaque, as he enters his first year of seminary. A special Mass was held Aug. 7 at 10 a.m.



## Our Lady of Lourdes, Vidalia parishioners celebrate 25th anniversary of Father Xavier

More than 150 parishioners and friends gathered May 15 to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Father Joseph Xavier's ordination to the priesthood.

He is currently served as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Vidalia.

Father Joseph was born and raised in a remote village in India.

His special day began with a 10 a.m. Mass, celebrated by Father Joseph and concelebrated by Father Anthony Savarimuthu.

At 4 p.m. a reception and

pot-luck dinner was held in the parish hall for Father Joseph. Ten Indian priests and Father Scott Chemino, vicar general for the diocese, were in attendance.

Father Joseph was ordained in India in 1992, which is only 24 years, but in India, priests celebrate their anniversary beginning the day after the 24-year anniversary.

In America, his anniversary won't be officially celebrated until next year (May 15, 2017).

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# Mother Teresa of Kolkata to be canonized Sept. 4 in Rome

(CNS) -- The poor, the suffering and those who minister to them will be at the center of celebrations leading up to the canonization of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata at the Vatican.

The main event -- the canonization Mass -- will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 4, the Vatican announced Aug. 5.

A "family feast" for the poor, a musical, Masses and prayer vigils will precede her canonization, according to programs published by the Vatican and by the Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded.

Known as the "saint of the gutters," Mother Teresa was revered for ministering to the sick and the dying in some of the world's poorest neighborhoods.

Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910 to an ethnic Albanian family in Skopje, in what is now part of Macedonia, Mother Teresa went to India as a Sister of Loreto in 1929. Receiving what she described as a "call within a call," she began her missionary work with the poor and laid the foundation for what would become the Missionaries of Charity.

Following her death in 1997, St. John Paul II waived the usual five-year waiting period and allowed the opening of the process



**BLESSED TERESA OF KOLKATA** cares for a sick man in an undated photo. (CNS photo/KNA)

to declare her sainthood. She was beatified in 2003.

The date of Mother Teresa's canonization will coincide with the conclusion of the Year of Mercy pilgrimage for workers

and ministers engaged in works of mercy.

Here are the main events planned around the canonization of Mother Teresa:

- Sept. 1, "feast for the poor and

Missionaries of Charity family," including a musical based on Mother Teresa's life.

- Masses Sept. 2 in various languages in Rome's Basilica of St. Anastasia al Palatino and ven-

eration of her relics. In the evening, a prayer vigil with solemn eucharistic adoration will be held at Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran with Cardinal Agostino Vallini, the papal vicar of Rome, presiding.

- Catechesis Sept. 3 by Pope Francis for the jubilee celebration of workers and volunteers for mercy. In the evening, a prayer and musical meditation will be held at Rome's Basilica of St. Andrea della Valle followed by veneration of Mother Teresa's relics and Mass.

- Canonization Mass Sept. 4. Pilgrims will be able to venerate St. Teresa's relics in the evening at the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

- Celebration Sept. 5 of a Mass of thanksgiving and the first feast of St. Teresa of Kolkata in St. Peter's Basilica with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, presiding. Pilgrims will be able to venerate the relics of St. Teresa at St. John Lateran in the evening.

- Sept. 6, continuing veneration of the relics of St. Teresa at St. John Lateran.

- Sept. 7-8, veneration of the relics of St. Teresa of Kolkata at Rome's Church of St. Gregory the Great, along with the possibility of visiting her room at the convent of St. Gregory.



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**FIRST OF THE MONTH ROSARY AT ABORTION CLINIC.** On the first Saturday of every month, a group of people gather at 10 a.m. to pray the Rosary in front of Hope Medical Center for Women in Shreveport, where abortions are performed. This past month, Aug. 6, Father Dan Cook and several people from the Alexandria area travelled to Shreveport to join them in prayer. Feel free to join them every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the abortion clinic to pray the Rosary.



# 30th Annual World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland

## Local students return from WYD in Poland with message of merciful love

By Sarah Catherine LaBorde  
LSU student

Four students from the Diocese of Alexandria recently experienced a once-in-a-lifetime journey across the world to be part of the 2016 World Youth Day, July 26-31 in Krakow, Poland.

They were among 34 pilgrims who traveled to Krakow with the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows from Lafayette. The 14-day trip began on July 20.

Sr. Nina Vincent, OLS, has led youth pilgrimages to WYD for several years and volunteered to help lead this pilgrimage two years ago. Because she was the guidance counselor at Holy Savior Menard at the time, she opened up registration to Menard students.

Through tireless fundraising and fervent prayer, recent HSM graduates Leah Aldridge, 19; Nick Scalfano, 18; Sarah Catherine LaBorde, 18; and Cameron Erickson, 18; joined the sisters and other youth from the Lafayette area on this pilgrimage.

