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Gentle Reminders:

- Be sure to submit monthly financials and council minutes to Superintendent's office
- Principal Meeting May 8th, 10:30 a.m. @ Catholic Center, Shreveport

May 2008



Bishop-Elect Michael G. Duca, DD, JCL

Superintendent's Bulletin

DIOCESE OF SHREVEPORT

It was a glorious April Fools Day for us this year! Our Holy Father announced the appointment of Monsignor Michael G. Duca as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Shreveport.

Schools appear to be at the top of Bishop-Elect Duca's list. Within an hour after the announcement, he was standing in the foyer of Loyola College Prep. As an administrator at Holy Trinity Seminary, Monsignor Duca truly understands the mystery of the call to serve in the church that develops in the Catholic schools! On behalf of 2000 students, 300 faculty and staff, seven principals, "WELCOME"!



"I am humbled and honored by the Pope's decision to appoint me as Bishop of the Diocese of Shreveport."

Best Educator of the Year Contest!

Behind every student stands a teacher, counselor, librarian, principal, etc., who's made a difference. The Diocese of Shreveport is proud to salute some of the diocese's Best Educators. Only students are allowed to submit the nomination forms. Forms are posted on our website, nlacs.org, and are due May 15, 2008. There will be 7 finalists and an overall winner announced at Convocation on August 11, 2008.



Calendar of Events

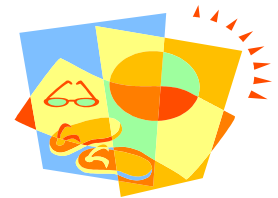
May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8 Principal's Meeting CC, 10:30	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 LCP Graduation	17
18 Vespers @ SJB	19 Ordination/ Installation Bishop Duca	20	21	22	23 Last Day of School	24
25	26	27	28	29 Last Day@ SJS	30	31

←Sr. Carol on Vacation→

- 📅 **May 8** Principals' mtg., CC @ 10:30 a.m.
- 📅 **May 16** LCP Graduation
- 📅 **May 18** Vespers @ SJB
- 📅 **May 19** Bishop-Elect Duca's Ordination/Installation as second Bishop of the Diocese of Shreveport
- 📅 **May 23rd** Last day of school
- 📅 **May 26-30** Sr. Carol on vacation
- 📅 **May 29** Last day of school-SJS
- 📅 **June 2-4** Baton Rouge mtgs.-Sr. Carol
- 📅 **June 13** Spring forms due

Enjoy your summer vacation!



ACRE test results are in and we are so proud of the growth in our disciples!

	GRADE 5	DOS	NATION
Profession of Faith		87%	78%
Liturgy & Sacrament		78%	69%
Morality		77%	68%
Christian Prayer		80%	69%
Grade 8			
Profession of Faith		78%	68%
Liturgy & Sacrament		80%	68%
Morality		82%	75%
Christian Prayer		84%	72%
Grade 11			
Profession of Faith		76%	74%
Liturgy & Sacrament		70%	68%
Morality		66%	63%
Christian Prayer		72%	67%

Mission of the Catholic Schools Office

Drawing on the spirit of the mission of the Diocese of Shreveport to praise God and to proclaim and teach Jesus Christ, the Office of Catholic Schools seeks to provide services and direction to pastors, principals, and teachers, and other school leaders so that the vision of Catholic education in the Diocese of Shreveport can be realized.

Holy Father visits the US!

Sometimes we receive a gift of a lifetime, that is exactly what I received as a representative of the education community of the Diocese of Shreveport, April 17, when the Holy Father met with the Superintendents of Catholic Schools and the Presidents of Catholic Universities and Colleges. He particularly spoke of the importance of maintaining the genuine Catholic nature of our institutions. I would like to share some thought and insights.

Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News. First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth.

A school's Catholic identity is not simply a question of the number of Catholic students. It is a question of conviction – do we really believe that only in the mystery of the Word made flesh does the mystery of man truly become clear? Are we ready to commit our entire self – intellect and will, mind and heart – to God? Do we accept the truth Christ reveals? Is the faith tangible in our schools? Is it given fervent expression liturgically, sacramentally, through prayer, acts of charity, a concern for justice, and respect for God's creation? Only in this way do we really bear witness to the meaning of who we are and what we uphold. Clearly, then, Catholic identity is not dependent upon statistics. Neither can it be equated simply with orthodoxy of course content. It demands and inspires much more: namely that each and every aspect of your learning communities reverberates within the ecclesial life of faith....

The Church's primary mission of evangelization, in which educational institutions play a crucial role, is consonant with a nation's fundamental aspiration to develop a society truly worthy of the human person's dignity. It is important therefore to recall that the truths of faith and of reason never contradict one another. The Church's mission, in fact, involves her in humanity's struggle to arrive at truth. Drawing upon divine wisdom, she sheds light on the foundation of human morality and ethics, and reminds all groups in society that it is not praxis that creates truth but truth that should serve as the basis of praxis.

I must say, that while I consider myself a strong supporter of the Catholic hierarchy from afar, the opportunity to be in the presence of Pope Benedict XVI, I did experience a transformation within myself by being in the presence of Christ's Vicar on earth.

