

July 16, 2010

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dates to Remember

- ♦ **July Seminarian Gathering – Thursday, July 22, 2010, 6:00 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral, Baton Rouge**
- ♦ **Life Awareness Retreat- August 6-8, 2010, St. Charles Retreat Center, Lake Charles**
- ♦ **Seminarian Mass and Dinner with Bishop Muench – August 28, 2010, 4:30 pm, St. Aloysius Parish, Baton Rouge**
- ♦ **Parish Vocation Committee Workshop – September 25, 2010, 10:00 am, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Baton Rouge**
- ♦ **Mass and Lunch for Seminarrians and their Parents – October 9, 2010, 10:30 am, St. Joseph Chapel, Tracy Center**
- ♦ **World Youth Day - October 24, 2010, St. Jude Parish, Baton Rouge**
- ♦ **Deo Gratias benefit for St. Joseph Seminary College – October 24, 2010, 5:30 pm, Catholic Life Center Main Auditorium, Baton Rouge**
- ♦ **Notre Dame Seminary 87th Anniversary & Gala – October 30, 2010, 7:30 pm, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans**

Dear Seminarrians and Friends,

I look forward to our next seminarrian gathering of the summer scheduled for Thursday, July 22, at St. Joseph Cathedral. The June social was hosted by Father Charlie Landry and seminarrian Michael Sanders at St. Gabriel Church, and the jambalaya was outstanding. I don't know what Father Counce is cooking up but I have every confidence that the meal will be worthy of the beautiful surroundings of our Cathedral Church. I am sorry that our seminarrians who are working out of state this summer are unable to attend these formative and enjoyable gatherings, but I know they are gaining insights and receiving many graces in their various pastoral assignments.

The deadline has arrived to register for the "Life Awareness" Retreat to be held August 6-8, 2010 at the St. Charles Retreat Center near Lake Charles, Louisiana. This is a co-ed discernment retreat which has been very successful in Texas and which we are now bringing to the Dioceses of Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Lake Charles. We will explore vocations to consecrated life as well as diocesan priesthood for the benefit of men and women who are praying about God's will for their future. Father Paul Gros will serve on a panel entitled "What's it Like? – Religious Life and Diocesan Priesthood," and seminarrian Reuben Dykes will fill a similar role on a panel of "Religious and Seminarrians in Formation." A brochure is posted on our website so please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

Phillip Gordy has officially been accepted to enter the seminary for the Diocese and I will say a little more about him in the August issue. He will attend St. Joseph Seminary College for his undergraduate studies. Several young women from our Diocese are also on the verge of entering religious formation and I will try to provide more information on them and their formation as I am able. I am gladdened by these responses to God's call and I give thanks for all of our benefactors whose prayers make possible the growth of vocations in our Church.

Many are familiar with the Catholic Church Extension Society which provides assistance to under-resourced and isolated communities throughout the United States. They publish church calendars for many parishes and also produce a quarterly magazine. The Summer 2010 issue of *Extension Magazine* features photographs taken by Brother Simon Stubbs, OSB at St. Joseph Seminary College, and includes several of seminarrian Reuben Dykes serving Holy Thursday Mass. It can be viewed online at http://www.catholicextension.org/site/files/667/48209/306657/482700/EXTENSIONmagazine_Summer2010.pdf.

In Christ,
Father Matt Lorrain

Birthdays Wishes...

- ♦ **August 10**
Michael Sanders
- ♦ **August 18**
Matthew Graham
- ♦ **August 28**
Brent Maher
- ♦ **August 30**
Mark Gyan

Carmelite Open House for Women

The sisters of the Carmelite Monastery in Covington invite young women who are open to discerning God's call to religious life to "Come and See the Beauty of Carmel." This one day open house is scheduled for Saturday, July 17, 2010, from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Carmelite Monastery located at 73530 River Road in Covington. The day will include Mass, vocation talks from the sisters, question and answer time, pizza for lunch, and a visit to the gift shop. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sr. Edith at ocdedith@aol.com or Sr. Grace at srgraceocd@yahoo.com.

