

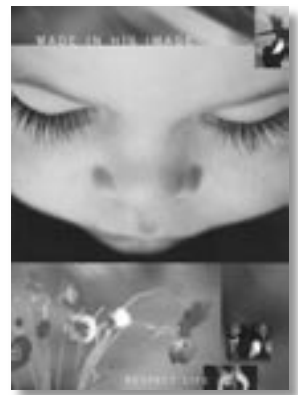
# Catholic Connection



**A Hidden Reality**

## NOTICE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

The USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities reminds all parishes that Respect Life Program begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October. The program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events. The Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities publishes a program packet each year to call attention to numerous human life issues. Each contains information on current issues, program suggestions, liturgy resources and clip art. It may also contain prayers for daily recitation and parish bulletin briefs. These materials may be ordered by contacting the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 3211 Fourth Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1194, Tel: 202-541-3070, Website [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife).



### FOR PASTORS & PARISH OFFICES: 2006 Official Catholic Directory (OCD)

Watch your mailbox in early September for the Official Catholic Directory (OCD) update form. This form (blue for parishes, pink for schools, and white for other institutions/organizations) is mailed directly from the OCD office. After correcting information from the previous year, return forms to the Chancery. Prompt and accurate completion ensures continuation of our tax exempt status. For questions, contact Christine Rivers, Chancellor, Diocese of Shreveport, at (318) 868-4441 or (800) 256-1542, or e-mail [criverss@dioshpt.org](mailto:criverss@dioshpt.org).

**CHRISTINE RIVERS**  
*Chancellor, Diocese of Shreveport*

## St. Joseph Parish to host program on Social Justice

**R**ev. Karl Daigle, pastor, and Jane Snyder, Coordinator of Outreach Ministries for St. Joseph Church in Shreveport, invite you to come to "A Catholic Update: Social Justice through the eyes of a Catholic" to be held Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Family Life Center (211 Atlantic Avenue in Shreveport).

Jim McGill, Greco Institute Instructor, will be the first speaker of the evening, followed by Chuck Meehan, President/CEO of Volunteers of America in Shreveport; Brother Giovanni Reid, Director of Christian Services Program; and Dotye Sue Stanford, Shreveport Diocesan Council President for Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Mrs. Snyder took on the ministry of outreach for St. Joseph Parish in June this year. This Catholic Update program is the latest in a series that the parish has held in an effort to educate parishioners on issues facing the Catholic Church. This particular session, Jane says, is designed to educate Catholics on what we as Catholics are called to do, as Jesus said, "for one of these least brothers of mine." (Mt 25:40)

For more information, call 865-3581, ext. 18 or email Jane Snyder ([outreach@stjosephchurch.net](mailto:outreach@stjosephchurch.net)).

### CATHOLIC UPDATE:

#### Social Justice through the Eyes of A Catholic"

St. Joseph Church – Family Life Center Main Hall

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

*Speakers:* Jim McGill • Chuck Meehan •  
Bro. Giovanni Reid • Dotye Sue Stanford

## Blue Mass to be held at Mary Queen of Peace

For the fourth year in a row, a Blue Mass will be held at Mary Queen of Peace in Bossier City on September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. This is a special Mass to honor, pray, and appreciate those who are in law enforcement and fire fighter services with chaplains, ministers of other faiths and traditions united together in prayer. For more information contact Msgr. Earl Provenza at 752-5971.

## Special Course for all Ages! Signing the Mass

Signing the Mass with liturgical motions can help people of all ages to not only participate in Mass in a new way but also help us learn to be more inclusive in our worship. Sign language and music will make this course fun for both deaf and hearing participants! Instructors: Deacon Freeman Ligon and Cathy Cobb. Two Saturday morning classes, October 1st and 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Shreveport.

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church announces telecast of Mass

Sacred Heart Catholic Church announced the addition of a second Sunday Mass as well as announcing a live telecast of Mass online. Services are now held at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday. All services will be available for viewing live over the internet. Go to <http://www.sacredheartshreveport.org> and click on Live Web Cam.

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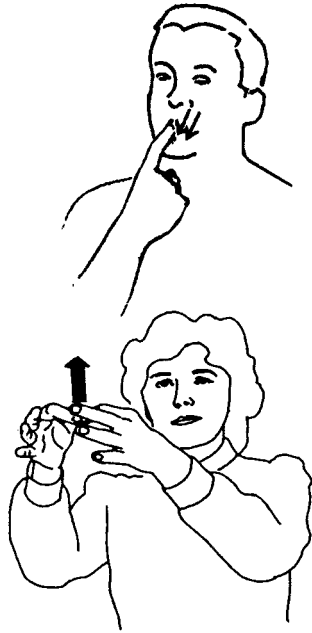
### Sign of the Month – Red Mass

**RED** – The lips, which are red, are indicated. The tip of the right index finger moves down across the lips. The “R” hand may also be used.

### MASS, HOST –

The fingers indicate lifting the Host as the priest does during a Roman Catholic Mass.