Pope John Paul II hosted the first World Youth Day in 1986 in Rome. According to the official website, "World Youth Day is a worldwide encounter with the Pope which is typically celebrat-



**WORLD YOUTH DAY CLOSING MASS.** After a long 14-day trip to Krakow, Poland to attend World Youth Day, these five pilgrims from Alexandria, gather their belongings at Campus Misericordiae and prepare for the trip home. Pictured are Cameron Erickson, Leah Aldridge, Sister Nina Vincent, OLS, Nick Scalfano, and Sarah Catherine LaBorde.

ed every three years in a different country. This event is an opportunity to experience in first person the universality of the Church."

This year youth from across the globe were given the amazing opportunity to travel to Krakow

for the worldwide celebration of faith and camaraderie.

Traveling to a foreign country, particularly as a young person, can be a challenge. But these young adults and their parents trusted in God's loving and pro-

tective nature.

"On the news, you're almost always seeing something horrible going on in the world," LaBorde said. "So of course I was a little uneasy about going overseas alone, but I knew that I was meant to go on this pilgrimage. I knew that if God placed it on my heart to go and he gave me the financial and practical means to get there, there was a reason I was going, and He would protect me while I was there," she said.

After almost two full days of air and bus travel, the group ar-

rived in Poland and began their 12-day journey across the Country of Mercy.

They visited six Polish cities and toured sacred sites including Wadowice (the home of Pope St. John Paul II), Auschwitz concentration camp, the Shrine of Divine Mercy, and countless other breathtakingly beautiful churches, shrines, and castles.

More than 35 saints and venerated persons are connected with Poland, the best-known being St. Faustina, St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Bl. Pier Giorgio.

"Being in Poland was profound," said Scalfano, "Walking in the footsteps of these great saints made me realize that I can become a saint too, in my own personal way," he said. "Seeing the words 'Jezu ufam tobie' (Jesus I Trust in You) on the original Divine Mercy painting brought me to tears. The world needs so much mercy, and we can't just let it live in Poland, but we have to bring it to the whole world."

The theme for this year's celebration was "Blessed are the Merciful," a very fitting theme for this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The official WYD festivities spanned over four days and included multiple interactions with Pope Francis and culminating with Mass at Campus Misericordiae (Field of Mercy) where more than 3 million pilgrims shared in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Scalfano described his experience.

"It was a glimpse of what heaven is and what Earth should



**WE LOVE YOU POPE FRANCIS!** Pope Francis greets the crowd as he arrives to attend the World Youth Day welcoming ceremony in Blonia Park in Krakow, Poland, July 28. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

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**INSIDE THE BASILICA** at St. Maximilian Kolbe's City of the Immaculate are Leah Aldridge, Sarah Catherine LaBorde, Cameron Erickson, and Nick Scalfano.

be," he said.

"Seeing thousands of people, all from different countries with different backgrounds and ideals, come together and offer peace to one another in the name of Jesus was something I will never forget," said Erickson.

I felt like I was a part of a great plan, immersed in God's love and grace," Aldridge added.

LaBorde said the thing that best sums up the trip is something the Holy Father said during the Saturday prayer Vigil: "Jesus is the Lord of risk, of going beyond, not of comfort or convenience. It is necessary to go down new paths following the craziness of our God."

"This trip definitely made us take risks and get outside of our comfort zones in the best way

possible, and all in the name of Jesus," LaBorde said.

"It was truly a once in a lifetime experience," Erickson said.

In the words of the Holy Father "Let yourself be moved, because happiness sprouts and blossoms into mercy. Launch us into the adventure of mercy! Here we are Lord, send us to spread your merciful love."

To read more details about the pilgrimage, visit [www.WYD-2016Polska.blogspot.com](http://www.WYD-2016Polska.blogspot.com) to read a blog by Nick Scalfano, or to see more pictures and footage from the group's travels, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "Lafayette WYD Pilgrimage." All footage and manuscripts from the Pope's addresses can be found on the official Vatican webpage.

**CAMPUS MISERICORDIAE.** Cameron Erickson rests under her tent at Campus Misericordiae waiting for Mass to begin.



**TOP: OPENING CEREMONY.** Lafayette pilgrims and the crowd at Blonia Park waiting for the Opening Ceremony.

**BOTTOM: ALEXANDRIA AND LAFAYETTE PILGRIMS WITH OLS SISTERS.** The whole group from Alexandria and Lafayette pose for a picture after the Welcoming Ceremony at Blonia Park.





# Happy 100th Birthday to Elizabeth Faulk, 4th grade teacher

By Jeannie Broussard Petrus  
CT editor

If you attended Our Lady of Prompt Succor School in Alexandria during the 1960s, 70s, or 80s, chances are you may have had Mrs. Elizabeth Faulk as your 4th grade teacher.