Life Awareness Retreat

In cooperation with the Dioceses of Lafayette and Lake Charles we are offering a co-ed discernment retreat for young adults in our dioceses. A *Life Awareness Retreat* is open to young men and women ages 18-50 who are looking for guidance in making life choices in regards to vocational commitments. The weekend retreat is aimed at aiding young adults to discern their vocation. The event will bring together priests, brothers and sisters for a weekend of lectures, group discussion, consultation and prayer to help participants understand what a religious vocation means in today's world. The first retreat is scheduled for the weekend of August 6-8, 2010, at the St. Charles Retreat Center in Moss Bluff, Louisiana. For further information call 225-336-8778, or view a brochure at http://www.diobr.org/documents/2010la_bro.pdf

Mass & Barbeque with Bishop Muench

The annual "back to school" Mass and barbecue with Bishop Robert Muench and the seminarians will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010, at St. Aloysius Parish in Baton Rouge. The seminarians will join the parishioners of St. Aloysius at their regularly scheduled 4:30 pm anticipated Sunday Mass, and then gather for a social and meal hosted by Father Jerry Burns. All priests of the Diocese are also invited to join us for the meal if they can make it following the conclusion of their own parish vigil Masses. The dinner is expected to begin around 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Seminarians are asked to wear coat and tie for the Mass and for the formal photographs, which are taken immediately following the Mass. The dress code for the remainder of the evening is casual.

Parish Vocation Committee Workshop

The Office of Vocations has scheduled another training and enrichment workshop for new and continuing members of Parish Vocation Committees in the Baton Rouge Diocese. The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Baton Rouge.

The workshop will offer an opportunity to share ideas and strategies for promoting vocations in our parishes and schools, and also make available any new resources for the coming school year. Even a committee of one person could make a difference for your parish or school. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

Baton Rouge Deo Gratias 2010

Deo Gratias (Latin for "Thanks be to God,") is an annual reception and dinner to benefit St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College located in St. Benedict, Louisiana. The Baton Rouge *Deo Gratias* 2010 will take place on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at the Catholic Life Center, beginning with Vespers at 5:30 pm, then followed by a reception and dinner in the Main Auditorium. Food is again being prepared by Chef John Folse. Register online at www.sjasc.edu, or contact Ms. Kit Friedrichs-Baumann at 985-867-2233 or via email at kbaumann@sjasc.edu.

Notre Dame 87th Anniversary & Gala

Notre Dame Seminary will host a Gala celebrating their 87th Anniversary, on Saturday, October 30, 2010, from 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm at the Seminary located at 2901 South Carrollton Avenue in New Orleans. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, musical entertainment, raffle and auction. Tickets are \$100 per person and are available through Notre Dame Seminary. Sponsorships are also available. For further information please contact Danielle Sharai at 504-866-7426 extension 3101 or dsharai@nds.edu.

New National Website for Vocations

The US *Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations* has launched a new website. The site is a resource for both laity and clergy in the promotion of vocations. It was officially launched on Sunday, April 25, in honor of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The site hopes to fulfill the following goals: to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote religious vocations. Visit the new site at www.ForYourVocation.org.

(The US bishops also sponsor a similar website with resources for engaged and married couples – www.ForYourMarriage.org.)

2010 Seminarian Summer Assignments

Fourth Year Parish Internship

Todd Lloyd – St. John the Evangelist Parish / Father Cleo Milano
Brent Maher – Our Lady of Mercy Parish / Father Miles Walsh

Clinical Pastoral Education

Peter Dang – St. Luke's Hospital, Houston, Texas
Al Davidson – St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Missouri
Matthew McCaughey – East Jefferson Hospital, Metairie, Louisiana

Institute for Priestly Formation

Brad Doyle – Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
Tim Hedrick – Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
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Summer Parish Ministry

Mark Gyan – St. Jean Vianney Parish / Fr. Tom Ranzino
Joseph Vu – St. George Parish / Father Mike Schatzle
Reuben Dykes – St. Philomena Parish / Father Michael Alello
Matthew Graham – Our Lady of Peace Parish / Fr. Michael Miceli
Michael Sanders – St. Gabriel Parish / Father Charlie Landry
Cody Reed – St. John the Baptist Parish (Brusly) / Fr. Matt Dupré
Logan Roussel – on sabbatical this summer

Vocations to the Consecrated Life

Please pray for those pursuing a vocation to religious life. (Please let the Vocation Office know of any others to include on this list.) Father Matt can provide more information on religious life and the general charisms of specific religious orders, and contact information for specific ones.

Latin Church

Sr. Regina Cochran, F.S.E. (St. Agnes).....Franciscan Sisters
of the Eucharist

Whitney Craig (Most Blessed Sacrament).....Marianites of Holy Cross

Br. Augustine DeArmond, O.P. (St. Thomas, Springfield)..Dominicans

Lacey Flores (Christ the King).....Carmelite Sisters of the
Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles

Br. Christopher Iwancio (St. Aloysius)Capuchin Franciscans

Br. Kevin Piper, S.C. (St. Joseph, French Settlement) ...Brothers of the
Sacred Heart

Eastern Churches

Alex Harb (St. George).....Eparchy (Diocese) of Our Lady of Lebanon of
Los Angeles (Maronite Rite)