

World Day for Consecrated Life
Msgr. Romero

The Church celebrated World Day for Consecrated Life on February 2, 2008. This is the day Pope Pius XXII issued his Apostolic Constitution *Provida Mater* in 1947. In this Constitution, Pope Pius XXII canonically erected groups that were already living a secular institute lifestyle as either a secular institute of diocesan or pontifical right. In his motu proprio *Primo Felicitate*, Pope Pius XXII issued in 1948 expanded upon the secular nature of the institutes.

When we speak of the Consecrated Life, we mean those who live in the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. These are dedicated in this life style as they work in the church in either monastic life or other community life and work in education, social, or media pursuits. These are orders of men and women. We know these in our area as Benedictines, Carmelites, Sisters Marianites of the Holy Cross, Jesuits, Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Sisters of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Sisters of the Holy Family, etc. We see their work in the area of church life and church mission. They are visible in the church world.

Members of Secular Institutes are lay people who also follow a life style of poverty, chastity and obedience but are focused in the secular world not the church world. They are teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, plumbers, welders, etc. Anyone wanting more information on Secular Institutes is invited to visit this website: www.secularinstitutes.org. This website is a little dated but helpful. Today there are nearly 200 canonically erected Secular Institutes in the world.

Consecrated Life is a mixture of visible and invisible people who strive to be leavens of God's Kingdom in our midst. They follow a simple lifestyle where God's values are important and where God's will is lived for all to see. The internet has many websites on religious orders and secular institutes. Try the search engine of your internet with "religious orders" or "secular institutes" and see what you find.

The purpose of World Day of Consecrated Life is for the Church as a whole to recognize the existence of Consecrated Life and to treasure the value of Consecrated Life in the Church. Consecrated Life is a variety of men and women with a wealth of personality who as part of the church help the whole church produce the light of Christ in the world.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.
Weekdays: 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City Wide Penance Service – March 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Landry Church

Parishioners are asked to come to confession before Wednesday, March 19, 2008. The last day for confession before the Easter Vigil is on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. The Easter Vigil begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, March 20, 2008. Confessions are suspended during the Easter Vigil. Confessions resume on Easter Monday, March 24, 2008.

Sister B. DeRouen, O. Carm.
Third Sunday of Lent

In this life, the only image of God we have is the face of our sister and brother.

Afghanistan, Kenya, Darfu, Iraq, Iran, street gangs, drug deals, road rage, AlQuida, suicide bombs, nations torn apart by assassinations.... these are a large part of our world today. Being "meek" in such situations would seem to be an invitation to certain disaster. Yet there is no indication anywhere that Jesus didn't really mean this particular Beatitude. Based on Ps. 37:11, a psalm of trust in God, this 3rd Beatitude reminds us that real strength comes, not from violence, but from opening ourselves to be used by God, letting God be God of all situations. We cannot

have peace in the world until each of us allows God to root out the violence within ourselves and within our relationships.

Suggested activity: Each day this week, pray for peace in a different part of the world. In addition, ask yourself: what brings out violence in you? Why do you think that is? Ask the grace of being meek and humble of heart.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24, 2008
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Reading 1 Exodus: 17:3-7
Water flowed from rock to quench the people's thirst.

Psalm 95 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
God's love is poured into our hearts in the gift of the Spirit.

Gospel John 4:5-42, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
The water Jesus gives is the wellspring of eternal life.

THEME

Jesus is the Living Water

Today we hear the first of three stories of conversion--the Gospel story of the Samaritan woman at the well. As this Gospel is proclaimed, let us imagine ourselves at that well where the Lord uncovered the woman's sinfulness. Let us be aware of our own sins and the Lord's desire to free us from sin. Let us place our hopes in the wellspring of eternal life—Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Question for Children:
How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?

Question for Youth:
Jesus revealed himself to an outcast of society. How can you be "living water" to the outcasts of your school? Society? The world?

Question for Adults:
When you are tempted to try to satisfy your "thirst for meaning" through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Christ? Through what means do you experience Christ's power in your life: sacraments? scripture? prayer? others?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me."
John 4:34

As Jesus was traveling with his disciples on one of his trips between Galilee and Jerusalem, he stopped at Jacob's Well in Sychar in the center of Samaria, approximately thirty miles north of Jerusalem. They would have been walking since dawn. It was about noon, the hottest part of the day, a good time to stop for food and drink and to seek some shade. Jesus engages a woman in conversation while the disciples go off in search of food. He tells the woman of a "spring of water welling up to eternal life" that Those who drink will never thirst. Obviously, she wants such water. The disciples return and offer him some food, but Jesus says, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me." Strange words indeed. But the woman understands—Jesus is the Messiah. He is the wellspring of eternal life. He is sustained by discerning and doing the will of God. Have we figured that out? Do we truly desire to drink from the spring of water welling up to eternal life? Do we earnestly try to discern and do the will of God?

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

WHEN: March 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2008
TIME: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: St. Landry Church
TOPIC: Introduction to the Divine Lesson: God's Word
PRESENTER: Sister Christine Griggs, O. Carm.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of March 1, 2008
Group II.....Pap Roy, Week of March 8, 2008

