

YEAR OF ST. PAUL

PERSEVERANCE



Perseverance in good, even if it misunderstood and opposed, always reaches a landing place of light, fruitfulness and peace... This is what St. Paul reminded the Galatians: "if his seed-ground is the spirit, he will reap everlasting life. Let us not grow weary of doing good; if we do not relax our efforts, in due time we shall reap our harvest" (Gal. 6:8-9). Pope Benedict XVI's General Audience August 17, 2005

FIGHT "THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE" BILL POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

We are proposing to Catholics a postcard campaign to their Federal Senators and Representative, asking these elected officials to support legislation in "support of life".

Background: Currently there is legislation keeping government agencies funded, expiring in March of 2009. One of the new Congress' first orders of business will be to approve an omnibus appropriations bill funding these agencies for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2009 (which expires September 30). Some of these bills, which will be considered already, propose to reverse existing pro-life provisions such as the ban on funding abortions through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. In March, Congress will begin drafting the new appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2010, and all pro-life protections in these bills will be subject to reversal by simply not including them. The new Congress includes the largest number of pro-abortion members since 1993 so holding on to these pro-life provisions will be a great challenge.

A 55-page document from 63 pro-abortion groups submitted to the Obama-Biden transition team outlines the plans for "Advancing Reproductive Rights" and Health in a New Administration". The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is included in the priority to improve access to abortion care. We do not know how much of this anti-life agenda will be embraced by the administration nor do we know if and when a bill containing the provisions of a Freedom of Choice Act will be introduced. What we do know is that there are likely threats to pro-life policies and riders in anticipated Executive Orders and in the Appropriations process which will play out in Congress.

The Freedom of Choice Act would create a "fundamental right" to abortion that government could not limit but would be required to fund and support. It would overturn a broad range of pro-life policies currently allowed under the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade abortion decision: laws protecting parental involvement in an underage daughter's abortion decision, laws upholding conscience rights, limits on abortion funding, bans on partial-birth abortion, and so on. The Freedom of Choice Act itself may become law, or the harmful policies it represents may become law one-step at a time. In either case, we must oppose FOCA and all that it stands for.

What to do? Parishioners are offered an opportunity to sign and send postcards to Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter and Congressman Charles Boustany. [This is three cards; one for each person.] The message on the cards urges our federal elected officials to oppose FOCA and to retain existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion.

Signing and mailing the postcards sends an important message to our nation's Capitol to uphold the sanctity of human life. Please feel free to add a short personal note to each postcard to increase the effectiveness of your message. Thank you for making your voice heard on this important matter.

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of January 25, 2009**

Reading I Acts 22:3-16
Get up and have yourself baptized and your sins washed away, calling upon the name of Jesus.

Psalm 117:1bc, 2 "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News".

Reading II 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Mark 16:15-18
Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

**THEME
Conversion and Sharing Jesus**

It could be argued that without St. Paul the church might never have taken root and thrived as it has. In St. Paul's travels he took Christ's message to far corners of the Roman world. With his writings, he not only taught the people he had visited, but every member of the church who would read his letters down to the present day. Meeting Jesus for St. Paul was such good news, that St. Paul shared Jesus.

Questions for Children:
Have you ever had the experience of conversion?

Questions for Youth:
To whom do you proclaim the Gospel?

Questions for Adults:
Looking back at your life, to whom have you shared Jesus with?

FORMING GOOD STEWARDS

"Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do." Acts: 22-3-16

As a young man Saul was sent to Jerusalem to be a student of the famed Rabbi Gamaliel. After his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, he spent time discovering "what you must do". He realized that he could not be an Apostle of Jesus without risking the same fate as Jesus. Later, in Jerusalem, Saul said "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel: educated strictly in our ancestral law and was zealous for God, just as you are today. Then, "Whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ.: Paul's faith in Jesus as the Christ moved him to spend his life to preach the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome, establishing communities of people who believed in Jesus. We are all called to the same conversion St. Paul experienced. We are called to constant conversion and renewal in order to respond as Paul responded—willing to suffer much and risk all to show and share with all we meet, the love of Christ. Are we willing to respond like Paul to our conversion?

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you, from wars, hatred, and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace, and educate ourselves for peace, do what is demanded by justice and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly established. AMEN

SERENITY PRAYER

Lord God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. AMEN

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group VII.....Gwen Fruge, Week of Jan. 31, 2009
Group I.....Alverda Deshotels, Week of Feb. 1, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 24 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Walfred LeBlanc, Sr. & Wally, Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand, Dr. Richard W. Hargroder, Souls in Purgatory, Lee Martin

Sunday, January 25 8:00 a.m. Joey Prather, Hilary Dupre, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre, M/M Pierre Hebert, M/M E.J. Leonard

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Lucille Baillio (BD), Elizabeth Puckett, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Kathleen Schwartzenburg

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, January 26 12:10 p.m. Kathleen Schwartzenburg

Tuesday, January 27 NO MASS
Wednesday, January 28 12:10 p.m. Lucy St. Amand (BD), Anthony Laverne (DA), Roy Sebastien (DA)

Thursday, January 29 12:10 p.m. Therese Fontenot (DA)

Friday, January 30 12:10 p.m. Tom Schexnayder WA)

Saturday, January 31 4:00 p.m. M/M Clayton Titard, Jeanette Lalonde, Allen Hudspeth, Sr., Van, Edward & Allen, Jr., Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Joyce & Lisa Bertrand, Dr. Richard W. Hargroder, Souls in Purgatory, Lee Martin

Sunday, February 01 8:00 a.m. Howard & Mable Richard, John FaKouri Family, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Alton & Elizabeth Joubert, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Carol Pitre

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marianne Smith, Elizabeth Puckett, Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin, The Ryder Fly., Mrs. Leroy (Gail) Marks (DA)

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners

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

**Second Collection For Week of Feb. 01
St. Landry Parish Maintenance Fund**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God**

Regular Offertory Collection\$3,858.14
Maintenance & Repair Fund.....\$325.00
Opelousas Catholic School\$643.35
Bishops Services Appeal.....\$107.00

Thank you for your generosity!