On June 22, 2016, she celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at the OLPS Divine Providence Center!

"I can't believe I made it to 100 years old," said Mrs. Faulk from her room at Naomi Heights Nursing Home in Alexandria. "I never really thought that much about it. I've just been busy living and enjoying my life."

Mrs. Faulk and her husband Keith moved to Alexandria in the 40s with their two young children at the time. At the time, Mrs. Faulk had planned to stay home and raise the kids, even with an education degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now ULL).

But Father Aloysius Olinger, pastor of OLPS at the time, had other plans.

"He came to my house and gave me a sad story about how he really needed teachers at the new



**MRS. ELIZABETH FAULK** celebrated her 100th birthday June 22 at the OLPS Divine Providence Center with family and friends.

school (OLPS opened in 1949)," she said. "I agreed to start the school year in the classroom until they could find a permanent teacher. But the minute I walked into that school, I felt at home and ended up teaching 4th grade at Prompt Succor for the next 30 years."

Over the years, Mrs. Faulk taught almost 1,000 students. She says she can remember many of her students and can even tell you where they sat in the classroom.

One student she remembers quite well was a student who always sat in the back of the classroom and took great pride in pointing out what he believed were her "mistakes." He is a priest now in the diocese -- Father Bruce Miller.

She also remembers Alexandria Mayor Jacques Roy in her class and Colonel Mike Edmond-

son of the Louisiana State Police, and many others who went on to become judges, physicians, attorneys, teachers, engineers, and at least one Catholic newspaper editor. (Mrs. Faulk was my 4th grade teacher too.)

After retirement, she continued to volunteer in the classroom, at church, and around the community. One particular volunteer job she enjoyed was teaching English to two Puerto Rican priests who had just come to the diocese -- Father Edwin Rodriguez and Father Jose Robles-Sanchez.

"They were both exceptionally smart, so it did not take them long to learn," she said.

In 2006, at the age of 90, Mrs. Faulk had the honor of witnessing the ordination of her grandson, Father Peter Faulk, to the priesthood.

Today, Mrs. Faulk spends

her days reading, enjoying the outdoors and learning. She plays on her iPad and if she had transportation, she would love to take a course at LSU-A. Just recently she participated in the 2016 Senior Olympics and won 2nd place in the Einstein Game. She scored a 98 percent on the test.

She still prays the Rosary every day and wishes she could attend daily Mass like she used to; but for now, once a week at the nursing home and Sunday Mass at OLPS will have to do.

She eventually had six children, nine grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She's survived the death of her 4-year-old son, a daughter five years ago, and her husband 34 years ago.

"One hundred years is a long time to be around," she said. "God has blessed me in so many ways and I am truly thankful."



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# Happy 185th Anniversary!

## Historic Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church to celebrate anniversary Mass Sept. 11

The last remaining wood-frame antebellum church in the diocese -- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Campti -- is celebrating its 185th anniversary this year.

Father George Pookkattu, CMI, pastor, will celebrate a special Mass on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. Immediately following Mass, a procession in honor of the Blessed Mother will go from the church to the hall, where there will be a consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Following that, the parishioners will celebrate in the hall with a covered dish dinner and anniversary cake. The public is invited.

Located on a dirt road (119 Tally Street) just north of Natchitoches, Nativity of the BVM was originally a chapel in Campti



**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** in Campti will celebrate its 185th anniversary on Sept. 11 with a special Mass at 10 a.m. celebrated by the pastor, Father George Pookkattu. The public is invited.

built on land donated by Miss Frances Crichton in 1831. The new chapel was blessed and dedicated in honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Father Jean Baptiste Blank of Natchitoches on Sept. 8, 1831.

In 1850, construction was begun on a new church under the direction of Father Philbert Jourdain, who was named pastor on Oct. 19, 1851.

Difficulties with the contractors forced Father Jourdain to retire to a monastery in France. A mortgage was negotiated and the church remains as a mission of Natchitoches until 1856 when Father Jean Baptiste Avenard was assigned as pastor. He succeeded in paying off the debt and helped to see his parish through the dark days of war and Reconstruction.

Campti was burned by federal troops in 1864, but the church survived intact.

In 1894, the Sisters of Divine Providence established St. Cecilia's School, which continued in operation into the 20th century.

Under Bishop Daniel Desmond, the parish was placed under the care of the Dominican Fathers in 1940. Today it is staffed by diocesan clergy.

In 2003, Bishop Sam Jacobs designated the church in Campti, a "proto-parish" in the Diocese of Alexandria. A proto parish, designated by a bishop, is distinguished by liturgical rites or nationality of the congregation as being "unique."

Mass is held every Sunday at 9 a.m., and weekdays (Tuesday - Friday) at 8 a.m.