*Formation:* With the thumb and index fingertips of both “P” hands touching in front of the chest, palms facing, lift the hands upward in front of the face.



*Bishop Friend was presented with a check for the Knights of Columbus Excellence in Religious Education on June 20, 2005. Pictured are Mr. Fred Christ, Mr. Jay Barton, Mr. Andy Wojciechowski and Mr. Ernie Chmielewski.*

**Pictured on the front cover is Rev. Mark Watson celebrating Mass by flashlight for our Hispanic brothers and sisters near Oak Grove this past May.**

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# A Friendly Reflection

BY BISHOP WILLIAM FRIEND



## Work brings fulfillment to our world but it is important to remember the rights of workers

**W**e celebrate Labor Day on the fifth of this month and in doing so we are reminded of the dignity of the laborer and the work that she or he undertakes.

Pope Leo XIII in his day promulgated the first social encyclical letter, Rerum Novarum and examined the condition of workers, which at that time was particularly distressing for industrial laborers who languished in inhumane misery. The principles affirmed by Pope Leo XIII were taken up again and studied more deeply in successive social encyclicals. Some of these principles were incorporated into U. S. legislation.

The rights of workers in these teachings, like all other rights, are based on the nature of the human person and on his or her transcendent dignity. Some rights listed in the encyclical letters include the right to a just wage; the right to rest; the right to a working environment and to production processes which are not harmful to

the workers' physical health or to their moral integrity; the right that one's personality in the workplace should be safeguarded "without suffering any affront to one's conscience or personal dignity; the right to appropriate subsidies that are necessary for the subsistence of unemployed workers and their families, the right to a pension and to insurance for old age, sickness, and in case of work-related accidents; the right to social security connected with maternity; and the right to assemble and form associations.

These rights are often infringed, as is confirmed by the sad fact of workers who are underpaid and without protection or adequate representation; workers who are cut in the number of hours so that benefits can be denied; workers who are kept on minimum wage for decades; agricultural workers who are mistreated; and workers who are oppressed by employment contractors who import foreign workers and charge excessive fees while sometimes placing them in unhealthy or oppressive situations.

Work is part of the original state of the human person and precedes the fall mentioned in Genesis; therefore it is not a curse. As Pope John Paul II reminded us in his encyclical letter The Image of God, all persons are created in the image of God. Because God is our Creator, and persons

are created in the image of God, persons are to live out that image by working with creation – in a sense continuing to develop that activity and perfecting it as we advance further and further in the whole of creation. Work is participation in the activity of God. St. Benedict said to work is to pray.

Our work can be understood and experienced as drudgery – an experience thought of as the penalty of God stated in Genesis: "By the sweat of your brow you will earn your bread." Insofar as this image controls our thinking and acting, work will be understood as something to be avoided or under appreciated. But the Catholic understanding of work differs in that work is seen as essential to our humanity – the means by which people reach out to bring fulfillment to the world, and in doing so, bring fulfillment to themselves and to other people.

Work can provide us compensation, occupation, status, success and satisfaction (what we get out of it). Even more of a benefit comes when we offer that which we do as a gift to God through Jesus the worker who knows what it is to work in a human fashion. All for Thee, O Lord! ♦

+WILLIAM B. FRIEND  
*Bishop of Shreveport*

# Una Reflexión Amistosa

POR OBISPO WILLIAM FRIEND

## El trabajo trae satisfacción a nuestro mundo pero es importante recordar los derechos de los trabajadores.

**E**l cinco celebramos el Día del Trabajo y al hacerlo se nos recuerda de la dignidad del trabajador y del trabajo que cada uno asume.

En los días del Papa Leo XIII promulgó la primera carta social encíclica, Rerum Novarum y examinó la condición de los trabajadores, que en esa época era angustiosa para los que trabajaban en la industria, quienes se consumían en condiciones inhumanas. Los principios que afirmó el Papa Leo XIII fueron retomados y estudiados más profundamente en encíclicas sociales sucesivas. Algunos de estos principios fueron incorporados en la legislación de Estados Unidos.

Los derechos de los trabajadores en estas enseñanzas, como todos los otros derechos, están basados en la naturaleza humana de la persona y en su dignidad trascendente. Algunos derechos nombrados en las cartas encíclicas incluyen el derecho a un salario justo; el derecho a descansar; el derecho a tener un buen ambiente de trabajo en el cual la salud física o integridad moral no son dañados; el derecho de la propia personalidad en el lugar de trabajo debe ser asegurada “sin sufrimiento de insultos a la conciencia de cada uno o a su dignidad personal; el derecho a beneficios que son necesarios para que el trabajador y su familia se sostengan en caso de desempleo. El derecho a una pensión y seguro para la vejez, enfermedad y en caso de accidentes relacionados con el trabajo; el

derecho al seguro social conectado con maternidad; y el derecho de congregar y formar asociaciones.