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 23 4:00 p.m. Eddie Beaugh (B), Jeanette Lalonde, Carl Lanclos, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine
Sunday, Feb. 24 8:00 a.m. Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Hilary Dupre
10:00 a.m. Quentin R. Joubert, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Anna Ruth DaGian, Edith Wyble Roy, Edward Valin(B), Anna Pham (DA), Lawrence Wiltz, Special Intention, Dominic Pham
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin
Monday, Feb. 25 12:10 p.m. Loretta Marcantel, Linda Artall (B)
Tuesday, Feb. 26 12:10 p.m. Earlis Vidrine
Wednesday, Feb. 27 12:10 p.m. Tom Hamill
Thursday, Feb. 28 12:10 p.m. Randy Pitre
Friday, Feb. 29 12:10 p.m. Edith Wyble Roy
Saturday, Mar. 1 4:00 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne, Ollie & Buddy Bordelon, Jeanette Lalonde, M/M Robert Going Sr., Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, St. Ange Fournier Jr.
Sunday, Mar. 2 8:00 a.m. James P. Dugal, M/M John FaKouri, John Jr. & Jacob, Howard & Mable Richard, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, Hilary Dupre
10:00 a.m. Quentin R. Joubert, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin & The Ryder Family, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Edith W. Roy, Lena Laborde Doucet, Anna Pham, Lawrence Wiltz, Dominic Pham, Lena S. Noel
5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God
Total Offertory Collection\$4,008.60
Maintenance Repair Fund.....\$100.00
BSA\$35.00
O.C.S. Foundation Fund\$562.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION
WEEKEND OF MARCH 2, 2008
St. Landry Parish Maintenance Fund

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK
Sat. Feb. 23 4:00 p.m. Deacon Clint Trahan
Sun. Feb. 24 8:00 a.m. Deacon Clint Trahan
10:00 a.m. Deacon Clint Trahan
Mon. Feb. 25 6:00 p.m. Hi School CCD
Tues. Feb. 26 6:30 p.m. RCIA
Wed. Feb. 27 5:30 p.m. 1st Communion Class
Thurs. Feb. 28 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri. Feb. 22 6:00 p.m. Way of The Cross and Benediction
Sat. Mar. 1 6:00 p.m. Meeting for Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion

O.C. CORNER

The O.C. middle/high school library Book Fair continues this week until Wednesday.
Friends in the community wanting a chance to win \$10,000 in the school raffle should contact any O.C. student or parent or call the school.
Classes for 2008-09 are filling up! Please register your child as soon as possible. Call the bookkeeper at 942-5404 ext. 101 for more information.

LENTEN PRAYER

O Lord our God, you formed us from the clay of the earth and breathed into us the spirit of life, but we turned from your face and sinned.
In this special time of Lenten repentance, we call upon your mercy. Please bring us back to you. Please help us understand temptation in our lives. Please help us choose good over evil. May we live your life, the life of Jesus your Son won for us by dying on the cross.....Amen.....

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick in the **PARISH:** Bonnie Amy, Evelyn Batton, Dorothy Beaugh, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Brad Campesi, Clifton Boast, Jared Broussard, Waddad Buttross, Deanna D. Chachere, Shirley R. Chachere, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Dona Clary, Joel & Catherine Comeaux, Shelby Constantine, Kirt Cormier, Norma Cortez, Shelton Daigle, Angela Dautrueil, Helda Debailon, Lillian Delafosse, J.C. Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Connie Duffy, Landon James Duplichan, Norward Duplechain, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Dotsie Edwards, Emma Grace, Georgia Fiegell, Drake Fontenot, Gloria Dean Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Raphael Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Cameron Franks, Lauren Giminez, Larry Greer, Ann Guidroz, Caleb Brent Guillory, Elaine Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Louis Guillory, Gabrielle Marie Hansen, Benny Hargroder, Tommy Hargroder, Mary Hidalgo, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Agnes Kidder, Nathan Kimble, Austin Jagneaux, Brenda Laffeur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclos, Berchman Lavergne, Dottie Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Lillie Mae Lavergne, Ranella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice Leblanc, Phyllis Cormier Leblanc, Ronald Leger, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Theresa Major, Georgia F. Malveaux, Mary Martin, Kelly McCormick, Samuel McCormick, Frank Miller, Jefferey Miller, Theresa Miller, Romaine Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Rex Norris, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Diana Ortego, Julia Ortego, Mary Ortego, Callie Palmer, Linda Pefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Bell Pitre, Irene Pitre, Kermit Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Cindy Quirk, Burke Reed, Gregory Richard, Jim Richard, Lilly Richard, Melanie Richard, Ronald Richard, Theresa Rideau, Larry Roberie, Joseph James Robin, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Jane Smith, Raymond Soileau, Eddie Stanford, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Rodney Stelly, Viola Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Jeanette Tatman, Adolph Taylor, Sr., Mrs. Titard, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Troclair, Amy Veillon, Trista Venable, Cody Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Charlene R. Whaley 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

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Almighty and everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in you, hear us on behalf of your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that being restored to health they may render thanks to you in your church. Through Christ our Lord.....Amen.....

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
(FEBRUARY 2008)

General: That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized but respected and lovingly helped to live in a way dignifying of their physical and social conditions.
Mission: That Institutes of Consecrated Life, so flourishing in mission countries, may rediscover the missionary dimension and faithful to the radical choice of Gosepl counsels, be generous in bearing witness to Christ and proclaiming Him to the ends of the earth.

VOCATION SUPPER FOR YOUNG MEN

DATE: Tuesday March 25, 2008
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Bishop Michael Jarrell's Residence
CONTACT: Director of Vocations, (337) 261-5690
DEADLINE TO REGISTER....March 20, 2008

"IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD"

A silent retreat open to all women who are seeking spiritual growth and renewal.
Conducted by members of the Community of Jesus Crucified and held at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 420 Main St., St. Martinville, La.
Retreat begins @ 7PM on Friday and ends @ 2:30PM on Sunday.
Bring a Bible and towels.
More info. contact Randall Coleman @ (337) 254-8158

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples who have been married 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years will be honored on Sunday March 9, 2008 2:00 p.m. St. Peter Church, 108 St. Peter Street, New Iberia. Application forms are available at the entrance of the church.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
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Chapel Spirit-filled Confirmation Retreat

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