## Red Mass

Diocese of Alexandria

**Friday, Sept. 23 • 9:30 a.m.**  
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The annual Red Mass will be celebrated Friday, Sept. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria.

Bishop Ronald Herzog will be the main celebrant with priests of the diocese concelebrating. Father Bruce Miller will be the homilist. The Red Mass is open to the public.

The Red Mass is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for judges, attorneys, law school professors, students, and government officials. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.



**FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR SISTER JOANN DELOACH, MSC.** Catholic Daughters of America Court Notre Dame #1452, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church held their quarterly Mass and helped with a farewell reception for Sr. JoAnn DeLoach, MSC and a member of CDA. Sr. JoAnn has retired. Holy Savior Menard High School JrCDA members also helped with the reception. Pictured are (kneeling) Connie Stemmann, Linda Gauthier, JrCDAs [redacted]. Middle row: Marlene Sawrie, Jean Searcy, Joan Lanius, Regent Elsie Campbell, Kathy Lacour, Sr. JoAnn DeLoach, Suzanne Evans, Susan Singleton, Donna Young, Flora "Deecie" Juneau, and Marilyn McGraw. Back row: Helen Feduccia, Sharon Vandersypen, Muriel Beach, Anna Ryland, Tina Hebert, Carol Roy. Not shown: Debra Newton, Simmie Anderson and Eloise Andries.

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about My mercy  
(St. Faustina's Diary, 1190)*



# , the 9-year-old Missionary

## Young girl donates \$82 from birthday money to Manna House

By Jeannie Petrus  
CT editor

is a 9 year old little girl who loves helping others.

Like most kids, spent the summer swimming, playing outside, going to Vacation Bible Schools in the area, and attending Catholic Camp in east Texas. She looks forward to the Sundays when she is the alter server.

However, one of most memorable experiences was when her youth group, at Mary Mother of Jesus Church in Woodworth, went to Manna House to serve and to help out, at Christmas time.

"We cleaned tables, organized the donation area, and helped serve the meal," she said. "But I was sad to see so many children coming to get a meal because they didn't have anything to eat at home."

For her birthday, she asked for money in lieu of presents. She decided that these kids needed it more than she did. She gave half of her birthday money to a couple trying to raise money to adopt a baby and the other half to the Manna House.

So she mailed cash to Manna House with this little note:

*Dear Manna House,  
I am 9 years old. For my birthday I wanted to give the money I got to the poor. I love serving at the Manna House, so I'm intrusting the money to you. Here's \$82 to buy food for the poor. God bless you all.*

Love

Her parents are very proud of their daughter, but not surprised.

"She's a very spiritual child with a generous heart and strong desire to help others," said her mother, Christi.

This is not the first time has shown her generous heart.

She was only 7 years old, she woke up one morning and said, "Momma, God wants me to raise money for kids who don't have parents." She did just that!

She drew pictures and sold them to family, friends, her mom's co-workers, and people on Facebook. After raising \$94 selling her artwork, her grandmother



### GENEROUS HEART.

is a typical 9-year-old in every way except when it comes to a generous heart. She has raised and donated more than \$2,000 to the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston and Manna House in Alexandria. She wants to do everything she can to help underprivileged children.

was so impressed with how passionate was about her cause, she mailed the donation!

When she started in her donation of \$188 to the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, she sent the following note with it:

*Hello, my name is  
but you can call me  
I'm 7 years old. This money  
I'm sending to the kids and ya'll*

*too. God spoke to my heart to try to help! I hope this helps.*

Love,

Since that initial donation, has raised over \$1,200, sent 96 bibles and 32 bible games to the Children's Home. "She appreciates her life and has a very close relationship with Jesus," said her mother. "We call her "our Angel on earth."

(The name means

"devoted to God" in the Hebrew translations.)

was born with a rare anomaly called Tracheoesophageal Fistula and Esophageal Atresia. She has had 16 surgeries in her short life, two of which were life threatening. Her parents believe that these events are what led to her special relationship with God. Her strong spirit and outspoken personality

have brought many of her family members closer to God; such as her parents, who were not regular 'church-goers'.

At an early age, insisted on going to church every Sunday. Over the years, they attended several churches in different denominations, but it wasn't until attended a Catholic Church, for the first time, that she said with tears in her eyes "this is where God wants me."

continues to think of ways she can help others. She is currently collecting cans. She plans to give the money, from recycling, to the Manna House. She encourages everyone to do the same "because no one should go hungry." She likes to sit in her room --that's filled with colorful butterflies and spiritual keepsakes -- and read her Bible. She likes to play with her dog "Coconut" and her little brother, Cohen.

But her biggest dream is to be a missionary when she grows up.