Estos derechos frecuentemente son violados, por el triste hecho de los trabajadores que son malpagados y no tienen protección o presentación adecuada; trabajadores que son recortados de sus horas de trabajo para poder negárseles los beneficios; trabajadores que reciben el pago mínimo por décadas; trabajadores de agricultura que son maltratados; y trabajadores que son oprimidos por contratistas que traen trabajadores extranjeros

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**“Pero el entendimiento Católico se diferencia en que el trabajo se ve como esencial a nuestra humanidad- la vía por la cual la gente alcanza el cumplimiento del mundo, y en hacerlo, traer el cumplimiento a ellos mismos y a otra gente.”**

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y cobran tarifas excesivas algunas veces colocándolos en situaciones insalubres y opresivas.

El trabajo es parte del estado original de la persona y precede la caída mencionada en el libro del Génesis; sin embargo no es una desgracia. Como el Papa Juan Pablo II nos recordó en la carta encíclica La Imagen de Dios, todas las personas han sido creadas a imagen

de Dios. Porque Dios es nuestro Creador, y todas las persona son creadas a Su imagen, todas las personas están llamadas a vivir esa imagen trabajando con la creación - en otras palabras continuando el desarrollo a esa actividad y perfeccionándola al avanzar más y más en la creación completa. El trabajo es la participación en la actividad de Dios. San Benedicto dijo trabajar es orar.

Nuestro trabajo puede ser entendido y experimentado como una faena pesada y aburrida- una experiencia que se puede pensar que es el castigo de Dios que se menciona en Génesis: “Con el sudor de tu frente te ganarás el pan.” En la medida que esta imagen de trabajo controle nuestro entendimiento y nuestro actuar, como algo que se tiene que impedir o inapreciar. Pero el entendimiento Católico se diferencia en que el trabajo se ve como esencial a nuestra humanidad- la vía por la cual la gente alcanza el cumplimiento del mundo, y en hacerlo, traer el cumplimiento a ellos mismos y a otra gente.

El trabajo nos puede dar compensación, ocupación, estatus, éxito y satisfacción (lo que saquemos de él). Aún mas viene el beneficio cuando ofrecemos lo que hacemos como un regalo a Dios a través de Jesús el trabajador que sabe lo que es trabajar de una manera humana. Todo por Ti, Señor! ♦

**+WILLIAM B. FRIEND**  
*Obispo de Shreveport*

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## Mayor Hightower Visits Summer Day Camp at St. Catherine Community Center



**M**ayor Hightower of Shreveport paid a visit to the children at the St. Catherine Community Center on June 29, 2005 during the Summer Day Camp Program. He was there to help the children understand "What a Mayor Does." From the time the Mayor walked through the door he had a smile on his face and made several positive comments on how well the students delivered their informative program and presentations.

Many people present commented on how it was obvious Mayor Hightower has a love for children by the way he spoke and interacted with the large group of summer campers. He asked the children questions like, "Did you see a red light on your way to camp this morning? Did you see a police car on your drive here?" Of course the children's replies were, "yes." Then he explained that his job is to make sure everything works properly in the City of Shreveport including the water used to brush their teeth.

After he finished speaking, the children were then allowed to ask him questions. One child asked to run a race with the Mayor, another asked to play basketball with him and another asked if he pays taxes. He then responded yes and asked if they ever buy candy and explained that when they purchase something, they too are paying taxes. Mayor Hightower presented the information to St. Catherine's Community Center Summer Campers on a level the children understood. It was entertaining and a learning experience for all. ♦

**PAM A. EDWARDS**

*St. Catherine Community Coordinator*

## Fall Annulment Workshops Scheduled for Diocese



**Sr. Marilyn Vassallo**

This year, throughout the three deaneries, Sister Marilyn Vassallo, C.S.J., Director of the Office of Canonical Services, will offer a series of workshops designed to provide information/adult education programs regarding the Annulment Process.

These workshops are designed for the following persons:

1. persons in need of an annulment
2. persons in RCIA programs
3. persons interested in adult education.

This will be a great opportunity to provide catechesis for all catechumens and candidates, as well as RCIA teams. In addition, a workshop such as this can be used to provide adult education for those parishioners interested in understanding the annulment process, as well as the church's teaching on marriage. For more information, contact your parishes or email the Tribunal at [smcqueen@dioshpt.org](mailto:smcqueen@dioshpt.org).

## ANNULMENT WORKSHOPS 2005

### September

Saturday	September 10	St. Joseph's, Mansfield	4:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday	September 11	St. Ann's Stonewall	after 9:00 a.m. Mass
	September 11	St. Joseph's, Mansfield	after 11:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday,	September 13	St. Patrick's Church, Lake Providence	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	September 14	Good Shepherd, Monroe	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sunday	September 18	Mary Queen of Peace, Bossier City	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	September 20	St. Joseph, Zwolle	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sunday,	September 25	St. Lucy, Hodge	after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Monday,	September 26	Catholic Center, Shreveport	7:00-9:00 p.m.