*Every Gift
Comes From
Above.*



REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 25 6:00 p.m. Queen of Angels... Kick Off Mass for Catholic Schools Week
Monday, Jan. 26 6:00 p.m. Rel. Ed.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 6:30 p.m. RCIA
Wednesday, Jan. 28 5:30 p.m. 1st Penance Class
Friday, Jan. 30 8:40 a.m. All School Mass

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS RETREAT HOUSE

WHAT Married Couples Retreat
WHEN February 13-15, 2009
CALL 662-5410

WHAT Weekend Retreat for Women
WHEN February 19-22, 2009
CALL 662-5410

WHAT Men's Retreat
WHEN February 26—March 1, 2009
CONTACT Dr. Lucius Doucet II @ 942-4425
Monday; Tuesday or Wednesday
Deposit required

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mason Alsandor, Bonnie Amy, Leola Arnaud, Ella Attole, Mary Bertha Attole, Angela Aymond, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, M/M Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Lillie Briggs, Jared Broussard, Rick Carter, Estelle Chautin, Peggy Chelette, Logan Comb, Franklin Courville, Ward Courville, Lisa Curley, Shelton Daigle, Robert Danaher, Angela Dautrueil, M/M Billy Dean, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, Sue Deville, Sharon Doucet, Carl Dupre, Raymond Dupre, Georgia Fiegel, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Catherine Fournier, Dempsey Fuselier, Lauren Giminez, George Gremillion, Larry Greer, Elaine L. Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Brooke Hargroder, Sydney Harmon, Carlos Hebert, Andrea Hernandez, Glenda Hicks, Lauren Margaret Higginbotham, Doris Hudspeth, Annie & Austin Jagneaux, Logan Joubert, Louis Vernon "Moe" Joubert, Juliette Kaufmann, Agnes Kidder, Brenda Lafleur, Richard Lafleur, Laura Lanclos, Raymond Lashute, Bradley Lastie, Audra LeJeune, Dotty & Floyd Laverne, Glenn Laverne, Renella Laverne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Therese Leger, Tony Leger, Tonya Londero, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Mary Martin, Mistic & Prudhomme Families, Byron Miller, Jeffery Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, James Naquin, Dot Nezat, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Cameron Ozenne, Gene Paillet, Callie Palmer, Louis Paternestro, Johnny Pellerin, Gentry Peltier, Tracie Peltier, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Maria Lafleur Pitre, Ruby Pitre, Brandon Prudhomme, Ronald Richard, Claire Robichaux, Joseph James Robin, Ruby Romero, Rose Ryder, Marie Saucier, Harold Savoy, Anna Belle Soileau, Elaine Soileau, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Elizabeth Kate Sumer, Adolph Taylor Sr., Russell Thibodeaux, Lena Trahan, Pierre Troclair, James Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Brandy Willingham, Wayne Wyble and Ivy Zerangue

Please help update our list. If any name is omitted and should be on the list, please call if anyone is well enough to be taken off the list, please call. We appreciate your cooperation.
St. Landry Church Staff

O C CORNER

Please pray for Catholic education during this Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 25-30). It will open with mass at Our Lady Queen of Angels on Sunday @ 6 p.m.

Tune in to KSLO radio on Tuesday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to hear a live broadcast from campus.

A special mass to pray for deceased alumni and families will be held on Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m. in the school chapel. The week will close with an all-school mass on Friday @ 8:40 a.m. in St. Landry church honoring several individuals who serve Catholic education.

Don't forget to get your Tasters' Dinner tickets at OC, Piggly Wiggly South, Bodemullers' and St. Landry Homestead Bank. It is set for February 4th in the Yambilee Building.

O.C. is organizing a trip to Europe for the summer of 2009. The trip will be in June and will last 13 days including stops and tours in Berlin, Prague, Switzerland, and Paris. Space is limited and sign-up ends February 28. For more information contact Jervis Thibodeaux or John Braham at 942-5404.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

WHAT Worldwide Marriage Encounter
WHEN Feb. 6-8 – March 13-15
MORE INFO 1-800-586-5469

WHAT Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat
WHEN February 6-8, 2009
WHERE St. Charles Retreat Center
Moss Bluff, La.

CONTACT Fr. Aaron Melancon—261-5690
DEADLINE January 28, 2009

WHAT Retrouvaille for troubled marriages
WHEN February 6-8, 2009
MORE INFO 337-991-9627 or 1-800-470-2230

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
COURT 119 BENEFIT GUMBO**

Tickets will be sold after all masses on the weekend of January 24 & 25. for a donation of \$5.00. The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009. Contact Norma Hargroder @ 942-4807 for additional information.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ChurchCatholic School Students & Personnel
ChapelSpecial Intention