"I just want to help other kids," she said. "I look around and I see that I have everything -- a place to sleep, food to eat, toys to play with -- and it makes me sad to know that there are so many kids in the world who don't have what I have and I just want to make them happy."

is sure to be a great missionary one day!

### A Special Drawing with a Special Message

When was just 7 years old, she felt God was asking her to raise money for kids in an orphanage. When she sent the money to the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, the administrator "Mr. Rob", was touched by the heart of such a small little child.

He asked her to draw a picture for him.

made several attempts to draw a picture for him, but it wasn't until the third time that she felt the picture was just right.

Her mother sent the drawing to Mr. Rob.

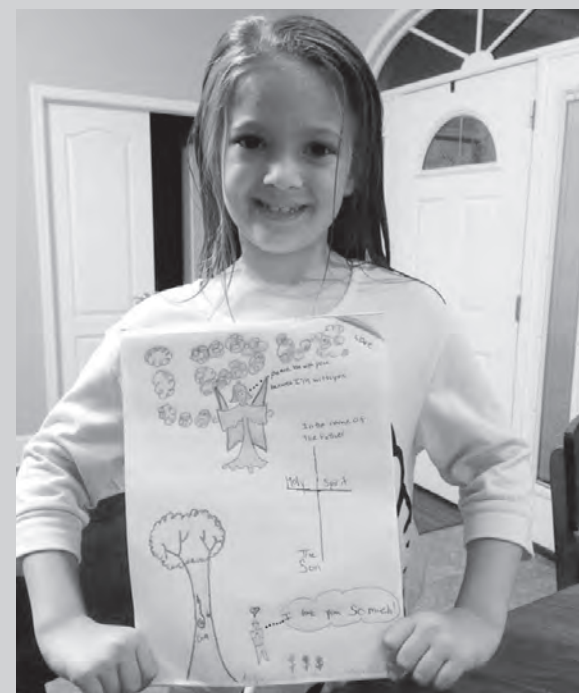
A few days later, Mr. Rob called to thank for the beautiful drawing. But he had something else to add:

"Your drawing, once again, really touched me," he said. "I received it on the one year anniversary of my wife's death. The words you wrote on your drawing were a great comfort to me. Thank you."

(unaware of Mr. Rob's situation) had written:

"Be at peace and know that I am with you."

(At right) at age 7 with her drawing to Mr. Rob.







## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

(top left) St. Anthony of Padua, Bunkie

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# Back to School!

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general maintenance and upkeep. New flooring was added in the front office and a new 3rd grade teacher was hired.

The biggest project, according to Coulon has been upgrading the computer lab to a new system.

"St. Anthony School students will enjoy learning in the newly equipped computer lab," she said. "The 30 sleek LG chromebase computers will expose the entire student body to the latest advances in technology for schools."

At St. Joseph School in Plaquemine, principal Byran Runyan said the school also focused on general maintenance over the summer.

"We put on a new roof on the main building and completed a few maintenance projects that were needed," said Runyan.

Four new employees were hired for the new school year. The enrollment is expected to remain about the same -- 225.

The students at St. Mary Assumption School in Cottonport will happy to see a new gym floor waiting for them when school starts.

Principal Nathan Laborde said that the gym floor was the

biggest project of the summer, in addition to other maintenance projects.

Laborde said that the enrollment is expected to be about the same as last year -- 260.

At Sacred Heart School in Moreauville, Sister Sandra Norsworthy, principal, said that seven new employees have been hired for the new school year, and enrollment is now up to 400.

"I am very pleased with our new faculty and staff," she said.

In recent years, Sacred Heart completed the addition of a new 7th and 8th grade building, a new Library Media Center, and a new playground.

Without any construction projects going on this summer, most of the improvements were made in academics.

An extra class section was added for both the 7th and 8th grade. Once again, Algebra I will be offered to the 8th grade students. In addition, the 1:1 Chromebook Program for 7th and 8th grade will be implemented as well as a new mobile chromebook lab for 6th grade. And finally, new Math labs will be implemented in Middle School.

**CDA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS.** Regent Elsie Campbell of Court Notre Dame #1452 of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church, presents scholarship certificates and checks to 12th grade scholarship winner

daughter of James and Beth Hopewell and 8th grade scholarship winner , daughter of Huey and Valerie Daigle. Both recipients are students of Holy Savior Menard High School and are members of the Court Notre Dame JrCDA at Holy Savior Menard HS.



**ST. JAMES GRADUATES** were honored in June. Pictured are Father Gabriel Uzundu, pastor; Kamron Trowel,



**FIRST COMMUNION.** Brayleigh Briggs, daughter of Derek and Amy Briggs of Poland, made her First Communion in May at St. Martin Church in Lecompte.

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# Catholic schools welcome students Back to School!

## St. Frances Cabrini School converts old storage building into two new classrooms

By Jeannie Petrus  
CT editor

With enrollment at St. Frances Cabrini School in Alexandria increasing more than 136 percent in the past three years, classroom space at has been tight.