### October

Sunday,	October 2	St. Mary of Pines, Shreveport	11:00a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday,	October 4	St. Pius X, Shreveport	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday	October 6	St. Paul's, Minden	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sunday	October 23	Blessed Sacrament	10:30 a.m.

# SACRAMENTS OF GOD'S GRACE: SHARING AND RECEIVING GOD'S LOVE

**T**he Sacramental Principal is one of the central aspects of our Catholic faith. It refers to the truth that the presence and love of the risen Christ is communicated through objects, words and gestures. In each of the seven sacraments material objects such as water, oil, bread and wine and gestures, such as the laying on of hands, communicate a hidden reality. The following encounter speaks to me of the sacramentality within each one of us. Given the fact that the Church itself is a sacrament of Christ's presence, each of us as members of the Church, are "sacraments" of Christ's presence.

After celebrating the monthly Spanish liturgy in Oak Grove on Saturday, May 7, Evelyn Ridings, a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, indicated that there were a group of people she very much wanted me to meet. Not knowing what to expect, I got in her car and we drove to an abandoned building. When we arrived I got out of the car and met a group of migrant hispanic farm workers who were resting after a long

week. I introduced myself to the men and women in their native tongue and asked them if there was anything I could bring them to make their lives more comfortable. They indicated that they would like some clothes. That Monday I drove back to the building with Fr. Siby, the Parochial Vicar of The Church of Jesus the Good Shepherd. We delivered the clothes and scheduled a visit in which we would celebrate Mass with the group.

On May 25 I joined a group including JoAnn Crone, Betty Cummings, Deacon Tim Cotita and his wife Missy, and Fr. Siby in driving to the abandoned building. We delivered the clothes that we had bought for the children who were living on the premises and then celebrated Mass in Spanish with the group. The Mass was celebrated outside on a picnic table. My homily dealt with the dignity of being a member of the Body of Christ. The Mass was celebrated as night fell and



the Eucharistic Prayer was prayed by flashlight. Before the next visit JoAnn Crone headed up an effort to gather clothes for the men and women, which were to be delivered during the group's next visit. She went to great effort to publicize the need for clothes among the people of Good Shepherd parish. Betty Cummings made individual bags for each farm worker who indicated a need for clothes.

On June 2 a second group visited the farm workers. We delivered over forty bags filled with items and the group gathered around the outside picnic table as we again celebrated Mass together. As during the previous visit the night grew dark as we worshipped together. After Mass each of those who attended the Eucharist requested and received an individual blessing.

Another group of farm workers will return to the area soon and I look forward to continuing the work among these sisters and brothers. Our encounters with the workers allowed us to not only share Christ with them but also to receive Christ through them, and the experience has been one of the highlights of my ordained priesthood. How do you make Christ present to the people in your life – especially those who are most alone and in need? ♦

**REV. MARK WATSON**  
*Pastor, Church of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

## Fast Facts on Young Adults in the Catholic Church

- Young adults are defined by the Church as those 18-40.
- 40% of U.S. Catholics are young adults.
- An estimated 3% of all Catholic young adults go to Catholic Colleges and Universities.
- There are 5 million Catholic students attending Colleges and Universities in the United States. Of these, 4.5 million attend non-Catholic Colleges or Universities and half a million attend Catholic Colleges and Universities.
- The spiritual activities that most Catholic university students are involved in are Mass, service opportunities and retreats.
- About 20-25% of those young adults attending Catholic Colleges and Universities are involved in Campus Ministry programs.
- The racial and ethnic makeup of the current young-adult population is as follows:  
48% Anglo  
44% Hispanic/Latino(a)  
3% African American  
4% Asian or Pacific Islander  
1% Native American
- 90% of Catholic Arch/Dioceses have an employee designated specifically for young adult ministry.
- In 2004, there were 12,689 serving the church at home and abroad through the 200 programs under the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services. The overwhelming majority of these volunteers are young adults. Over 80% of them have a 4-year college education.



## *Religious Commitment Needs to be Encouraged in our Youth and Families*

**A** recent national survey tells us that U.S. Catholic youth rank lowest in religious awareness and commitment. Today only 10% of Catholic teens are touched at all by the faith – at home or at Church! What can we do? Where do we go to find a way to change these distressing statistics? I think we have something here right now! Here at home is where change can happen!

Our Catholic Catechism gives us a profound quote:

“In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are by word and example the first heralds with regard to the children.

The home is the first school of Christian life – here one learns endurance, the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated – forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and in the offering of one’s life.”

CCC 1656-1657

That’s why Home Plate and other family-based programs to share our Catholic teachings and tradition are so important. And this month we have another tool to help us!

### **WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS!**

At the end of September all the parishes and Catholic Schools of the diocese will gather for a Whole Community Catechesis Program to learn new ways to put into action the evangelization from infants to the elderly! All will learn ways to encourage life-long learning with families and churches as the center.

