

**Update on Seminarians
Diocese of Lafayette and North Region
By Msgr. J. Robert Romero, V.E.
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Father Aaron Melancon, Director of Vocations and Seminarians for the Diocese of Lafayette, reports that with the start of the Fall Semester the Diocese of Lafayette has thirty-six (36) seminarians, representing every area of the Diocese. Eight (8) out of the thirty-six (36) are new. Fourteen (14) of the men are in Theology, three (3) are in Pre-Theology, and nineteen (19) are in college seminary. Three (3) men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in June 2008. The Lafayette seminarians are enrolled at St. Joseph Seminary College (St. Ben's in Covington, Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans; Theological College (Catholic University of America) in Washington, DC; Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

Of the thirty-six (36) seminarians of the Diocese of Lafayette, seven (7) are from the North Region. These are:

- Matthew Barzare (St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice)
- Blaine Clement (St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice)
- Brad Guillory (Our Lady Queen of All Saints, Ville Platte)
- Mitchell Hebert (Sacred Heart of Jesus, Port Barre)
- Johnathan Janise (Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte)
- William Schambough (St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice)
- Jude Thierry (Holy Family, Lawtell)

Please pray for these and all seminarians of the Diocese of Lafayette:

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and eager but gentle servants of the gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Prayer adapted from the Roman Sacramentary)

**Preparing your child for success in High School,
College, and Life**

The basics begin in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade. As your child continues through elementary to the middle grades, your child should by the eighth grade be reading 25 books a year. Your child should take algebra in the eighth grade and know enough to build on this foundation in high school. Your child should be able to write, and write, and write in the eighth grade. In our age of television, internet, computer games, children often have trouble improving these skills. They do not develop discipline to study and to build their reading, thinking, and writing skills. Parents can help by asking, "What book are you reading?" "Tell me about the story or plot in the book you have just read." "Do you write any letters to your friends or do you just talk to them on the telephone?" Often times, if you find your child does not read books, encourage him or her to begin reading a book on a subject of interest. If your child does not read on average two books a month, encourage your child to at least begin reading one book every six weeks. Then gradually get your child to read one book in three weeks. If parents ask and talk about what is interesting to the child, the child will more likely want to read, talk about what he or she reads. Parents will be able to help the child think and develop common sense. Parents are the home coaches who are partners with the teachers in the education of their child.

**Attention!
Altar Servers and Young Parishioners*
Interested in becoming a Server**

A training session will be held Saturday, September 1st @ 10:00

A.M. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours. We will have a cookout with activities on the church grounds immediately following for all servers and their families. Seminarian Clint Trahan will be conducting the training session. All servers are URGED to attend! For Information: Call Dwayne Joubert at 594-8408

* 5th grade and older

**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2007
READINGS AND QUESTIONS FOR FAITH SHARING**

Reading I: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10
• Jeremiah was saved by God.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 1-4
• Keep Your eye Fixed on Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53
• I have come to light a fire one earth!

Theme: "God's power among us, gives us strength."

What does it mean to follow God's ways and not our own? Today's readings give us clues. Jeremiah the prophet is thrown into a cistern and sinks into the mud. Jesus' words are about division and pitting family members against each other. These are difficult words for the faithful believer. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that we are not on this faith journey alone. Like runners in a race, we are supported by a great cloud of witnesses to urge us on.

**Breaking Open the Word
Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading**

Step One: Listen to the Word
When you hear this reading today, what image or idea strikes you most strongly? What word or phrase catches your ear?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Adults:
Share about a time when life's struggles were so difficult for you that you nearly "threw in the towel." What signs did you see then that God remained with you?

Question for Youth:
We are assured that God will be with us as we go through life, so what strategy do you use to keep God in mind as you deal with the ups and downs of life as a young adult?

Question for Children:
What is one way you can be closer to Jesus today?

FOUR STEPS FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Plan Purposefully
Prepare prayerfully
Proceed positively
Pursue persistently

THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED
We appreciate the Mass Intention for Mrs. Essie C. Fontenot.....Evanus Fontenot, Alden Fontenot and Barbara St. Amand.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2007
GENERAL: That all those who are going through moments of inner difficulty and trial may find in Christ the light and support which leads them to discover authentic happiness.
MISSION: That the Church in China may bear witness to ever greater inner cohesion and may manifest her effective and visible communion with Peter's Successor.

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE
WEEK**

Saturday, August 18 4:00 p.m. Jeanette Lalonde, Florence (Flo) Fournier, Jeanette Doucet, Dorsey Quebedeaux, Sr., Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot & Armille & Lucille Fontenot, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, W.A. LeBlanc (B), Ernie McKinney (B)
Sunday, August 19 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St.Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, John Roberie, James P. Dugal (B), Mary Elizabeth Potier, Ernie McKinney, Anthony Lavergne (B)
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Gerry Allen, Cora Baillio (DA), Agnes & Oscar Roy, Mary Manuel, Jack Benson Sr., Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Steve & Paula Ortego Bienvenu
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Clivence J. Mott (DA), Jeffrey Paul Miller (B), Lee Martin
Monday, August 20 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Ernest T. McKinney
Tuesday, August 21 **No Mass**
Wednesday, August 22 12:10 p.m. & Doris (B) Philippi, Ernest T. McKinney
Thursday, August 23 12:10 p.m. Tom Hammil, Ernest T. McKinney
Friday, August 24 12:10 p.m. Ernie McKinney, Harrison (D.A.) & Roy Fontenot, James Guillory
Saturday, August 25 4:00 p.m. M/M Vernon Schwartzburg & Donald, Velma & Patsy Gail Boss, Lee, Vivian & Kristie (B) Artigue, Jeanette Lalonde, Florence (Flo) Fournier, Dorsey Quebedeaux Sr., Adolph & Odella Landry, Donald Fontenot, Arcade & Ada Fontenot & Armille & Lucille Fontenot, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, John E. Meche (DA), Lee Babineaux (DA)
Sunday, August 26 8:00 a.m. Marguerite Roberie, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull,, Martin J. St. Amand,, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Ernie McKinney
10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Dr. Sidney & Alice Rozas & Dr. Dudley & Putsy Bienvenu, Gerry Allen, Carl Lanolos, Jack Benson Sr., Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippi, Alexis Lanolos, In Thanksgiving from the Orphan Train Society
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Tom Hammil, Lee Martin

**Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Fri.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Total Offertory Collection	\$5,831.73
Maintenance Repair Fund	\$455.00
Catholic University	\$824.41

Thank you for your generosity!

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REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK
TUES., AUG. 21 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON
Our Father in Heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Thank you for your favors in the past..Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS
Lord, Hold our Troops in Your loving hands. Protect them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior....Amen...

RETURNED TO CHRIST THROUGH DEATH
Sr. Mary Stephanie Bourg, MSC

OPELOUSAS COMMUNITY CHOIR
"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"
The Opelousas Community Choir will resume practice sessions Thursday August 23rd. Interested in joining the choir or for more information contact Karen Christian at 945-9143.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Please pray for the sick in the **PARISH:** Dorothy Beaugh, Dusty Ballard, Shirley Ballard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Clifton Boast, Jared Broussard, Shirley R. Chachere, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Dona Clary, Logan Comb, Shelby Constantine, Kirt Cormier, Norma Cortez, Shelton Daigle, Ferrell Glenn Darbonne, Sr., Angela Dautrueil, Helda Debaillon, Hank Demay, S.J. Deshotels, Sr., Lillian Delafosse, Sal Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Wayne Doucet, Landon James Duplichan, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Tommy Dupre, Emma Grace, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Francis Gautreaux, Ann Guidroz, Caleb Brent Guillory, Elaine Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Louis Guillory, Gabrielle Marie Hansen, Tommy Hargroder, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Austin Jagneau, Quentin Joubert, Brenda Lafleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanolos, Harold Lastrapes, Dotty Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Cleveland Lanolos, Ranella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Phyllis Cormier Leblanc, Ronald Leger, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Simone Marcantel, Kelly McCormick, Samuel McCormick, Frank Miller, Jefferey Miller, Theresa Miller, Mary Montet, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Craig Ortego, Diana Ortego, Julia Ortego, Callie Palmer, Linda Pefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Lisa Ramirez, Burke Reed, Gregory Richard, Jim Richard, Lilly Richard, Melanie Richard, Theresa Rideau, Larry Roberie, Joseph James Robin, Marie Saucier, Jane Smith, Raymond Soileau, Aaron Stelly, Erika Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Adolph Taylor, Sr., Charlene Terracina, Mrs. Titard, Lena Trahan, Pierre Troclair, Cody Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Gene Williams, Robert Wolfe, Jr. and Ivan G. Winn.
We are attempting to update our list. If any name is omitted and should be on the list, please call. Also, if you know anyone who is well enough to be taken off, please call. We appreciate your cooperation.
St. Landry Church-Staff

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Adult religious education classes (RCIA) will start on Tuesday September 4th, 2007. All are welcome to attend. If you know of a friend that is interested in joining our Church or just wants to know what the teachings of the Catholic Church are, please invite them. For more information call Deacon John W. Miller....Phone # 942-2911.

JOIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 1173
Being a Knight is not as time consuming as you may think. It consists of various commitments. 12 hours a year of reading the church bulletin, the state and council news letters. 2 hours a year as a volunteer for council events. 2 hours a year attending prayer services with your family. There are many other functions to attend and all are for the good of the Council. If you have any questions about the commitment that you make as a Knight please contact our local recruiter Louis Fay at 594-8198 or any other Knight. God Bless and Have a Great Week.

REGISTER NOW FOR HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION AND CONFIRMATION
All high school students register now for religious education and all 11th graders register for confirmation. Religion classes will start soon.

O.C.CORNER
Open House for parents of students in grades 6-12 will be held on Wednesday Evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend and meet the faculty!
Get into the football spirit by attending the Kiwanis Football Jamboree on Thursday Night! Tickets are available at O.C. May God bless and protect the teams!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Thank you K. C. Council # 1173. The new Altar Servers' Cassocks and Surplices are outstanding. We appreciate you donating all of these. May God Bless you for your good works! Msgr. Robert Romero and parishioners.

THE LA. ORPHAN TRAIN SOCIETY DESCENDANTS AND MEMBERS EXPRESS THEIR THANKS
We thank Msgr. Romero, Clint Trahan, seminarian and St. Landry Church Parishioners for the welcome they gave us in allowing us to use St. Landry Church and other facilities for the 100th anniversary mass on Saturday July 14th, 2007.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

	Church.....Souls in Purgatory	
	ChapelIn Thanksgiving	

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group II.....Pap Roy week of August 25, 2007

Group III.....Irene Soileau week of September 1, 2007