The old kindergarten building in the back of the school that has been used as storage for the past several decades was finally put to good use.

This summer, the old kindergarten building was brought to life again with a complete renovation.

According to Liz Hines, director of development, the building now accommodates two full size modern classrooms (for 4th and 6th grade) and a "jack and jill" type restroom between the two classrooms.

"Everything in the building is new," said Hines. "It's like we have a whole new building."

"For the first time in at least 15 years, we are utilizing every classroom," said Sister Nina Vincent, principal. "We expect enrollment to reach 250 students when school opens Aug. 15. This will be the most students we've had in more than 20 years."

PreK3, PreK4 and 4th grade have been closed to any new students and there is now a waiting list for PreK, according to Hines.

Another significant change to the school over the summer is the addition of a special education program ("structure classroom").

"St. Frances Cabrini School is the only Catholic school in the diocese with a special education program," said Hines.

The class is already full with eight students, one teacher and one teacher aide.

Other improvements to the school over the summer include the addition of nine new teachers, a new metal roof on the main school, renovations to the library and student restrooms, updated technology in the classrooms, and a fence in front of the school.



**LIKE NEW AGAIN.** Two new classrooms were created this summer at St. Frances Cabrini School to make room for more students. The space was transformed from an old kindergarten building used as storage for several decades. The new building now accommodates two full-sized, modern classrooms and a "jack and jill" type restroom between the two classrooms.

"We want to thank Father Chad Partain for his vision and support of Cabrini school, and the parents and parishioners who have been so supportive of our all of our fundraisers," said Sister Vincent.

### Alexandria

Other schools in Alexandria -- Our Lady of Prompt Succor and Holy Savior Menard Central High School -- were also busy

with improvements over the summer.

OLPS completely renovated the 3rd grade wing and art classrooms, installed two new chillers for the school air conditioning, and welcomed eight new teachers to the school.

Enrollment is expected to remain about the same this year at 495.

"We are excited to introduce and use Mathletics program this

year, and we are looking forward to another great school year," said Jo Tassin, principal.

Like Cabrini, Holy Savior Menard was also busy replacing a new roof on the main academic building and on the other back half of the gym. (The other half was replaced last year.)

By September, a new digital school sign at the front of campus should be completed, and a new sports weight room is expected to

be completed this fall.

Enrollment is expected to be around 530 this year.

### Natchitoches

St. Mary's students in Natchitoches can expect to see a lot of new faces in the classrooms this fall. Twelve new teachers have been hired, including new athletic director and head football coach, Corwyn Aldredge.

"Due to the efforts of generous benefactors, St. Mary's has been able to renovate their football field. The field will be used for elementary and junior varsity games and for high school practice," said Melissa Frye, director of development. "This effort will help to create a warm and winning atmosphere for players, parents and friends of St. Mary's."

Enrollment at St. Mary's is expected to be about the same as last year at 385.

### Avoyelles

St. Anthony of Padua in Bunkie, St. Mary Assumption in Cottonport, Sacred Heart in Moreauville, and St. Joseph in Plaquemine were busy this summer as well.

According Martha Coulon, principal at St. Anthony, most of the work done at the school was

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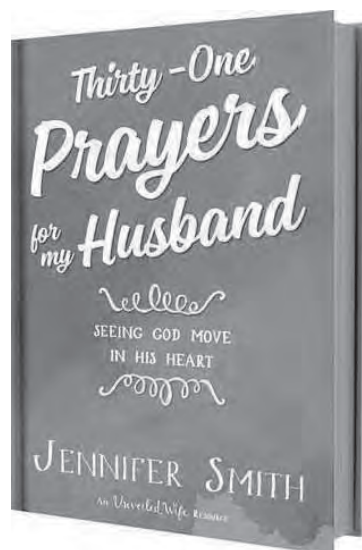
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# Gleason is brutally honest documentary NFL fans have to see

By Christine Bordelon  
Clarion Herald

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) -- A former pro football player who is the subject of a new documentary about his life with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, told a crowd at St. Mary's Dominican High School in New Orleans to "relentlessly seek your purpose."

Steve Gleason played for the New Orleans Saints from 2000 to 2008 and is best known in the Crescent City for blocking an Atlanta Falcons punt that resulted in the first Saints touchdown during the first football game in the restored Superdome after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He was diagnosed with ALS in 2011.

The June 18 prayer service, "Steve Gleason: A Witness to Faith," was sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans and allowed Gleason to convey his ideas on religion and how he has dealt with his disease.

"In the beginning stages, I certainly prayed to be healed," Gleason said. "I also saw healing on nearly every level. ... I rarely pray to be healed these days. While I would love to walk and talk again, the Creator can choose to heal me or not."