During these next weeks pray for your pastor and the men and women from your parish who will be attending one or more of these exciting days! And for your family – this month as you gather around the table – take time to share your reasons for being a member of this ancient faith. Tell your children the story of who taught you to make the sign of the cross, what was the first prayer you learned and who taught it to you, what happened on the day of your First Communion... Share your stories and encourage your children to feel free to ask questions relating to our Catholic belief. (Remember that if you don’t know the answer you can always call your church and ask your pastor or your DRE. You may also call your Catholic Center! There are many men and women here ready to respond to your questions).

May God be with you as you enjoy the coming of autumn. Pray for peace in the world and share our wonderful faith with your children! ♦

**MARY MCGILL**

*Director of Catechetics & Worship*

## Seminarians Begin Fall Studies

The Diocese of Shreveport is pleased to announce that four men will be in seminary training this fall.

Matthew Tyler Long has returned to St. Meinrad School of Theology for his second year of study in Southern Indiana. Matthew is a 30-year-old native of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, and a member of St. Joseph Church in Shreveport. He owns a Degree from LSU Law School and has a long history of putting his many talents to use serving others through both his profession and as an active member of St. Joseph's. He has already been designated as a lector (pictured) and finds himself quite at home in the St. Meinrad program.

Joining Matthew Long at St. Meinrad this year is Michael Petty. Michael is 47 years old and a native of California. He has been in the



Pictured in center: Matthew Tyler Long

Shreveport area since 1996 as a member of The Cathedral Parish. Michael is blessed with a wonderful voice and received his undergraduate degree in Music and Vocal Performance from Centenary College in 2004. He also owns a Culinary Degree so his classmates will enjoy

good food and good song while in studies with Michael!

Another St. Joseph Shreveport parishioner, Garrett Tiller arrived in Columbus, Ohio in August to begin College Seminary

studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Garret is a 2005 graduate of Shreveport's Loyola College Prep and will turn 19 years-of-age this December.

Garrett's decision to attend College Seminary was a real inspiration to his Loyola classmates and all who know him expect great success in his journey to ordained priesthood.



Garrett Tiller



David Hebert

Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans will be home to our fourth seminarian, David Hebert. With a last name like that you would expect

David to hale from the Southern part of our state, so it is no surprise that he is a native of Abbeville, Louisiana. A resident of the Shreveport area since 1991, David is 46 years of age and a very active member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church where a litany of members support his decision to attend seminary. He possesses a Master's Degree in Human Resources from Webster University in St. Louis, which he used in a very successful career with Life Share Blood Centers, before he finally answered a lifelong call to pursue ordination.

Please pray for all four of these men as they continue to discern God's call in their lives. If you would like to write to them, contact the Office of Church Vocations. ♦

**JOHN MARK WILLCOX**

*Director of Vocations & Communications*

## Jessica Lustig Receives Catholic Daughters Scholarship



Jessica N. Lustig, a graduate of Parkway High School, is the recipient of the 2005 Alene Kaylor Scholarship. Ms. Lustig was recognized for this achievement by Msgr. Earl Provenza during Mass at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Bossier City. The scholarship was established in 1986 by Court Msgr. J.V. Plauche #1761 to honor the memory of one of its charter members, who died in April of that year while serving as Louisiana State Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The \$1,000 scholarship is offered by the Court on a competitive basis. It recognizes the above average high school graduate, who is a practicing Catholic in Bossier Parish. Jessica is an outstanding student who has taken honors courses in English, Math, and Science, and completing her high school education with an A average. She has been an active member of the ASTRA Club, Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Varsity Dance Line. She has received many awards during her high school years.

Ms. Lustig is dedicated to her church and community. She spends numerous hours as a volunteer with various activities, such as Mary Queen of Peace Youth Group and Altar Server, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Operation Christmas Guild, MDA Telethon, Knights of Columbus Christmas Angel Tree, Red River Revel, Rescue Mission of Shreveport and St. Jude Children's Hospital. Ms. Lustig plans to attend Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. ♦

**NANCY ROBICHAUX**

## Second Collection

### Diocese of Shreveport's CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**Announcement Date:**  
September 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

**Collection Date:**  
September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Schools, a necessary part of the mission of the Church, frequently struggle financially to maintain their evangelizing influence. This second collection was formed several years ago, a certain amount of funds to be held as a corpus, the excess over that amount to provide tuition assistance. In this way, Catholic education is within the reach of those less able to support the normal, full tuition, while at the same time earnestly wanting a values-oriented schooling. Please assist us in our efforts.



#### Information on Special Collection monies collected in the Diocese

*How well did the Diocese do?*

How well did you, the lay faithful, contribute to the Diocese of Shreveport's Second Collections? Below is a recent report from our Diocesan business office of monies collected.

Diocese of Shreveport Retired Priests' Fund

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VERY REV. DAVID T. RICHTER  
*Vicar General*

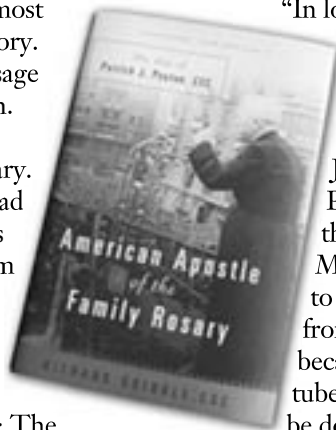
#### *New Biography Details Struggles and Glories of the Life of the Rosary Priest*

### **American Apostle of the Family Rosary: The Life of Patrick J. Peyton, CSC**

**F**ather Patrick Peyton, CSC, was one of the most influential Catholic priests in American history. He reached millions of people with his message of peace and prayer through radio and television. He led 40 massive crusades around the world, preaching family unity through praying the rosary. He established a ministry that continues to spread his gospel: "The family that prays together stays together." Today, the Vatican is considering him for sainthood and the Church has bestowed on him the title of "Servant of God."

This new book details the incredible life of the man who became known as the Rosary Priest. "American Apostle of the Family Rosary: The Life of Patrick J. Peyton, CSC" shows how this simple soul from a small Irish village was shaped by a near-fatal illness and miraculous recovery to become a media pioneer and "the Rosary Priest."

Written by Richard Gribble, CSC, this in-depth biography describes the impact of Father Patrick Peyton (1909-1992) on the American Catholic Church in the mid-20th century and how he attracted some of the biggest names in entertainment – Bing Crosby, Jack Benny, Danny Thomas, Maureen O'Sullivan, Ricardo Montalban, to name a few – to help him spread his message of peace and prayer.



"In loving detail, this story covers how the Rosary Priest drew approximately 28 million people to rosary rallies around the world, headed a major production studio in Hollywood, met with world leaders and became a friend to Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II," said Father. Along the way, Father Peyton never forgot his one true calling: priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross, devoted to Mary, Mother of Christ. The book tells how he continued to pray the rosary daily throughout his life, starting from his youth at home in Ireland. Father Peyton became convinced this was his path when he contracted tuberculosis and was told by doctors nothing more could be done. He prayed to Mary and was miraculously healed. In the book, Father Gribble, also a Holy Cross priest, quotes Father Peyton talking about Mary and his recovery: "When I needed her and her power and her friendship, she didn't forget that ever since I had been a little child and could open my mouth, I had used that power to say the Rosary; so when I needed her friendship, she was glad to give it to me."

This book was published by Crossroad Publishing Co. and Holy Cross Ministries. For more information, call 800-299-7729 or visit [www.hcfm.org](http://www.hcfm.org) ♦

SUSAN WALLACE  
*Holy Cross Ministries*

# OUT FISHING – FOR YOUTH, THAT IS!

**A**t times I feel like I'm in a swiveling chair, seeing and experiencing new and urgent realities about Hispanics and the Church and then wanting to turn around and grab somebody to tell them about it so they'll respond. One of these recent "Whoa!" moments impels me to ask, "Say, did you know that right now almost half of U.S. Catholics ages 30 and younger are Hispanic?!" Up to now the response has often been based on an unspoken assumption that "The kids pretty much know English, let them attend the (English-speaking) youth groups we already have." But since they have both a different language of the heart, different cultural experiences and expressions of faith, it simply hasn't worked. Sticking with that approach, we risk either losing half of our young Catholics or ending up without well-formed adult leaders for our Church.

The National Catholic Network de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana ("La Red" = The Net), in collaboration with the Bishops' Committee on Hispanic Affairs and 15 other national Catholic groups, is addressing this concern as they cosponsor the First National Encuentro (gathering, encounter) of "jovenes" (youth, generally considered those



between 16-30 years of age). Using the Biblical image of "throw your nets out into the deep" to catch others for Christ, this First Encuentro aims to promote the active, enthusiastic and co-responsible participation of Hispanic youth/young people in the life and mission of the Church in the United States. The process will gather the input of Hispanic youth and those involved with them to create a dynamic, vital plan for this ministry. It is also to help the Church as a whole – all of us – to understand, embrace and affirm the unique cultural identity, reality, and gifts of Hispanic youth and young adults.

Since we have not as yet had any Hispanic youth groups here in our diocese, this process is an impetus for us to begin this

necessary work. The youth we are beginning to gather (at this point mostly in Shreveport/Bossier and West Monroe) will participate in 5 sessions, calling them to an encounter with the living Christ, the Way to Conversion, Communion, Solidarity and Mission. They will be sent out to invite other Hispanic youth to a day-long Parish Encuentro from which delegates will go to a Diocesan Encuentro early next year. Then twelve delegates will, God-willing, participate in the

Regional Encuentro in April and six in the First National Encuentro next June at Notre Dame, Indiana.