"Most importantly, I enjoy my life," Gleason continued. "I have less faith in a gnarly bearded, white male God to come intervene by bending or breaking the physical laws of the universe to rescue a single person. I pray for my daily bread, my strength, ingenuity to continue living the life I love -- my life with purpose."

The documentary, "Glea-



**FORMER NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** player Steve Gleason and Saints quarterback Drew Brees are shown in a scene from the documentary "Gleason," which is about the life of Gleason, the former Saints defensive back who, at age 34, was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. (CNS photo/Lori Burns, Open Road Films)

son," which chronicles his life, the advance of ALS and his response to the diagnosis, had a limited distribution July 29 and will be more widely released Aug. 5. It premiered earlier this year at the Sundance Film Festival.

Gleason said ALS has given him and his family -- his wife, Michel, and son Rivers, with whom Gleason was baptized Catholic in 2012 -- "an opportunity to share our strength, our example, our love with whomever needs to hear it."

Gleason, who speaks through a speech generation device -- he recorded the phonetic sounds the device uses before his voice grew

unintelligible -- said his high school years at Jesuit-run Gonzaga Preparatory School in Spokane, Washington, shaped who he is today.

"I was taught perseverance when faced with adversity, and also I learned how to be resilient after defeat," he said. "I learned that by giving yourself to others, far more will come to you."

Most importantly, I learned to love my neighbor as myself. When I looked at my life, in its entirety, I suppose my blood flows naturally and instinctively with faith."

He said "the homilies that fuel my blood" come from his

communion with nature.

"The Creator has never spoken to my soul more clearly than on the edge of the river," Gleason said. "Our son's name gives praise to the sacrament."

Gleason said he finds "the Creator's voice in me on the youngest branches of the oldest, most mysterious oak trees in the neighborhoods of this wonderful city."

He implored attendees to relentlessly explore faith with childlike curiosity.

"Exploration requires two simultaneous elements -- a curiosity to gain knowledge and the admission of ignorance, which to my ears sounds like when Jesus said, 'I tell you unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'"

"By definition, faith is believing in something you cannot believe in," Gleason said. "So, if this word 'faith' cannot be rationalized, there is an endless amount of exploring to do for us as the faithful. So, if you walk in here, questioning your faith, join the club. I think you are on the right track."

As a lover of words, Gleason observed that "the word 'religion' has given humans (a reason) to not only love others, but also a reason to exclude and hate others. The word 'religion' can separate us as a people."

The most powerful word in his vocabulary is purpose.

"When I feel purposeful, I feel relevant, I feel energized," he said. "I feel excited to get up every day, conquer my obstacles and fulfill my purpose. Like those faithful explorers, I think living with purpose requires a commitment to exploration."

Gleason founded Team Gleason in 2011 to increase the awareness of ALS and to support others with the disease.

While attendees raised their hands in solidarity, Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans offered Gleason the sacrament of the sick. He asked God to bless Gleason and his family "that he always knows the Lord's compassion and love. ... We thank you for his life, for he is a light to us and a witness to our faith."

Archbishop Aymond said the Catholic Church continues Jesus' ministry of healing the sick physically, spiritually or emotionally through the sacraments. People "feel through the sacrament a deeper sense of God's comfort."

Gleason's heartfelt words were powerful, Archbishop Aymond said. He considers Gleason a sign of faith and a true witness for all.

"He has a great faith in God," Archbishop Aymond said. "He sees purpose in his life. ALS has given him a purpose. Not everybody will be able to say that."

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**Aug. 20: Back to School Rally**

Holy Savior Menard's MAC Team (Menard Apostles for Christ) will present its annual Back to School Rally on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 6:15 -8:30 p.m. at the Menard Gym. Special guest speaker will be Lance Strother. Come join us as we 'kick-start' the year with God, music, keynote, and celebration of the Mass. For more information, call Jessica Sanders at 318-305-1351.

**Sept. 16-18: Beginning Experience**

Widowed, separated or divorced? Don't know where to turn? Struggling with grief or loss? Beginning Experience is registering now for a weekend away toward a lifetime of change at Maryhill Renewal Center, Sept. 16-18. Program helps grieving, single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. Cost is \$185, which includes two nights' lodging and meals. To register, go to [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org) or call Michelle at (318) 443-8629 or Anna at (318) 448-1990 or (318) 452-2678. Financial assistance is available.

**Sept. 23: Red Mass**

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated Friday, Sept. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria.

Bishop Ronald Herzog will be the main celebrant with priests of the diocese concelebrating. Father Bruce Miller will be the homilist. The Red Mass is open to the public.