The strength of our current and future Church depends on our efforts now. Please support this effort in prayer and any other way you can, particularly by encouraging any Hispanic youth you meet (particularly in Wal-Mart, Super 1 and buffet restaurants, many of them working at GM, in restaurants, gardening, or construction) to contact the Hispanic ministry office (fliers in Spanish available!). Jesus call each of us to bring others to Him. Have a great time fishing! ♦

**SR. DOLORES SANCHEZ**  
*Director of Hispanic Ministry*



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Mass for the Opening of Court

*Guest Speaker/Homilist:*

### **The Very Reverend Earl V. Provenza**

Vicar Forane • Western Deanery Diocese of Shreveport

**Tuesday, September 6, 2005; 1:00 p.m.**

Official date of opening of court for the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita

### **Saint Matthew Catholic Church**

121 Jackson Street, Monroe

*All are invited to attend*

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Red Mass will be held the day after Labor Day, which officially marks the opening of the Fourth District Court. The Mass will be attended by judges, lawyers, and elected officials from throughout northeast Louisiana. Area religious leaders of various denominations and faith traditions will join in the service. All will gather to ask the blessings of the Holy Spirit upon the administration of justice.

The Red Mass is held annually at historic Saint Matthew Church, the oldest church edifice in Monroe (erected beginning in 1896) and the oldest Catholic church in north Louisiana (parish founded in 1851).

For more information contact: Judge Wendell Manning, (318) 361-2270.

## *Meet The New Interim Principal of St. Frederick High...*

### **Jennifer Malone**



Jennifer Bonin Malone, a 17-year education veteran, has worked at St. Frederick High School for ten years. She is a native of Lafayette and a former longtime resident of Gonzales. An alumnus of St. Theresa Catholic School in Gonzales, she was a magna cum laude graduate of Louisiana State University in 1988 with a Bachelor's degree in English Education and in 1993 with a Master's degree in Secondary Counseling.

In 1995 she joined the staff at St. Frederick High School as school counselor. "From the moment I saw the St. Frederick High School sign on Highway 165 during my first visit with my future husband to Monroe, I knew that this was where I was meant to be," said Malone. "My teaching career began at a Catholic high school; those had been the most rewarding years of my career to that point, and I was blessed to have been offered a position here upon my arrival in Monroe. I have really grown to love St. Frederick High School, and I want to see it continue to grow and thrive. I am honored to have been selected as the school's interim principal for 2005-2006 and am looking forward to the joys and challenges that the year will bring."



## 'Theology On Tap' Taps Into Young Adults' Needs

By Kate Blaine



Father Stephen Spahn gives a talk to the crowd of young adults gathered for Theology on Tap. (Photo by Mike Hoyt)

Father John Cusick has a simple explanation for the success of Theology on Tap over the past quarter-century: "What else is there?"

Decades ago, he noted, young adults were the backbone of Catholic parish life. But as Americans began to live longer, they stayed involved in ministries even as seniors -- so the young adults who once took over for them were not pulled into parish activities. Instead, as Catholics entered their 20s and 30s, they began to drift away from the church.

Theology on Tap is attempting to bring them back. Begun 25 years ago in the Archdiocese of Chicago, where Father Cusick is director of young adult ministry, Theology on Tap is a speaker series targeting 20- and 30-somethings, both married and single.

It has grown in popularity over the years and has inspired others to initiate similar speaker series; organizers even copywrote the name to ensure that dioceses who use the program keep to its goals.

Kate De Vries, the Archdiocese's associate director for young adult ministry, called Theology on Tap a catechetical tool. Topics for the speaker sessions, held in parishes in the Archdiocese, are drawn from the General Directory for Catechesis. They range from the nature of God to what it means to "be Church."

"There's a horrible stereotype that the church is for losers, weirdos and Bible-beaters," Ms. De Vries stated. Theology on Tap, she said, lets partici-

pants know "the church is for people like me, [who are] asking questions and struggling with issues."

Dioceses in approximately 44 U.S. states and a half-dozen other countries now offer Theology on Tap. Some dioceses vary the format; in Atlanta and other dioceses, for example, speakers address audiences in restaurants or bars. Many dioceses hold monthly sessions at one site, while the Chicago Archdiocese offers talks at many parishes, but only during the summer.

In Albany, NY, Theology on Tap sessions have explored subjects like silence in prayer and "being a Christian couple." Father Cusick said the topic most crucial to the young adults he meets is relationships.

"It's really hard to find somebody today," he noted.

Ms. De Vries said the theme of relationships is an undercurrent in many talks, from those on sexuality to explorations of the "Our Father." Other well-attended sessions discuss work or spirituality.

Theology on Tap attracts both young adults involved in parish life and those who "have not set foot in a church in years," she said.

"Some people use Theology on Tap as a way to test out what they've heard about the Catholic Church, a way to come back," she explained. "Once they see that the church does care for them, some come back -- and some is a whole lot better than none."

Father Cusick believes the key to drawing young adults back to the church is to emulate "Jesus' method of organizing: direct, personal invitation."

Only a small percentage of young adults who find Theology on Tap do so through a bulletin or pulpit announcement, he said; the majority are invited by an

organizer or friend. That outreach is so crucial that the Chicago Archdiocese has prepared a 100-page manual for other dioceses on how to do Theology on Tap effectively.

Over the past 25 years, Father Cusick estimated that tens of thousands of young adults have attended Theology on Tap. Many tend to be "Catholic but not parochial," he said, and have a poor understanding of church traditions.

"We hear a lot about spiritual hunger," he remarked. "People are having a restless experience in everyday life. You put on a Theology on Tap program, and they're there."

Father Cusick said he often sees young adults who attend Theology on Tap become or stay connected to parishes. Ms. De Vries added that many attendees meet and marry because of Theology on Tap.

One couple, she said, met at a session one year and became engaged at one the next. Another couple told her, "Fourteen years ago, we met at Theology on Tap; now, we have three beautiful children."

As Theology on Tap celebrates its 25th anniversary, the Chicago Archdiocese is planning a conference in October, gathering those who host the program across the United States to discuss how it works best.

Father Cusick said that the world changes too fast for him to predict the future of Theology on Tap.

"All I know is, it's still going," he said. "This has become a niche in the Catholic Church for young adults. I'm very proud of it."

To learn more about Theology on Tap contact: [www.yamchicago.org](http://www.yamchicago.org)

(Below: from left to right) Michael Fitzgerald, Father Stephen Spahn, Alexandra Joseph and Andrew Wakefield share good conversation and some laughs after the talk. (Photo by Mike Hoyt)



# September 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Looking Ahead:</b>  <b>October 1st &amp; 2nd - Encuentro - Southern &amp; Western Deaneries •</b>  <b>October 4-8 - Priests' Retreat •</b>  <b>October 8th &amp; 9th - Encuentro - Eastern Deanery</b></p>				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day Catholic Center Closed	6 Red Mass St. Matthew's Monroe 1:00 p.m.	7 LCC (Louisiana Catholic Conference) Board – Baton Rouge	8	9 October <u>Catholic Connection</u> deadline	10 Annulment Workshop St. Joseph Church Mansfield 4:00 p.m. Mass
11 Annulment Workshop St. Ann, Stonewall after 9:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church Mansfield after 11:00 a.m. Mass	12	13 Annulment Workshop St. Patrick's Church Lake Providence 7:00-9:00 p.m.	14 Annulment Workshop Jesus Good Shepherd Monroe 7:00-9:00 p.m.	15 SERRA Club Catholic Center Patio Room Noon	16	17 Diocesan Pastoral Council Catholic Center 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
18 World Priest Day Annulment Workshop Mary Queen of Peace Church - Bossier City 6:00-8:00 p.m.	19 Louisiana Interchurch Conference Shreveport	20 Annulment Workshop St. Joseph Church Zwolle 7:00-9:00 p.m.	21 Presbyteral Council Meeting	22	23 Blue Mass Mary, Queen of Peace Church - Bossier City 10:00 a.m.	24 2nd Collection for Catholic Schools in our Diocese
25 2nd Collection for Catholic Schools in our Diocese Annulment Workshop St. Lucy Church Hodge after 9:00 a.m. Mass	26 Annulment Workshop Catholic Center Shreveport 7:00-9:00 p.m.	27	28	29	Whole Community Catechesis Catholic Center	
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# WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS!!!

*This is something you have always wanted!*

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> September 23<sup>rd</sup> September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**At the CATHOLIC CENTER - 3500 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana**

*“Whole Community Catechesis initiates in the parish and in the home a life-long process of turning to Christ, falling in love again with Christ and putting on Christ like a garment over and over again. This is something we think you have been wanting!”*

**DR. BILL HUEBSCH**

The Diocese of Shreveport is proud to invite you to spend some time with Dr. Bill Huebsch to learn how to make life-long catechesis a reality in all our Catholic parishes, missions and schools!

**DAY 1** – Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This is a day for our clergy – a day to share ways to make their entire parishes involved in sharing the Good News of Christ!

**DAY 2** – Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This is a day for our parish and school professionals – all the Movers and Shakers of our Parishes and Schools. This is a day to learn ways to make Whole Community Catechesis a reality in your faith Communities! A \$30.00 fee will cover books, hand-outs and lunch that day and for Saturday.

**DAY 3** – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m..

**HERE COMES EVERYBODY!!** This is a day for everyone – parishioners as well as parish and school leaders! Learn how to celebrate life-long catechesis! A \$30.00 per-person fee covers handouts, materials and lunch.

## **Whole Community Catechesis! — September 22, 23, & 24, 2005**

**Registration Form – Deadline for registration is September 8th**

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### **PLEASE CHECK:**

- THURSDAY Clergy: All fees for priests and deacons will be covered by the Diocese of Shreveport.
- FRIDAY Parish Leaders: \$30.00 fee – includes Friday books, materials and lunch
  - I will also attend on Saturday with my parish at no extra charge – Please order Saturday lunch for me.
- SATURDAY IS FOR EVERYONE: \$30.00 Individual Registration fee – includes materials and lunch
- \$35.00 LATE REGISTRATION FEE - AFTER SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>
- PARISH GROUP FEE \$300.00 – Covers Saturday only – does not include lunch
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**NOTE:**  
Lunches are pre-ordered. Therefore, on-site registration will not include lunch.

### **Mail form with payment to:**

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