The Red Mass is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for judges, attorneys, law school professors, students, and government officials. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

**Sept. 22: WRC Celebration of Life Gala**

Jeff Kemp will be the guest speaker for the annual Women's Resource Center Celebration of Life Fundraising Gala, to be held Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Natchitoches Events Center in Natchitoches. All proceeds from the Gala will benefit the Women's Resource Center, a Pregnancy Help Medical Clinic in Natchitoches.

Jeff is dedicated to strengthening families and strengthening teams. He is passionate about advancing collaboration to support marriages, families and children.

In 2012 Jeff joined FamilyLife as vice president and HomeBuilder Catalyst. FamilyLife is a national ministry leader in marriage conferences, radio outreach and em-

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powering resources to heal and strengthen families.

Jeff founded and led Stronger Families in the Pacific Northwest from 1993 to 2010. Stronger Families united communities around strengthening marriages and today assists military and high-stress couples in protecting their marriages.

Jeff and his father, Jack Kemp, (the former vice-presidential candidate and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development), were the first of only six sets of father/son NFL quarterbacks.

As Jeff speaks and trains throughout the United States he passes on dynamic lessons learned during eleven years in the world of professional athletics. Persevering through the highs and lows of pro football gave him a valuable perspective on teams, leadership, and life.

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

**Sept. 28-Nov. 6: Forty Days for Life**

40 Days for Life is a powerful campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach in an effort to end abortion. More than 700,000 people participate in 36 countries. Since it was started 9 years ago (2007) in College Station, Texas, 11,796 lives have been saved, 133 abortion workers quit, and 73 abortion centers have closed! There are several ways to participate: sponsor a campaign in your area, attend a campaign in another city, or pray and fast with a group at church or at home privately, with the intentions of ending abortion. For more information, go to [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

**Jan. 25-27, 2017: Pro-Life Pilgrimage**

Magnificat Travel is offering a Women's Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. Jan. 25-29 for the National March for Life. An orientation meeting will be held Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria. Trip will include visits to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Arlington Cemetery, monuments & memori-

als, Mount Vernon, the Holocaust Museum, and the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton. For more information call 337-291-1933 or [info@hollytravels.org](mailto:info@hollytravels.org).

**Can you host an Exchange Student?**

SHARE! High School Exchange Program has many young girls and boys waiting for their chance to fulfill the dream of coming to America and staying with an American host family like yours! Host families provide a bed, 3 meals a day as well as a loving environment, friendship and a desire to share American culture. Students all speak English, come fully medically insured and with their own spending money for personal expenses. They attend the host family's local high school for a school year or semester. For more information, call 1-800-941-3738 or go to [www.sharesouthwest.org](http://www.sharesouthwest.org)

**Oct. 10: Bishop's Golf Tournament**

The 20th annual Invitational Bishop's Golf Tournament, benefiting the Seminarian Education Fund will be held Oct. 10 at Oakwing Golf Course in Alexandria. The 4-person scramble, which includes green fees, cart, muligans, range balls and refreshments, is \$135 per person or \$540 per team to enter. Sponsorships, ranging from \$100-\$2,500, are available by calling Sandi Tarver at 318-445-6424, ext 209.

**Oct. 15: Catholic Womens' Conference**

Mark your calendar now to attend Mercy: Encountering Boundless Love, the topic of WINE: Women in the New Evangelization, a Catholic women's conference to be held Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Archbishop Rummel High School in Metairie. The day will include praise and worship music, food and fellowship, prayer teams, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Speakers include Teresa Tomeo, Kelly Wahlquist, Kitty Cleveland, and Judy Landrieu Klein. Archbishop Gregory Aymond will celebrate the 4 p.m. Mass at the conclusion of the conference. Tickets are \$55 person (includes lunch)/ \$65 after Oct. 1. To register, go to [NewOrleansWINE-2016.eventbrite.com](http://NewOrleansWINE-2016.eventbrite.com) or call 985-807-5666.

**June 2017: Pilgrimage to Rome with Fr. Taylor Reynolds**

Fr. Taylor Reynolds will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome June 6-12, 2017. The trip starts at \$3,919 and includes airfare, hotel accommodations and tours to places like the Vatican Museums, St. Peters Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, and the Colosseum. For more information call Fr. Taylor Reynolds at 445-7141 ext 211.

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<div>22</div> <div></div> <div>PRAY FOR FR. C. PARTAIN</div>	<div>23</div> <div>VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Center Alexandria</div> <div>PRAY FOR FR. T. PAUL</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div> <div>PRAY FOR FR. G. POOKKATTU</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Illuminated Rosary 8:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</div> <div>PRAY FOR FR. R. RABALAIS</div>	<div>26</div> <div></div> <div>PRAY FOR FR. C. RAY</div>	<div>27</div> <div></div> <div>PRAY FOR FR. T. REYNOLDS</div>	<div>28</div> <div></div> <div>PRAY FOR FR. J. ROBLES SANCHEZ</div>
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